

Overview of CTE Funding

- I. 16 service regions and regional CTEs
 - a. 15 public regional CTEs
 - i. 3 regional CTE school districts (stand-alone) - §§ 1571-1579
 - ii. 12 host high schools (school districts) with CTEs
 - b. 1 consisting of two comprehensive high schools (Lyndon Institute & St. Johnsbury Academy)
- II. Governance
 - a. Host district establishes regional advisory board
 - i. One member from each district with a high school from district board
 - ii. One member from each sending district without a high school
 - iii. Superintendent or designee from each SU in a service region
 - iv. One member from any independent comprehensive high school in service region
 - b. Regional CTE school districts
 - i. 60% or more of members from either member district boards or direct vote of voters
 - ii. Up to 40% may be appointed by elected or chosen members (i.) if additional members are desired
- III. Budgets for public CTEs – combination of federal dollars, state CTE aid, and tuition
 - a. Federal dollars – Perkins grants
 - b. State aid
 - i. Tuition reduction – 35% of base education amount per FTE
(35% x 10,571 = 3,700)
 - ii. Salary assistance
 1. Director – 50% of the lesser of state average or actual cost
 2. Guidance (principal duty is CTE) – 50% of the lesser of state average or actual cost
 3. Job coordinator or co-op (principal duty – 35% of the lesser of state average or actual cost
 4. Assistant director if FTE >= 150 FTE and sending districts >= 30% of FTEs – 35% of the lesser of state average or actual cost
 5. Assistant director for adult education – up to 50% of the assistant director, payment from General Fund
 - c. Tuition
 - i. Actual cost per FTE less above revenues for in-state students
 - ii. Tuition for out-of-state students same as above but includes 35% tuition reduction (i.)
 - d. Budgets
 - i. CTEs belonging to host district include their budget in host districts budget. Financial accounts kept separately from host district accounts.
 - ii. Regional CTE school districts adopt budgets. Once budget is adopted, the share for each sending member district becomes a legal obligation.

IV. Funding

- a. CTEs receive federal dollars from AOE and state aid from Education Fund
- b. Sending school districts, including the host school district, pay the full tuition amount per FTE to CTEs.
 - i. The State makes an on-behalf payment to the CTE for each school district.
 1. The on-behalf payment is 87% of the base education amount
($87\% \times 10,571 = 9,197$)
 2. The sending district pays the remainder of the tuition directly
 3. The State reduces the amount of money owed to a sending district by the Education Fund by an amount equal to the total on-behalf payment.