

Career Technology and Agricultural Education

For nearly a century, career and technical education (CTE) programs across the United States have focused on equipping students with technical and life skills to help them become productive citizens.

Today's CTE programs are for all students, providing career clusters and pathways for the students enrolled in the program. CTE programs also offer integrated academics in a rigorous and relevant curriculum.

The governor recently established the Ohio School Funding Advisory Council. This group is made up of nearly 30 individuals that are to report to the governor by December 1, 2010. The council's analyses shall include, but shall not be limited to: the adequacy of the model's financing for special education, gifted education services, career-technical education, arts education, services for limited English proficient students, and early college high schools. In a nutshell, we are not asking for more funding, but to simply maintain the amount of funding that we have had in the past which is absolutely vital to the success of our students and the future of our programs.

What are the benefits of CTE:

Dropout Prevention: CTE students are motivated and interested in their coursework. It offers opportunities for the students to learn in the classroom and then apply it to the real world.

21st Century Occupations: CTE students have the chance to participate in programs that will provide them with skills to meet today's ever-changing occupations.

Better Career Prospects: CTE students participate in programs that lead to employment in high-skill, high-wage, high-demand occupations or professions. One would be amazed at what career technical programs bring to the local economy.

Our local program is very successful. Each year the program works with hundreds of young adults to prepare them for their future career. The parents, school, and community are proud of our students' accomplishments at the local, state, and national levels. Our students deserve the opportunity to learn and grow in an agriculture education program.

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