CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Career and Technical Education (CTE) integrates academic education and applied learning so that students learn about employment trends and prepare for 21st century careers of their choice.

The district shall provide a program of CTE to assist students in making informed and meaningful educational and career choices; and to prepare students for all post-secondary options. The CTE program includes a planned program of courses and learning experiences that begins with exploration of career options, enables achievement of high academic standards, leadership development, and high skill, high wage employment preparation. CTE provides career information and decision-making support to all students, grades 8-12. CTE programs shall be included as a part of the regular curriculum of our secondary schools.

The district shall establish local Career and Technical Education Advisory Committees to guide the design and delivery of CTE programs in the district. Committee members shall include local business and industry representatives, workforce development professionals, community organizations, parents, and students. Committees shall advise the district on current labor market needs and the programs necessary to meet those needs. The districts’ Career and Technical Education programs shall be related to employment demands, current and future; and to the needs and interests of students.

The board shall annually review and approve the district plan for the design and delivery of career and technical education. The plan will ensure academic rigor, align with education reform initiatives, establish program performance targets, address the skill gaps of Washington’s economy, and provide students with opportunities to earn college credit through Tech Prep Dual Credit.

The superintendent shall be responsible for developing procedures which shall insure that all programs are operated in conformity with the district's plans for Career and Technical Education. Additionally, the superintendent shall seek and utilize all available state and federal sources of revenue for the financial support of Career and Technical Education in the district.

Legal References:  
RCW 28A.150.500 Educational agencies offering vocational educational programs  
RCW 28A.700 Secondary career and technical education  
RCW 28A.230.130 Program to Help Students meet minimum entrance requirements

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