

WYOMING GOING ALL IN ON CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE)

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Wyoming offers the most flexibility of nearly all state plans.

Under local control districts decide:

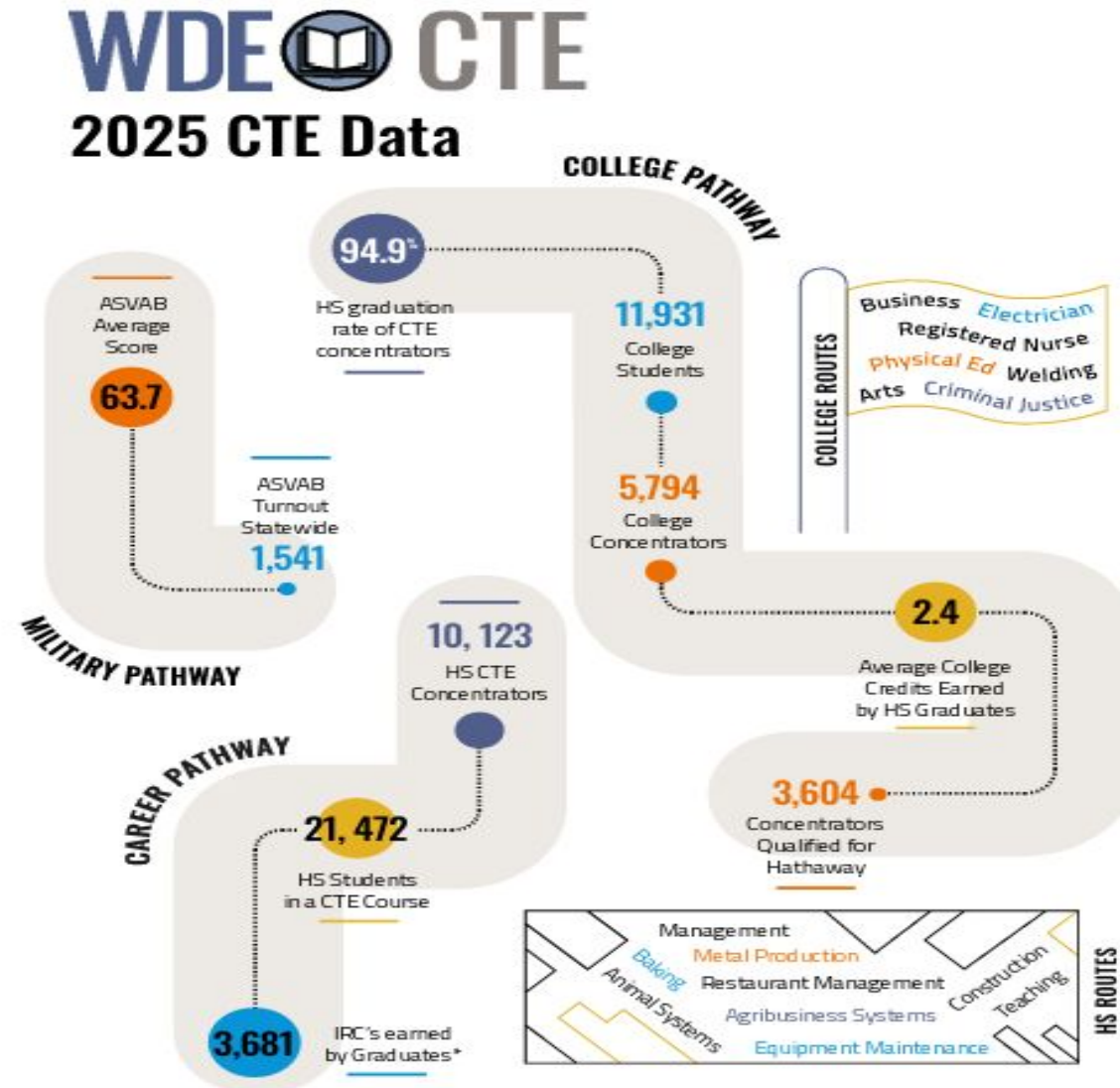
- If grant funds are spent at the junior high/middle school level.
- What courses are offered in each program of study.
- What programs of study are offered in each district and/or school.
- Selection of curriculum for each course and content area.
- What Career Technical Student Organization aligns with each program of study.

- What Industry Recognized Credential is used from an approved list for each student.
- Whether a student is able to earn work based learning credit, the number of credits a student can earn, and the credit earned.
- Whether to participate in a consortium or not.
- Whether to participate in a regional comprehensive local needs assessment (CLNA).
- Whether to spend grant funding on consumables.
- How to spend grant funds, no required categories or percentages.

Unique to Wyoming that other states now use as models:

- Teacher externship model allowing teachers to earn focused professional development points, CEUs for license renewal, and a stipend.
- Entrepreneurship embedded in all CTE courses.
- Proposed Industry Recognized Credentials (IRC's) originate at the classroom or district level.
- Business & Industry vetting of the state approved IRCs.

- Reimbursements to districts for one passed IRC per concentrator.
- Reserve funds for Cutting Edge grants.
- Leadership funds for Professional Development Grants.
- Annual TEAM meetings.
- State-wide PLC meetings known as Huddles.



- Opportunity Gap Analysis Workshops have been offered twice with 35 districts, 8 community colleges, and 1 charter school participating.
- Regional Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment (CLNA) Workshop offered recently with 35 districts, 8 community colleges and 1 charter school participating and all choosing to submit a regional CLNA.
- Workshops were provided at the State Nursing Association and CyberCheyenne to help business and industry professionals find ways to work with local schools and colleges to fill their talent pipelines.

- The survey results from these trainings has been overwhelmingly positive.
- The Modernized Career Cluster Framework has been seamlessly integrated with no funding loss or licensing issues for districts.
- The 2nd Annual School to Scrubs event will be held for 300 students statewide to explore a variety of health care careers and the integration of various subjects with health sciences.
- Student strand added to CyberCheyenne including 100 students.

- New CTE State Standards are finalized.
- Work based Learning taken to scale.
- Student Success Plans for all high school students in Wyoming integrated with the Accountability model.
- Staying involved and making sure Wyoming has a seat at the table as Perkins VI is developed.



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