



MICHIGAN CTE STATE APPROVED STANDARDS BRIEF

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The 2009 year is off and rolling in the Office of Career Technical Education. This edition will give you an overview of what is planned over the next several months to assist everyone in the continuous improvement process for CTE.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 8-10

Career Education Conference at the Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center

February 23-24

Henry Center, Lansing, MI

- 15 additional CIPs state panels will work on academic alignment
- Pilot the review and revision process using Marketing and Automotive program standards

Update on the Standards Project Timeline for 2009—January to April

December 2008

- Academic validation process starts—Letters mailed out to all teachers in the database for the CIPs that completed alignment in November to request their assistance in reviewing the alignment and validating the work that was done

January 2009

- Validation process concludes on January 19, 2009
- Release of the database to use at the local level to align academic content
- Analysis of validation work

February 2009

- Release statewide academic alignment with CIPs that were done in November and validated in December and January
- Presentation at the Career Education Conference on the academic alignment process
- Workshops for the next wave of CIPs to work on aligning first academic area - January 23 and 24, 2009

March 2009

- Workshops for second academic area
- Validation of CIPs that completed alignment in February

April 2009

- Validation of CIPs that completed second alignment in March

Validation Process

Teachers who were entered in the R&D database through the project at Ferris State University were contacted in December and asked to validate the alignment work for the CIP programs by **January 19, 2009**. The data will be analyzed and released the beginning of February for CTE program use.

National Month of Observance in Recognition of Career and Technical Education

February 2009

Creating awareness

Each year, the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) helps to create awareness of the occasion and its importance by encouraging the CTE community to participate and develop different programs during the month that will showcase the contributions made by CTE professionals and the achievements of CTE students.

Getting CTE students and educators involved

The Association has initiated contests for students to provide them an opportunity to showcase their skills and gain a better understanding of CTE's importance in their community. **CTE Month Logo Contest** and **CTE PSA Contest** present students with the chance to apply the knowledge they are learning in the classroom. Listen to this year's PSA winners [Beyond A Textbook](#) and [Endless Possibilities](#).

Creating promotional tools and programs

ACTE has developed a Web page (www.acteonline.org/ctemonth.aspx) that provides members with promotional tips and program ideas that can be used to develop great activities during the month as well as order supplies that will help promote CTE month.

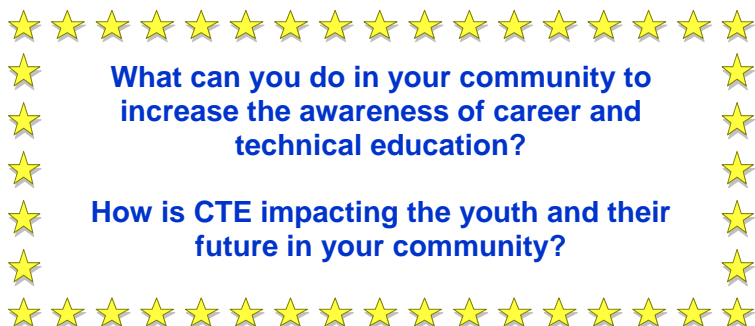
Visiting schools and colleges

During CTE Month, ACTE visits different schools and/or colleges throughout the DC metro area. The purpose for these visits is to allow ACTE Staff and visitors to interact with students in classes and learn firsthand how CTE classes are being taught and how these programs impact the students' future.

As leader of CTE in your state, we would like to request your support in helping ACTE promote and increase the awareness of CTE. It is the driving factor in building a qualified workforce and the economy.

Here are some ways you can help:

1. Add CTE Month to your Web site's calendar.
 2. Upload the 2009 PSA's videos ([Beyond A Textbook](#) and [Endless Possibilities](#)) to your Web site.
- Create [Celebrate CTE Month](#) link on you home page and/or include the attached flyer in your mailings.



CTE Technical Standards Review and Revision Process

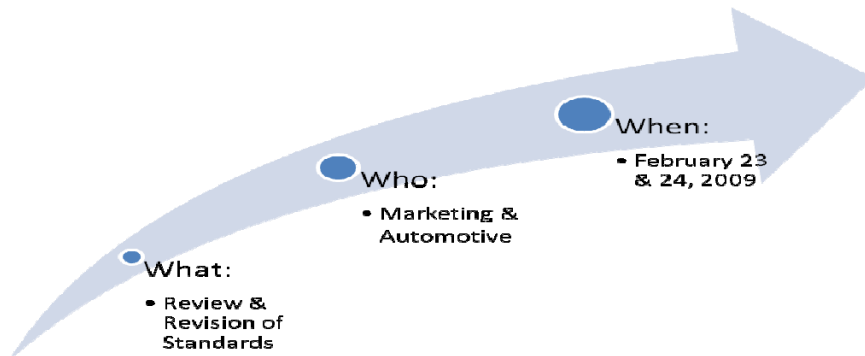
The MCCTE-FSU and MDE Standards Revision Process represents an essential step toward ensuring that all students are prepared for the demands of today's workforce, and that they have the knowledge and skills to be successful in the workforce and/or future educational opportunities.

The CIP Technical Standards Review and Revision Process described below is designed to provide a systematic process for insuring continuous improvement of the Michigan CTE technical standards. The goals of the CIP Technical Standards Review and Revision Process will be to:

- assess the proposed new set of CIP technical standards for the current workforce needs
- assess the completeness of, and revise as needed, the CIP technical standards
- evaluate the appropriateness of, and revise as needed, the segment titles and allocated content
- validate, and revise as needed, the state academic alignment document
- make a recommendation regarding the current or new standards that have been reviewed

Next Steps:

In February, we will be piloting the process with the 52.1999 Marketing, Sales and Service and 47.0604 Automotive Technician CIPs.



"If you find a path with no obstacles, it probably doesn't lead anywhere."
Anonymous

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New BMMT Consultant

OCTE is pleased to announce that Ms. Jamie Appelman will be joining our staff on January 26, 2009 as our new BMMT Consultant. Jamie has been an educator in a state approved BMA program, CTSO student chapter advisor, and regional advisor for BPA. Jamie comes to us from Zeeland Public Schools.

Please welcome her aboard.

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Get The Answers to Your Questions

If you have questions about the new Michigan CTE State Approved Standards route them to me and we will answer them so all can benefit from the question and the answer.

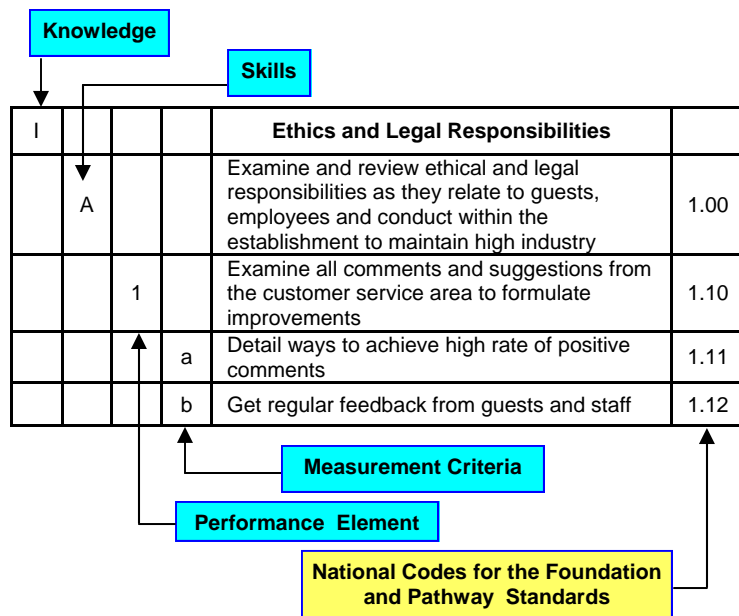
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FAQ

When will the local districts be able to use the database to align their CTE standards to the Academic benchmarks?

*The plan is to allow the local Program Serial Numbers (PSNs) to complete the alignment with their CTE and academic teachers by **January 20, 2009**.*

What do the “I”, “A”, “1” and “a” mean on the standards list?



LEARNPORT UPDATE

There is a **new community room** in LearnPort titled, CTE—General Resources. This is a community room for us to share resources from handouts, powerpoints and/or websites that relate to CTE and can assist us in understanding CTE in the state of Michigan. The new resource that has been posted in this community room is “**MI Pathways with CIPs** “ developed and shared by Wayne RESA. This document gives you an overview of the alignment of Michigan pathways to the National career clusters and pathways to the Michigan CIPs. Check it out.

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