

## What is CTE?

Career and Technical Education (CTE) provides a variety of opportunities for students to explore their career interests while developing academic, technical, leadership, and practical skills in areas that are highly relevant to students and highly valued by employers and colleges in our region. It provides students with the technical skills, knowledge and training necessary to succeed in specific occupations and careers. It also prepares students for post-secondary education and for the world of work by introducing them to workplace competencies and professional skills that are essential no matter what career field they choose. Career & Technical Education takes academic content and makes it accessible to students by providing it in a relevant, hands-on context. Many of these courses are articulated with local college programs and provide college credit at no cost. In addition, CTE courses provide students:

- 21st Century Skill training
- Access to State of the Art Technologies
- Real World Projects and Activities
- Student Leadership Organizations including [FBLA](#), [FCCLA](#), [ISA](#), [FFA](#), and [Sports Medicine Association](#)
- Skill Competitions at the local, regional, state, and national levels
- Career and College Exploration and Connections
- Opportunities for Innovation and Creativity

Career and Technical Education Advisory Committee volunteers help plan and develop these unique programs.



## Stanwood-Camano School District Career & Technical Education

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**“Make a difference  
for your community,  
schools, and  
business as a CTE  
Advisory Member!”**

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**STANWOOD-CAMANO  
SCHOOL DISTRICT  
CTE ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE**

## What are CTE Advisory Committees?

Career and Technical Education (CTE) advisory committees advise, assist and provide support and advocacy for quality CTE programs. Advisory committee members are business/ industry volunteers representing occupational areas that have feeder programs taught in our public schools.

Members have the opportunity to learn more about the CTE program and instructors are able to increase their understanding of the job market, employers' needs, and community opportunities.

### CTE advisory committees:

- Provide information to update, modify, expand, and improve the quality of programs
- Support and strengthen the partnerships between business, labor, the community, and education
- Work with students and educators to support real-world experiences and applications
- Make recommendations that strengthen and expand the CTE curriculum, and provide assistance in implementing these recommendations
- Identify and validate academic and occupational competencies, determine priorities, and review and evaluate programs
- Communicate long-term goals and objectives of the CTE programs to students, parents/guardians, employers, and the community

## Types of Committees

**Program Advisory:** A Program Advisory Committee focuses on providing direction for a specific CTE program or occupational cluster within a high school or skills center. Examples include FACSE, Business and Marketing, Health Sciences, Agriculture, and Applied Technology.

**General Advisory:** A General Advisory Council (GAC) provides direction and guidance to administrators and teachers for the entire Career and Technical Education program offered by a district or consortium.

*“CTE Advisory Board members provide direction for CTE programs.”*



## CTE Programs Include:

- Agriculture Education
- American Sign Language
- Business Education
- Career Choices/ Work Site Learning
- Family & Consumer Sciences
- Culinary Arts
- Fire Service Technology
- Health Sciences
- Technology Education
- Skilled & Technical Science
- STEM
- Visual Communications

## Time Commitment

### What is expected of a CTE Advisory Committee volunteer?

- ✓ Advisory committees meet 3-4 times per year for 1–2 hours each time during the school year.
- ✓ Program-specific advisory committees are usually held separately from the general advisory meetings, but may be combined.
- ✓ Meetings for both general and program-specific advisories are often in the evening when many business people are available.

If you are interested in volunteering for an Advisory Committee, please contact our CTE office at [rshort@scsd.ac](mailto:rshort@scsd.ac) or (360) 629-1313.