

Working Group Research Request #1: Career and Technical Education Program Quality Assurance

Ensuring Outcomes in Rhode Island Career and Technical Education

RIDE has created a career and technical education quality assurance process to, in part, promote program quality and to assist RIDE in evaluating career and technical education programs.

Program Review and Approval

All RIDE-approved CTE preparation programs are required to ensure high quality CTE programming. All RIDE-approved career preparation programs must:

- align to state academic standards and career readiness or industry standards;
- provide students with the opportunities to complete coursework that contributes to their graduation coursework requirements;
- adhere to career preparation standards; and
- provide participating students the opportunity to earn industry-recognized credentials whenever applicable to the program, and/or postsecondary credits, and/or advanced standing in training programs or jobs.

RIDE reviews CTE programs through an evidence-based application that is aligned to state CTE Program Standards and supported by on-site review teams, data and artifact review, and interviews with students, instructors, school counselors and administrators.

CTE Accountability System

RIDE has one of the few state-level CTE accountability systems that collects and reports data on CTE student and program quality in areas that include but are not limited to:

- dropout and graduation rates;
- credential and/or postsecondary credit-earning rates;
- program completion rates;
- enrollment and persistence in postsecondary education and technical training programs;
- postsecondary placement, and
- program costs and efficiency.