

Marin Career Technical Education Center

Career Technical Education (CTE) integrates academic, technical, and occupational knowledge to provide students with pathways to high-demand, livable-wage careers. Key features are the connection with industry and postsecondary opportunities, including early college credit. CTE makes academic content accessible to students by providing it in a hands-on context, a key element to learners finding and preparing for a career they are passionate about.

Career Technical Education (CTE) programs exist in all Marin high schools and enjoy strong support from our school districts. However, students only have access to the CTE programs at their home school sites and for many, options are limited to what is offered at their school.

To increase student access and the variety of available CTE courses, the Marin County Office of Education (MCOE) is developing the Marin County CTE Center, open to all Marin high school students.

Purpose of the Marin CTE Center

- Increase access to pathways that lead to projected job openings in careers that meet or exceed the livable wage for Marin County
 - Increase rates of high school graduation and postsecondary completion
 - Address systemic inequities in Marin by centralizing programming and access
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| EQUITY | To ensure equitable access, the Marin CTE Center will be located centrally, offer classes in the afternoons, evenings, and weekends, and provide transportation options for students across Marin County. Students who work, take care of family, or participate in extracurricular activities will now have access to CTE Center courses. The Marin CTE Center will increase the number of students who can participate in and benefit from CTE pathways, especially low-income, female, Latinx, and rural students, who are disproportionately underrepresented in CTE in Marin. According to a 2019 report by the National Association of State Boards of Education, completing CTE pathways in priority sectors can help disproportionately impacted students obtain livable-wage employment.

| CONNECTION | Postsecondary planning is key to CTE pathways, allowing students to see how their career goals are aligned with postsecondary advancement. MCOE works closely with the College of Marin to develop K-14 pathway maps and opportunities for all CTE students to earn early college credit. Each pathway aligns with a college certificate or degree program, vocational school, apprenticeship, or other postsecondary option. CTE prepares learners for both college and career success. The Marin CTE Center will offer pathways to industry sectors with significant projected growth and provide careers that meet or exceed the livable wage for Marin County.

| REAL-WORLD LEARNING | CTE's unique focus on providing hands-on experience is a key element to learners finding and preparing for a career they are passionate about. Families look for postsecondary experiences that are cost effective and have a direct path to meaningful careers. CTE provides opportunities for students to enter the workforce with skills and competencies to be successful, pursue advanced training in postsecondary institutions, and enhance existing skills.

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| Marin CTE Center Courses |

- Automotive Tech
- Car Appreciation and Preservation Program (CAPP)
- Medical Assisting
- North Bay Construction Corps (NBCC)
- Construction
- Electrical
- Plumbing
- Welding
- Education

CTE has been proven to help students become college and career ready (CTE Advance, 2021). Specifically, CTE does the following:

Increases engagement

- Significantly increases high school graduation rates
- Reduces behavioral problems related to suspensions and expulsions
- Lowers dropout rates

Improves success in college

- Earn higher test scores than other students
- Maintain a higher GPA
- More likely to attend and persist in college or postsecondary program

Prepare for the real-world

- Explore career interests
- Gain skills in a specific field
- Make connections with peers, instructors, and employers with similar interests.

This project directly addresses economic development, meets local workforce needs, and provides students with pathways to jobs that support economic mobility.
