



Career and Technical Education

CTE DIRECTIONS

Career and Technical Education (CTE) News and Information

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Career and Technical Education provides all students access to high-quality, rigorous career-focused programs that result in attainment of credentials with labor market value.

Welcome Back

Welcome back to a new school year! Every new school year marks a fresh beginning, a chance to set new goals, make new friends, and take steps toward your dreams. For secondary students, these years are especially exciting as you build the foundation for your future, explore your interests, and discover talents you might not know you have.



As you step into your classrooms and begin a new chapter, think big, dream boldly, and seize the opportunities your school has to offer, including the many programs offered by Career and Technical Education (CTE). Your school counselor will assist you as you plan your classes and postsecondary options. Consider joining a Career and Technical Student Organization and seek career opportunities through work-based learning experiences. Through CTE you will gain practical knowledge, work with advanced technology, and tackle real-world challenges while participating in hands-on experiences. Discover, learn, and grow through Career and Technical Education.

Utah CTE Career Pathways

With the new school year comes the arrival of the [2025-2026 CTE Career Pathways](#). Students who focus on a CTE Career Pathway acquire the skills necessary for entry into well-paid careers with the high potential for rapid financial growth, increased levels of responsibility, and a high degree of personal satisfaction. Each Career Pathway culminates in an industry recognized credential of value.

[Career Pathways List](#) | [Career Pathways Charts](#)

High school students, ask your school counselor if you are on track to becoming a CTE Pathway Completer. By concentrating in a CTE Career Pathway, and successfully completing the required courses, you will receive the *Secondary Pathway Completer Recognition Award* and will earn the distinction of being recognized by the state of Utah, your school district, and your high school at graduation.

Utah Durable Skills

In today's rapidly evolving job market technical skills alone are often not enough. Employers consistently emphasize the need for graduates who can lead teams, solve complex problems, communicate effectively, and adapt to new technologies and work environments. Utah CTE wants to ensure that students are not only technically proficient but also possess the invaluable durable skills that will set them apart from their competition in the workforce. By intentionally integrating durable skills into each Utah CTE program, you will:

[Enhance Student Employability](#) | [Boost Career Longevity](#) | [Align with Industry Needs](#)

[Support Utah's Portrait of a Graduate](#)

Utah CTE will be sharing a durable skill each month with practical ideas about how they can be taught in the classroom and their importance. At a later date, teachers will be provided with targeted professional development on how to make durable skills measurable, how to utilize data to track student progress, and how to identify areas of support and improvement.

Advice to Students

Utah high school seniors were asked, “What advice would you offer to future students about taking CTE courses during high school? Bailey gives this advice.

Bailey: Future Pharmacist

“My advice to future students is to take CTE courses. Each CTE Pathway is an opportunity to explore a potential career field, making them especially valuable, even if you’re unsure of what you want to do. By taking classes in different pathways, you gain insight into various industries and discover what truly interests you. These courses can help you find your passion and even shape your future career. Beyond career preparation, CTE courses also broaden your knowledge of different fields, giving you a well-rounded understanding of the working world. Whether you’re exploring options or building skills for a specific career, CTE courses are an incredible way to prepare for the future.”

New State Education Specialists

We are pleased to announce that Geoff Warren and Joseph Mitchell have joined our team. They both bring with them a wealth of knowledge and experience in education.

Geoff Warren

Geoff has a strong background in STEM education and leadership. He graduated from Weber State University with a BS in Physics Education and a minor in Mathematics. He has been teaching in Davis School District during the past ten years. He taught physics and astronomy for six years at Syracuse High School and during the past 4 years has been working at the Davis Catalyst Center teaching drones and 3D print technology courses. Geoff gave students unique and engaging experiences that helped them explore content beyond the walls of the classroom and prepared them for postsecondary experiences.



Joseph Mitchell

Joseph has over ten years of experience in Utah public education and holds a BS in Technology and Engineering education from BYU. He began his career in Canyons School District teaching at Draper Park Middle School and later transitioned to Provo City School District where he has taught at Timpview High School and Provo High School. Throughout his career Joseph has taught a wide range of CTE courses. His main focus has been content creation. Joseph taught students how to tell their stories through hands-on and real-world projects through podcasts, video production, and TV broadcasting.



@UtahCTE Social Media Highlights

- Congratulations to Chris Davidson, CTE teacher at Ogden High School, and Arne Erisoty, CTE teacher at Fremont High School, who are nominees for the 2026 Utah Teacher of the Year.
- Congratulations to the Utah teachers who were celebrated and honored at the 2025 Honors in Education Gala <https://tinyurl.com/yhtfewcs>.
- STEM Fest is returning to the Mountain America Expo Center on September 16-17, 2025. Students in grades 5-10 will learn about STEM careers and participate in hands-on learning experiences. Watch for registration details at <https://www.utahstemfest.com/>.
- Explore Nearpod with UEN and learn how to generate interactive lessons using AI Create <https://tinyurl.com/zcejva69>.
- The Utah Department of Workforce Services (DWS) offers several interactive data resources. From demographic data to local insights, DWS provides current economic data for thoughtful decision-making <https://tinyurl.com/2juhhpft>.

Calendar:

September 4: [Utah State Board of Education Meeting](#) – 250 East 500 South – Salt Lake City, UT

September 18: [Utah State Charter School Board Meeting](#) – 250 East 500 South – Salt Lake City, UT

[Utah CTE Calendar](#) | [ACTE Calendar](#)

Utah CTE classes are open to all qualified students without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age.

