

We partner with districts to provide countywide Career Technical Education support and coordination

The Career Technical Education (CTE) Support Services department works to enhance, develop, and sustain high-quality CTE programs for Sonoma County students by offering assistance and support to districts, schools, and teachers. The support and service options offered by the department are outlined below. Additional information and resources are available online at scoe.org/cte or by calling (707) 524-2720.

Pathway and program development


SCOE staff can partner with district and site administrators to facilitate the selection of industry themes or focus areas for career pathway programs. Using their connections to industry groups and economic development organizations, SCOE's CTE staff can gather, present, and clarify information that is key to this decision-making process, including:

- County and regional long-range economic outlook data
- Career opportunities in the county and region
- Accessibility of industry partners to assist with program development and work-based learning opportunities
- Potential for articulation to post-secondary education and training
- Potential student interest data

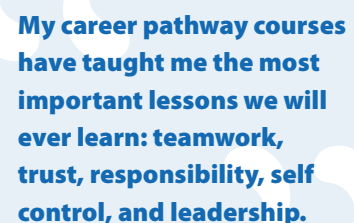
Program design and structure

SCOE can help districts structure their CTE programs using effective models that integrate CTE and core academics. Our staff can:


- Review and recommend program models that meet district goals
- Advise on facility development
- Assist with master scheduling and structural program support
- Help define qualifications for and select teaching staff
- Provide professional development for teachers and teacher teams
- Help incorporate CTE program goals in district LCAPs
- Review program effectiveness through data collection and analysis



Designing effective high school CTE programs is a complex process that requires careful consideration and involves many stakeholders. SCOE provides consulting and direct services to support the development and implementation of high-quality CTE programs that meet district goals.



My career pathway courses have taught me the most important lessons we will ever learn: teamwork, trust, responsibility, self control, and leadership.



Course curriculum

SCOE staff can provide direct assistance and support for developing course outlines and aligning curriculum with CTE and Common Core standards. Staff are available to:

- Work with teachers and administrators to develop course outlines and curriculum
- Ensure that course outlines are reviewed by industry experts and that curriculum is aligned with CTE and Common Core standards
- Help select instructional materials
- Help obtain “a-g” approval for district CTE courses
- Help secure articulation agreements and early college credit options

Standards and instruction

SCOE offers training and support focused on integrated instruction and CTE/Common Core standards alignment. Staff are available to:

- Provide professional development and site-based coaching for CTE and core academic teachers
- Coach instructional staff on strategies for implementing grading practices for 21st century learners and developing performance-based assessments
- Create peer-to-peer coaching opportunities for CTE teachers

Work-based learning

SCOE can help districts develop the critical work-based learning component for their CTE programs. SCOE staff have countywide connections to industry partners and can:

- Secure relevant work-based learning opportunities for students
- Assist in developing effective work-based learning programs, matching students to opportunities, and monitoring experiences
- Help teachers align work-based learning with CTE curriculum and instruction

Program resources

SCOE can provide assistance to schools and districts seeking additional funding or other resources for their CTE programs. Staff are available to:

- Assist with grant applications
- Connect districts to industry partners for equipment donations and other resources
- Connect districts to the Sonoma County CTE Foundation

Career learning continuum

SCOE is committed to furthering district efforts to ensure that all students are “college and career ready.” Staff are available to:

- Provide support and assistance for career exploration in middle school
- Help develop effective career and academic planning initiatives that ensure smooth student transitions to post-secondary education and training
- Provide professional development and cross-county networking opportunities for career counselors
- Provide summer externships for teachers

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