

## Overview of CTE Center Funding

### 1. Types of schools offering Career and Technical Education, CTE:

- a. Regional CTE center operated by and part of a school district.
- b. Regional career technical center school district
  - i. A CTE center that is technically a school district but does not offer diplomas.
  - ii. Acts as a supervisory district for administrative and planning purposes.
- c. Comprehensive high schools – a public or approved independent school providing CTE.

### 2. Duties of the boards regarding budgets and voters:

- a. Local board that operates a CTE center:
  - i. Establish a regional advisory board.
  - ii. Set the budget in consultation with the regional advisory board.
  - iii. CTE budget becomes part of host school district budget for voter approval.
- b. Board of directors of a regional career technical center school district:
  - i. Set the annual budget.
  - ii. Voters from the member school districts in the service region vote on the budget.
  - iii. Once the budget is voter approved, a member district's share becomes a legal obligation of the district.

### 3. Tuitions are based on CTE center costs less federal and state grants.

- a. Perkins grants are federal.
- b. State grants include:
  - i. Transportation assistance - \$1.50 in 1998 dollars, adjusted annually by the NEEP index (\$3.23 per mile for FY2024).
  - ii. Salary assistance:
    1. Director of CTE center – 50% of State average salary and benefits for position or 50% of individual costs, whichever is less.
    2. Guidance director – same as director.
    3. Co-op teacher (finds job training opportunities for students) – the lesser of 35% of State average salary and benefits for position or 35% of the individual's cost.
    4. Assistant director for adult education – up to 50% of State average salary and benefits for position, prorated if not full-time.
    5. Assistant director of career technical center if full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment is 150 or more and the aggregated sending school population is at least 30% or more of the FTE enrollment – same as co-op teacher.

### 4. Tuition reduction:

- a. Supplemental assistance grant – 35% of the base education amount per FTE. For FY2024, the supplemental assistance grant is \$4,375 per FTE.

- b. CTE center experiencing increased FTE enrollment of 20% or more from one fall semester to the next receives an extra supplemental assistance grant:
  - i. In year 1, receives two-thirds of 35% of base education amount per FTE increase over previous fall semester.
  - ii. In year 2, if the subsequent enrollment change from fall to fall is less than 20%, the CTE center receives one-third of 35% of base education amount times the original FTE increase.

**5. Tuition rates are determined by the CTE center net cost divided by the total FTE count of students.**

- a. For Vermont students, the tuition rate will be calculated net of the supplemental assistance grant (4a).
- b. For out-of-state students, the rate shall be the full rate.

**6. Full-time equivalent student** is a six-semester average of the full-time equivalent enrollment for a CTE center. It is the current fall semester FTE enrollment averaged with the preceding five semesters.

|   | <b>Secondary<br/>Tuition</b> | <b>Vocational<br/>Tuition</b> |
|---|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b><u>Regional Technical Centers</u></b>                      |                              |                               |
| Burlington Technical Center                                   | -                            | 19,872                        |
| Center For Technology Essex                                   | -                            | 14,300                        |
| Cold Hollow Career Center                                     | -                            | 13,000                        |
| Green Mountain Technology & Career Center                     | -                            | 19,040                        |
| Hartford Area Career & Technology Center                      | -                            | 17,350                        |
| North Country Career Center                                   | -                            | 18,670                        |
| Northwest Career & Technical Center                           | -                            | 14,097                        |
| Randolph Technical Career Center                              | -                            | 18,748                        |
| River Bend Career & Techical Center                           | -                            | 16,950                        |
| Stafford Technical Center                                     | -                            | 19,700                        |
| Windham Regional Career Center                                | -                            | 18,000                        |
| <b><u>Regional Technical Centers</u></b>                      |                              |                               |
| Central Vermont Career Center                                 | -                            | 17,361                        |
| Patricia A. Hannaford Career Center                           | -                            | 24,348                        |
| River Valley Technical Center                                 | -                            | 23,998                        |
| Southwest Technical Career Development Center                 | -                            | 17,881                        |
| <b><u>Approved independent comprehensive high schools</u></b> |                              |                               |
| Lyndon Institute  | 20,827                       | -                             |
| St. Johnsbury Academy   | 20,855                       | -                             |