

Career and Technical Education

The Career and Technical Education (CTE) Division supports more than 470 school programs and approximately 680 certified teachers of agriculture, business, family and consumer sciences, health occupations, industrial technology, and marketing. Ninety-nine percent of Montana high schools (163) provide CTE programs to their students.

The Career and Technical Education Division:

- Assists schools with the curriculum development and implementation of Big Sky Pathways (an initiative helping high school students focus their academic and vocational course selections on their college and career goals).
- Plans and provides online tutorials, conference workshops, and other professional development opportunities for CTE teachers.
- Communicates with schools concerning State and Federal Career and Vocational/Technical Education funding.
- Monitors Federal Carl Perkins and State CTE programs and expenditures.
- Provides assistance to parents, educators, schools and communities related to career and technical education.
- Develops and updates Montana Program Standards and Guidelines for Career and Vocational/Technical Education.
- Creates partnerships between CTE programs, business and industry associations, and the public.
- Serves as State Advisor for CTE Student Organizations.

Montana Career and Technical Education Program Areas:

- **Agriculture Education** - 80 approved programs serve 4,033 students and have 80 FFA student chapters with 2,555 members.
- **Business/Marketing Education** - 160 approved programs serve 14,000 students and have 90 Business Professionals of America (BPA) chapters with 1,562 members and 13 DECA student chapters with 352 members.
- **Family and Consumer Sciences Education** - 112 approved programs serve 9,139 students and have 70 Family, Career & Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) student chapters with 1,263 members.
- **Health Occupations Education** - 13 approved programs serve 734 students and have seven Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) student chapters with 137 members.
- **Industrial Technology Education** - 111 approved programs serve 12,774 students and have 34 SkillsUSA student chapters with 427 members and nine Technology Student Association (TSA) chapters with 121 members.