



2026 Spring Meeting

APRIL 29 - MAY 1 // MGM NATIONAL HARBOR

Wednesday, April 29

1 - 6 p.m.	Registration
3:15 - 4 p.m.	Sponsor Mingle
4:15 - 4:35 p.m.	Welcome and Member Awards
4:35 - 5:50 p.m.	<p>Plenary: Introducing the New Vision for the Future of Career Technical Education</p> <p>The landscape of Career Technical Education (CTE) is shifting, and the path forward requires a new level of intentionality. This session marks the official launch of our shared vision. Together, we will engage with the vision's core principles and hear from a panel of strategic voices who will share their reflections on how this vision can redefine the intersections and connections across education, workforce development, and economic mobility to the benefit of learners and industry alike.</p>
6 - 8 p.m.	Reception

Thursday, April 30

7:20 - 8:15 a.m.	Breakfast
7:20 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Registration
8:30 - 9:40 a.m.	<p>Plenary: Beyond Access: Centering Belonging, Empowerment & Learner Voice in CTE</p> <p>What does it take for learners to truly feel like they belong in CTE, and see themselves in their future careers? Grounded in the discussion about empowerment and belonging, this session features secondary and postsecondary learners from apprenticeship, engineering and culinary pathways sharing how CTE has shaped their identity, confidence and direction. Participants will hear firsthand what supports, experiences and system changes make a difference in building belonging—and what leaders can do to center learner leadership and interests in pursuit of high-quality CTE programs for all.</p>
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	<p>Ideation Breakouts: Vision Principles</p> <p>These interactive ideation sessions focus on the principles of the vision and its connection to the broader forces shaping CTE. Participants will engage in discussion, reflection, and collaboration to explore current practices, surface ideas, and identify opportunities to advance this principle in their work.</p>
12 - 1 p.m.	Networking Lunch (sponsored by College Board)

1 - 1:40 p.m.	<p>Plenary: Leveraging National Frameworks to Guide a State Vision</p> <p>Our new shared vision for the field and the National Career Clusters® Framework both provide leaders at all levels a roadmap for expanding access and opportunity for CTE learners. This plenary session will feature a short presentation on how to intentionally set goals, strategically plan, and align CTE design and delivery through these frameworks. A panel of state leaders in Georgia, Montana, and North Carolina will elevate three different state models for using these resources to connect to state priorities and work toward a larger state vision for CTE.</p>
1:45 - 2:30 p.m.	<p>Roundtables: Connecting the Vision to Framework Implementation</p>
2:30 - 3 p.m.	<p>Networking Break (sponsored by Oracle)</p>
3 - 4:15 p.m.	<p>State-Led Breakouts: Emerging Topics in CTE</p> <p>Tied to the principles of the vision, these sessions highlight how states and the broader field are taking first steps to put the vision into practice. Areas of focus include industry partnerships, increasing transparency and quality in CTE systems, integrating academic and technical learning, expanding access through flexible pathways, centering learner voice, and responsibly leveraging emerging technologies. Attendees will gain practical, real-world examples of how the vision is being advanced across states and space for shared learning and discussion.</p>
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.	<p>Advance CTE Business Meeting (Advance CTE Members Only)</p>
<p>Friday, May 1</p>	
7:20 – 8:15 a.m.	<p>Breakfast</p>
7:30 - 10 a.m.	<p>Registration</p>
8:30 - 9:35 a.m.	<p>Plenary: Navigating the Moment: Federal Advocacy, Policy Priorities, and CTE</p> <p>As this administration's priorities continue to take shape, state CTE leaders must navigate a complex and shifting landscape impacted by budget pressures, reauthorization efforts, and cross-system alignment opportunities. This session brings together policy experts to unpack key federal policies under consideration in Congress and by the administration. Participants will gain insight into how these developments are shaping the federal policy environment, what it means for states and local CTE systems, and how leaders can advocate to advance high-quality CTE.</p>
9:45 - 11 a.m.	<p>State-Led Breakouts: How States Are Putting Policy Into Action</p> <p>The journey from policy to real-world action and impact is a complex process. These sessions provide a deep dive into state policy implementation for topics such as strengthening connections between Adult Education and CTE, enhancing career advising to support learner pathways, using labor market information to inform decision making, and advancing state policies to expand work-based learning. Participants will engage with practical strategies, gain resources and lessons learned, and engage in shared discussion and learning.</p>
11:10 - 11:55 a.m.	<p>Plenary: Up to DATE with the Office of Career, Technical & Adult Education (OCTAE)</p>
11:55 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.	<p>Closing Remarks</p>