
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2025

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Career and Technical Education (CTE) Secondary

Purpose

The Career and Technical Education (CTE) Secondary appropriation provides State aid to Iowa high schools for CTE programming.

According to the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act, “career and technical education” means organized educational activities that:

- Provide technical knowledge and skills needed to prepare for further education and careers in current or emerging professions.
- Provide technical skill proficiency or an industry-recognized credential, certificate, or associate degree.
- Include competency-based applied learning that contributes to the academic knowledge, higher-order reasoning and problem-solving skills, work attitudes, general employability skills, technical skills, and occupation-specific skills, and knowledge of all aspects of an industry, including entrepreneurship, of an individual.

Federal Funding Requirements

CTE programming in Iowa is primarily federally funded under the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act. The State appropriations for CTE Secondary and CTE Administration serve as a match to draw down federal funds. The federal grant includes an administrative allowance that is used by the Department of Education for staffing and other administrative costs.

The federal Perkins Grant requires the State to maintain a certain level of State funding for CTE. This is referred to as maintenance of effort (MOE) and means that the federal grant to the State may be reduced or even eliminated if the State reduces total funding for the appropriation below the level of funding in the previous year.

Funding

The General Assembly appropriated approximately \$3.0 million for CTE Secondary in FY 2024.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [256](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [281—46](#)

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More Information

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