

Career Technical Education (CTE) in Vermont: Funding Overview

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Agenda

- 1. Review of state funding that supports CTE**
- 2. Overview of CTE tuition formula**
- 3. Exceptional Situations**

State Funds from AOE in Support of CTE

SOURCE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT/FORMULA
Federal – Perkins	Implementing programs of study, integration of academics, support vulnerable populations	Determined by formula described in Carl D. Perkins Act of 2006. Local amounts range from \$50,000 to \$300,000.
State – Equipment Reimbursement	To replace, repair, or upgrade aging or outdated equipment.	\$500,000 divided evenly among the regional centers. MVU and Canaan Memorial receive \$10,000 each.
State – Program Innovation	To assist centers in adopting changes to program offerings that are modern and in-line with state and regional workforce needs.	\$200,000 awarded competitively each year. First year awards are up to \$75,000; second year awards are up to \$50,000. Supplemented by Perkins Reserve funds where applicable.

State Funds from AOE in Support of CTE

SOURCE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT/FORMULA
State – Youth Leadership	Provides stipends for statewide leadership of Career Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs)	\$100,000 was awarded to a regional CTE center to lead this work.
State – Salary Assistance	Provided for in §1565. Off-sets the costs of a school district's operational expenses related to salaries of 5 positions.	For the 2016-'17 school year (fiscal year 2017), host districts received a total of \$ 2,341,830.11.
State – Supplemental (Tuition) Assistance Grants	Provided for in §1561(c) & (d)	For the 2015-'16 school year, CTE centers received \$8,748,046.92
State – Transportation Reimbursement	For sending high schools to remove barriers to CTE.	Sending schools received \$1,427,804.65 in the 2015-'16 school year.

Tuition Formula

Key Terminology:

CTE Tuition: Cost per student (in & out of state) based on the actual cost of operating the center. (§1522(10) & §15522(a)). A separate calculation for Vermont resident students determines the “in-state” tuition amount after removing the supplemental (tuition) assistance grants.

Announced Tuition: The amount announced to sending high schools in each region. Effectively the “in-state” tuition amount.

Base Education Amount: The amount identified by the Legislature to assist in calculating categorical grants (§4001(13) & §4011(b))

Full Time Equivalent (FTE): The average of a school district’s 6 prior semesters’ full-time equivalent enrollment of students in a CTE center.

Tuition Formula – Local Budgeting

This should include the total amount of shared costs and assessments from the host district.

§1541 makes it the responsibility of local boards that operate CTE centers to set the budget and establish tuition.

§1578a(a) outlines the process for the independent technical center district board to establish a budget and put it to vote by the voters in the region.

§824 allows approved independent schools functioning as a regional CTE center to collect tuition and make agreements to do so. Administration of the independent school along with Board of Trustees sets budget.

Tuition Formula - Process

STEP 1. Determine Net Costs.

16 V.S.A. §1522(10)
SBR - 2391(3)(A)

Total Secondary Technical Education Budgeted Costs

- Less Federal Grants
- Less Salary Assistance and equipment
- Less Local income from facility use charges

Net Costs (amount to be raised by tuition)

STEP 2. Calculate CTE Tuition.

CTE Tuition (Out of State Tuition)

16 V.S.A. §1522(10)

Net Costs

Actual Out-of-State FTEs + In-state 6 sem. FTE avg.

STEP 3. Determine In-state Tuition

In-state Tuition

16 V.S.A. §1552(c)

16 V.S.A. §1561(c)

Amount to be Raised by Tuition

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35% of Base Education Amount Per FTE

In-state 6 sem. FTE avg.

Tuition Formula – Cash Flow

STEP 4. Determining On-behalf Payment					
16 V.S.A. §1561(b)					
Cash Payment of Vermont Tuition					
<i>* From the Education Fund</i>					
<i>** This amount would be variable by sending school.</i>					
	87% of Base Ed. Amount X 6 sem. FTE avg.	=	Amount paid by State on behalf of district, from district funds		

STEP 5. Determining Direct Payment Amount		Specific Direct Payment to CTE			
Sending School A	In-state Tuition	x	6 sem. FTE avg.	-	on behalf
Sending School B	In-state Tuition	x	6 sem. FTE avg.	-	on behalf
Sending School C	In-state Tuition	x	6 sem. FTE avg.	-	on behalf
Sending School D	In-state Tuition	x	6 sem. FTE avg.	-	on behalf

Practical Demonstration

Using the Excel Calculator.

Exceptions

- Adults without a diploma
- Unenrolled students
- Out of state students
- Private schools serving a region

Thank you.