



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

Date: January 10, 2020
To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads
Route To: Principals, Supervisors of Career and Technical Education, Teachers
From: Linda P. Eno, Ed.D., Assistant Commissioner
Division of Academics and Performance
Deadline: Submit activities for CTE Month by January 31, 2020

Celebrating Career and Technical Education Month

Career and Technical Education Month®, or CTE Month®, takes place each February to celebrate the value, achievements and accomplishments of CTE programs across the country. CTE is an educational option that provides learners the opportunity to explore the world of work through an academic experience that includes increased opportunities for earning industry-valued credentials, college credit, and work-based learning, all while meeting the state high school graduation requirements. CTE gives purpose to learning by emphasizing real-world skills and practical knowledge within a selected career focus. In New Jersey, there are more than 74,980 secondary students participating in CTE programs focused on industries such as Life Sciences, Health Care, Financial Services, Advanced Manufacturing, Technology, and Construction and Utilities.

As part of our CTE Month celebration, we plan to spotlight high-quality CTE programs and students in our state. Please complete this [survey](#) with details about student success stories and events or presentations that your school district is planning during CTE Month. We will share this information on the NJDOE website and social media to showcase the value of CTE and the many benefits that it provides to students. This is a great opportunity to inform a broader community about the power of CTE and how New Jersey schools are preparing students for success in a variety of career pathways.

If your school district is interested in developing CTE programs, please contact the Office of Career Readiness at cte@doe.nj.gov.

Thank you for your commitment and dedication to increasing the opportunities for all students to participate in a CTE program. We look forward to celebrating with you in February.

c: Members, State Board of Education
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