



## **Chico Unified School District**

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### **Career Technical Education**

The Governing Board desires to provide a comprehensive career technical education (CTE) program in the secondary grades which integrates core academic instruction with technical and occupational instruction in order to increase student achievement, graduation rates, and readiness for postsecondary education and employment. The district's CTE program shall be designed to help students develop the academic, career, and technical skills needed to succeed in a knowledge- and skills-based economy. The program shall include a rigorous academic component and provide students with **practical** experience and **a comprehensive** understanding of ~~many aspects~~ of an industry.

*(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)*

*(cf. 6200 - Adult Education)*

The district's CTE program shall focus on preparing students to enter current or emerging **high-skill, high-wage, and/or high-demand** occupations. CTE opportunities may be offered through linked learning programs, partnership academies, apprenticeship programs or orientation to apprenticeships, regional occupational centers or programs (**ROC/P's**), ~~tech prep programs~~, charter schools, small learning communities, **magnet programs**, or other programs that expose students to career options while preparing them for future careers in a given industry or interest area.

*(cf. 0420.4 - Charter School Authorization)*

*(cf. 6178.2 - Regional Occupational Center/Program)*

**The Superintendent or designee may explore available funding sources that may be used to support CTE programs.**

*(cf. 3230 - Federal Grant Funds)*

The Board shall adopt district standards for CTE which meet or exceed the state's model content standards and describe the essential knowledge and skills that students enrolled in these courses are expected to master. The course curriculum shall be aligned with district-adopted standards and the state's curriculum framework.

*(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)*

*(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)*

At least every three years, the District shall compare the district's curriculum, course content, and course sequence of CTE with the model state curriculum standards. (Education Code 52376)

The Superintendent or designee shall systematically review the district's CTE ~~classes~~ **courses** to determine the degree to which each ~~class~~ **course** may offer an alternative means for completing and receiving credit for specific portions of the course of study prescribed by the district for high school graduation. The Board shall ensure that these classes are equivalent in content and rigor to the courses prescribed for graduation. (Education Code 52376)

*(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)*

*(cf. 6146.11 - Alternative Credits Toward Graduation)*

*(cf. 6146.2 - Certificate of Proficiency/High School Equivalency)*

The Superintendent or designee shall develop partnerships with local businesses and industries to ensure that course sequences, career technical and integrated curriculum, classroom instruction and projects, and assessments have real-world relevance and reflect labor market needs and priorities. He/she also shall work to develop connections with businesses, postsecondary institutions, community organizations, and/or other employers to provide students with actual or simulated work-based learning opportunities.



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(cf. 1700 - Relations Between Private Industry and the Schools)  
(cf. 5113.2 - Work Permits)  
(cf. 6178.1 - Work-Based Learning)

The Superintendent or designee is encouraged to ~~develop partnerships~~ **collaborate** with postsecondary institutions to ensure that the district's program is articulated with postsecondary programs in order to provide a sequential course of study. Articulation opportunities may include dual or concurrent enrollment in community college courses. Where feasible, submission for recognition of a-g status should be pursued.

(cf. 6172.1 - Concurrent Enrollment in College Classes)

The District shall create a CTE advisory committee to develop recommendations on the district's CTE program and to serve as a liaison between the district and potential employers. The committee shall consist of at least one student, teacher, business representative, industry representative, school administrator, member of the general public knowledgeable about the disadvantaged, and representative of the field office of the California Employment Development Department. (Education Code 8070)

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

The Superintendent or designee shall inform all secondary students and their parents/guardians about the CTE experiences available in the district, CTE courses that satisfy college admission criteria, and, if applicable, CTE courses that satisfy high school graduation requirements. In addition, secondary students shall receive individualized academic counseling which provides information about academic and CTE opportunities related to the student's career goals.

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)  
(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

Prior to the beginning of each school year, the Superintendent or designee shall advise students, parents/guardians, employees, and the general public that all CTE opportunities are offered without regard to any actual or perceived characteristic protected from discrimination by law. The notification shall be disseminated in languages other than English as needed and shall state that the district will take steps to ensure that the lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in the district's CTE program. (20 USC 2354; 34 CFR 100 Appendix B, 104.8, 106.9)

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)  
(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

To the extent required by law, the Superintendent or designee shall allow the participation of private school students in CTE programs supported by federal funding under the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins). (20 USC 2397)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that teachers of CTE courses possess the qualifications and credentials necessary to teach their assigned courses. ~~The Superintendent or designee may provide teachers and administrators with professional development designed to enhance their knowledge of standards-aligned CTE, including opportunities for CTE teachers to collaborate with teachers of academic courses in the development and implementation of integrated curriculum models.~~

(cf. 4112.2 - Certification)  
(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)  
(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)



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The Superintendent or designee may provide counselors and other guidance personnel with professional development that includes, but is not limited to, information about current workforce needs and trends, requirements of the district's CTE program, work-based learning opportunities, and postsecondary education and employment options following high school.

~~Upon written request from a nonprofit private school within the geographical area served by the district, the Superintendent or designee shall consult with private school representatives in a timely and meaningful manner and may provide for the participation of private school secondary students in the district's programs and activities funded under the federal Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act. To the extent practicable, the Superintendent or designee also shall, upon request, permit participation of CTE teachers, administrators, and other personnel from private schools in the district's inservice and preservice professional development programs funded through the Perkins Act. (20 USC 2397)~~

### **Nondiscrimination**

~~The district's program shall provide equal access to and shall not unlawfully discriminate against students who are members of special populations. Special populations include, but are not limited to, students with disabilities; students from economically disadvantaged families, including foster youth; single parents and single pregnant females; displaced homemakers; students with limited English proficiency; and students preparing for nontraditional fields. Nontraditional fields include occupations or fields of work, including careers in computer science, technology, and other emerging high-skill occupations, for which individuals from one gender constitute less than 25 percent of the individuals employed in each such occupation or field of work. (20 USC 2302, 2354, 2373)~~

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### **School and Community Involvement**

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~~(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)~~

~~The district also shall involve parents/guardians; students; academic and CTE teachers; administrators; career guidance and academic counselors; representatives of tech prep consortia if applicable, business and industry, labor organizations, and special populations; and other interested individuals in the development, implementation, and evaluation of CTE programs. (20 USC 2354)~~

### **Program Evaluation**

~~The Board shall monitor the achievement of students participating in the district's CTE program in order to determine the need for program improvements. The Superintendent or designee shall compile reports as required on program enrollment and completion rates, including enrollment and completion of programs in nontraditional~~

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~~fields as defined in 20 USC 2302; student academic assessment results; attainment of career and technical skill proficiencies; attainment of a high school diploma or equivalent; graduation rates; and subsequent placement in postsecondary education or advanced training, military service, or employment. Data shall be disaggregated, in accordance with 20 USC 2323, by race, ethnicity, gender, disability status, migrant status, English proficiency, and economic disadvantage status and for each special population as defined in 20 USC 2302 and listed in the section "Nondiscrimination" above.~~

The Superintendent or designee shall collect achievement data on participating students, including, but not limited to, the percentage of participating students who successfully complete CTE programs, their performance on state and district academic achievement tests, and graduation rate. Data shall be disaggregated by program and various student subgroups. Based on such data, the District shall determine the need for program improvements and update the goals in the district's local control and accountability plan as necessary.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)

(cf. 6162.51 - Standardized Testing and Reporting Program)

~~(cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)~~

(cf. 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)

### **Legal Reference:**

#### **EDUCATION CODE**

1205 Classification of counties

8006-8155 Career technical education

17078.70-17078.72 Career technical education facilities

33430-33432 Health science and medical technology grants

35168 Inventory of equipment

41540-41544 Targeted instructional improvement block grant

44257.3 CTC recognition of study in linked learning teaching methods

44260-44260.1 Designated subjects career technical education credential

44260.9 Designated subjects career technical education credential

48430 Legislative intent; continuation education schools and classes

48980 Parental notifications

51220-51229 Courses of study, grades 7-12

51760-51769.5 Work experience education

52060-52077 Local control and accountability plan

52300-52499.66 Career technical education

52519-52520 Adult education, occupational training

53010-53016 California Career Pathways Trust

53070-53076.4 The California Career Technical Education Incentive Grant Program

53086 California Career Resource Network

54690-54699.1 California Partnership Academies

54750-54760 California Partnership Academies, green technology and goods movement occupations

56363 Related services for students with disabilities; specially designed career technical education

66205.5-66205.9 Approval of career technical education courses for admission to California colleges

88500-88551 Community college economic and workforce development program

#### **GOVERNMENT CODE**

54950-54963 Brown Act

#### **LABOR CODE**

3070-3099.5 Apprenticeships

#### **CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5**

1635 Credit for work experience education

3051.14 Specially designed career technical education for students with disabilities

10070-10075 Work experience education

10080-10092 Community classrooms

10100-10111 Cooperative vocational education

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11535-11538 *Career technical education contracts with private postsecondary schools*  
11610-11611 *Regional adult and vocational education councils*  
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8  
200-240 *Apprenticeships*  
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20  
2301-2414 *Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act*  
6301-6578 *Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged*  
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34  
100 *Appendix B Guidelines for eliminating discrimination in career technical education programs*  
104.1-104.39 *Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973*  
106.1-106.61 *Discrimination on the basis of sex, effectuating Title IX*

### **Management Resources:**

#### **CSBA PUBLICATIONS**

*A Governance Perspective: Interviews with School Board Members from the Nine Linked Learning Initiative School Districts, March 2014*

*The Linked Learning Approach to High School Reform, Governance Brief, January 2014*

#### **CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS**

*California Career Technical Education Model Curriculum Standards, Grades Seven Through Twelve, January 2013*

*Multiple Pathways to Student Success: Envisioning the New California High School, 2010*

*Career Technical Education Framework for California Public Schools, Grades Seven Through Twelve, January 2007*

#### **WEB SITES**

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

Association for Career and Technical Education: <http://www.acteonline.org>

California Association of Regional Occupational Centers and Programs: <http://www.carocp.org>

California Career Resource Network: <http://www.californiacareers.info>

California Department of Education, Career Technical Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/ct>

California Department of Employment Development: <http://www.edd.ca.gov>

California Department of Industrial Relations: <http://www.dir.ca.gov>

California Workforce Development Board: <http://www.cwdb.ca.gov>

Commission on Teacher Credentialing: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov>

University of California, a-g Course Submissions: [http://www.ucop.edu/a-gGuide/ag/course\\_submissions](http://www.ucop.edu/a-gGuide/ag/course_submissions)

U.S. Department of Education, Office of Vocational and Adult Education:

<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ovae/pi/cte/index.html>

U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics: <http://www.bls.gov>