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## BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2024

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## Career and Technical Education (CTE) Administration

### Purpose

The Career and Technical Education (CTE) Administration appropriation funds a portion of the Department of Education's (DE's) administrative costs related to CTE programming in K-12 schools and community colleges. The appropriation mostly funds the salaries of DE employees who provide grant administration and technical assistance to schools offering CTE programs.

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 funded under the federal Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act. The CTE Administration State appropriation serves as a match to draw federal funds. The Perkins Grant includes an administrative allowance that, along with this appropriation, is used by the DE for staffing and other administrative costs.

The Perkins Grant requires the State to maintain the level of State funding for CTE, referred to as "maintenance of effort," or MOE. 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 DE is currently appropriated approximately \$598,000 annually for CTE Administration.

### Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [258](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [281—46](#)

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### More Information

Career and Technical Education: [educateiowa.gov/adult-career-comm-college/career-and-technical-education](https://educateiowa.gov/adult-career-comm-college/career-and-technical-education)

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