



Career and Technical Education in Arizona

Vision: Ensure a dynamic workforce by fully developing every student's career and academic potential.

Mission: Prepare Arizona students for workforce success and continuous learning.

Career and Technical Education Values:

- Strengthening expectations for challenging academic and technical rigor in Career and Technical Education programs.
- Increasing partnerships with postsecondary community colleges to provide a smooth transition in all Career and Technical Education program areas.
- Investing in professional development for Career and Technical Education teachers to result in positive outcomes.
- Maximizing career development opportunities for students at all instructional levels through increased collaboration with academic teachers.
- Expanding community partnerships with business and industry to develop a premier workforce preparation system.
- Preparing students for high wage/high demand occupations and career pathways to enhance the competitive edge and economic development of Arizona.
- Promoting the Arizona Workplace Standards for all students.
- Showcasing innovative and exemplary practices in quality Career and Technical Education programs that include the following elements:
 - *Industry validated standards*
 - *Integration of academic skills*
 - *Work-based learning opportunities*
 - *Articulation with postsecondary*
 - *Industry partnerships*
 - *Leadership and personal development*



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