2026-2027 DDOE CTE PROFESSIONAL LEARNING SERIES

LONG RANGE PLAN

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NAPE
National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity

Delaware Department of Education



Elevating Voice. Advancing Equity. Reimagining CTE

CTE®
Learning that works for Delaware

Delaware Department of Education

Our Vision

Each learner engages in an equitable and high-quality education, enriching experiences, and meaningful relationships to achieve their individual career and life goals.

Our Values

- Courageously center all initiatives, conversations, and actions around measurable goals that prioritize equity, student growth, and educator success;
- Practice a growth mindset for partners and ourselves by seeking opportunities to lead, offer or welcome help and give and receive feedback;
- Use data transparently to challenge assumptions, support discussions, develop routines and timelines, nurture intentional partnerships, and make decisions;
- Seek out, prioritize, and intentionally incorporate student, educator, and community voice; and
- Act as a team to support one another, reach goals, and celebrate success.

What Drives Us

- Student participation in high quality coursework aligned to industry;
- Student access to early career experiences and successful transitions;
- Aligned systems to ensure equity; and
- Communication, policy, and advocacy.

Equity in CTE Definition:

Equity in Career & Technical Education (CTE) requires an inclusive environment that advances empowerment and belonging for both the learner and educator. Students' circumstances and personal/social identifiers shall not restrict their access to the full variety of academic and career opportunities, enriching experiences, and meaningful relationships that support attainment of their individual career and life goals.

Equity in CTE Values:

- Equity is both an ongoing process and an outcome.
- Access combined with support leads to skill attainment and high-quality outcomes.
- Data is utilized to drive informed decision-making.
- Career & Technical Education will emphasize the development of value-aligned partnerships.

2026-2027
CTSO Conference Dates

FFA BIG E CONFERENCE	*September 18-19, 2026*
FFA MIDDLE SCHOOL COLT	*September 24, 2026*
FFA HIGH SCHOOL COLT	*September 30 - October 1, 2026*
FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE	*October 27-28, 2026* *Delaware State Fair* *Harrington, DE*
FFA NATIONAL CONFERENCE	*October 21-24, 2026* *Indianapolis, IN*
FFA DISCOVERY CONFERENCE	*November 20, 2026*
DECA	*January 19-22 or January 26-28, 2027* *University of Delaware* *Newark, DE*
FFA VISION CONFERENCE	*February 12, 2027*
EDUCATORS RISING	*February 16-17, 2027* *Atlantics Sands & RB Convention* *Rehoboth Beach, DE*
BPA	*February 23-25, 2027* *Bally's Resort* *Dover, DE*
SKILLSUSA	*March 8-12, 2027* *DTCC - Stanton* *Newark, DE*
DELAWARE PROSTART & SKILLS CULINARY	*March 9 - 10, 2027* *Newark/Wilmington, DE*

2026-2027
CTSO Conference Dates

FFA	*March 16-17, 2027* *TBD*
SKILLSUSA AWARDS	*March 18, 2027* *Delaware State Fairgrounds* *Harrington, DE*
HOSA	*March 2027* *Wilmington University* *New Castle, DE*
TSA	*April 7-8, 2027* *University of Delaware* *Newark, DE*
DECA NATIONAL CONFERENCE	*April 17-20, 2027* *Anaheim, CA*
EDUCATORS RISING NATIONAL DAY OF SIGNING	*May 4, 2027* *Old State House* *Dover, DE*
BPA NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE	*May 5-9, 2027* *Denver, CO*
SKILLSUSA NATIONAL CONFERENCE	*June 21-25, 2027* *Atlanta, GA*
HOSA NATIONAL CONFERENCE	*June 23,- 26, 2027* *Baltimore, MD*
EDUCATORS RISING NATIONAL CONFERENCE	*June 17-20, 2027* *Columbus, OH*
TSA NATIONAL CONFERENCE	*June 23-27, 2027*



September 15th Statewide CTE Professional Development

Course Number: 44504

In-Person Section #: 92452
Delaware State Fire School

Virtual Section #: 92464
Links will be emailed after registration

Start Time	End Time	Room 5 (90)	Room 6 (90)	Room 8 (40)	Room 9 (40)	Room 10 (40)
8:30	9:00	***Registration***				
9:00	10:30	The Future of Funding in CTE Presented by DACCTE				
10:30	11:00	**Professional Learning Community Breakouts**				
11:00	12:30	The Ins and Outs of Articulation Agreements by WilmU	Preparing Students for Post-Secondary Placement by WilmU	How to Levarage Your Industry to Increase Access to Work-Based Learning by Delaware Restaurant Association	Understanding How MTSS and Academic Integration Impact Your Perkins Indicators	Understanding the Basics of CTSO
1:30	3:00	Business, Innovation, & Leadership	Health Sciences & Public Services	Teacher Academy	Hospitality, Events, & Tourism	Computer Science, MET, and AET



WORK-BASED LEARNING PROFESSIONAL ROUNDTABLES

The Work-Based Learning Professional Roundtable will provide an opportunity for Career and Technical Education (CTE) and Work-Based Learning Coordinators to scale work-based learning awareness, share resources, ideas, and opportunities to strengthen and expand work-based learning opportunities for statewide CTE students.

Each event will take place virtually. Links will be sent to registered participants.

Course:
09/16/2026
10:00 - 12:00
Section: 92483

11/18/2026
1:00 - 3:00
Section: 92484

3/17/2027
10:00 - 12:00
Section: 92485

5/19/2027
1:00 - 3:00
Section: 92486

Hospitality, Events, & Tourism

Program of Study PD

Course: 44504

Prostart Fall Professional Learning
September 24-25, 2026
Hyatt Place - Dewey Beach, DE
Section: 92453

November Professional Learning
November 10, 2026
The Queen - Wilmington, DE
Section: 92455

January Professional Learning
January 21, 2027
Collette - Dover, DE
Section: 92457

March Professional Learning
March 2, 2027
Collette - Dover, DE
Section: 92458

April Professional Learning
April 12, 2027
Collette - Dover, DE
Section: 92460



2026-2027
CTE Leadership Cadre

October 7, 2026
Section #: 92438
Duck Creek Library - Smyrna, DE

December 2, 2026
Section #: 92439

March 3, 2027
Section #: 92440

May 12, 2027
Section #: 92441

Course: 24244





Business, Innovation, & Leadership Pathway

Pilot Cohort Dates

COURSE #: 44508

October 9, 2026	*Section: 92471*
December 11, 2026	*Section: 92472*
February 12, 2027	*Section: 92473*
April 16, 2027	*Section: 92474*

This will include teachers in the pilot program for the curriculum redesign and may be face-to-face, virtual, or hybrid meetings. Location will be determined by Fall 2026.

DACCTE
Delaware Advisory Council on Career & Technical Education

DACCTE Council Meetings

The Delaware Association of Career and Technical Teacher Educators (DACCTE) Council will kick off the 2026–2027 meeting year on **Tuesday, October 13, from 5:00–7:00 p.m**. This virtual meeting, with an anchor location to be announced, will bring together CTE teacher educators and partners to discuss statewide priorities, share updates, and strengthen collaboration. Council meetings provide members with opportunities to exchange ideas, support high-quality Career and Technical Education, and help shape initiatives that advance Delaware's workforce and student success

Course: 44640 Section: 93115

Additional Meeting Dates:

- December 8, 2026
  - PDMS Course 44641; Section 93116
- April 15, 2027
  - PDMS Course 44642; Section 93117
- May 20, 2027
  - PDMS Course 44643; Section 93118



Delaware CTE Teaching REAL LAB Cohort

Course: 44623
Section: 92953

Kick-Off Meeting
October 26-27, 2026

Virtual Coaching
January 18-21, 2027

Workforce Integration Workshop
February 10, 2027

Virtual Coaching
April 12 - 16, 2027

Teaching REAL Lab Showcase
April 29 - 30, 2027

In partnership with the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB), this yearlong professional learning experience brings CTE and academic educators together to design authentic, interdisciplinary lessons that integrate mathematics, science, literacy, and technical education through real workplace challenges. Participants will use AI to generate ideas, align standards, refine instruction, and strengthen student learning.

DELAWARE

TECHNOLOGY STUDENT ASSOCIATION



Advanced Manufacturing, Construction, & Supply Chain Transportation Clusters Professional Learning

November 5, 2026
8:30 - 4:00
Townsend Building (DDOE)- Dover, DE

The TSA Chapter Advisor Kick-Off Planning Meeting, held November 5, 2027, at the Delaware Department of Education Townsend Building in Dover, will bring together Delaware TSA advisors to prepare for the 2027–2028 school year. Advisors will receive updates on membership, competitive events, conferences, leadership opportunities, deadlines, and statewide initiatives. Participants will review resources, discuss recruitment and engagement strategies, share best practices, and collaborate with fellow advisors to support student success, leadership development, and active participation in TSA programs throughout the year. For more information, contact Mike Fitzgerald at mike.fitzgerald@doe.k12.de.us.

Course: 44504

Section: 92456



Digital Technology Cluster



Professional Development

November 9, 2026
Collette Education Resource Center

Designed primarily for Career and Technical Education (CTE) educators, this professional learning session introduces the AP Cybersecurity course and its connection to high-demand cybersecurity careers. Participants will explore the course framework, curriculum, assessments, instructional expectations, and implementation strategies while examining alignment with Delaware CTE pathways and workforce needs. The live training will be held November 9, 2026, from 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Course: 44504 **Section: 92487**

EDUCATORS RISING
DELAWARE

2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR TEACHER ACADEMY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE

Course #: 44504

- **November 10, 2026**
  - Collette Education Center (Dover, DE)
  - Section #: 92454

- **January 21, 2027**
  - Townsend Building (Dover, DE)
  - Section #: 92466

- **February 16-17, 2027**
  - Rehoboth Beach, DE
  - Section #: 92465

- **March 2, 2027**
  - Collette Education Center (Dover, DE)
  - Section #: 92458

- **April 12, 2027**
  - Collette Education Center (Dover, DE)
  - Section #: 92461

- **May 4, 2027: National Day of Signing**

Health Sciences



Health Sciences Professional Learning

Course #: 44504

November 13, 2026
Section: 92482
Townsend Building (Dover, DE)

May 17, 2027
Section: 92463
DDOE - Collette (Dover, DE)



Embedding OSHA 10 Within a Comprehensive CTE Safety Culture

Embedding OSHA 10 Within a Comprehensive CTE Safety Culture, held March 2, 2027, at the Collette Education Resource Center in Dover, will support Delaware Agriculture, Construction, and Manufacturing educators in integrating workplace safety concepts into daily instruction and authentic learning experiences. Participants will explore strategies for embedding hazard identification, risk assessment, and safety-based decision-making into classroom, laboratory, project-based learning, work-based learning, and CTSO activities. The session will highlight alignment with the Delaware CTE Safety Manual and provide practical tools and resources to strengthen safety culture and prepare students for success in education, training, and the workplace. For more information, contact Mike Fitzgerald at mike.fitzgerald@doe.k12.de.us.

March 2, 2027

Course: 44588
Section: 92814

Middle School

Engineering by Design STEM Workshop

March 8, 2027

The Middle School Engineering byDesign™ STEM Workshop, held March 8, 2027, at the Collette Education Resource Center in Dover, Delaware, will introduce middle school CTE educators to the Engineering byDesign™ (EbD) STEM curriculum and its approach to authentic, project-based learning. Participants will explore curriculum resources, instructional strategies, and hands-on activities that integrate engineering, technology, science, and mathematics while fostering creativity, collaboration, and problem-solving skills. Educators will gain an understanding of course content, implementation requirements, and career pathway connections, leaving with practical tools and resources to support high-quality STEM instruction and student engagement in engineering design challenges. For more information, contact Mike Fitzgerald at mike.fitzgerald@doe.k12.de.us.

Course: 44589

Section: 92816





Agriscience

Statewide PD Day

April 14, 2027

Course:
44504

Section:
92462

Program of Study Redesign Cohorts



Course #: 44508

This professional development series equips Career and Technical Education (CTE) educators, administrators, and curriculum specialists with the tools, frameworks, and collaborative processes necessary to engage in a comprehensive redesign of CTE pathways. Through a blended model of in-person and virtual workshops, collaborative working groups, and independent assignments, participants will align their programs with evolving industry standards, workforce demands, and student-centered practices. The course supports the design and refinement of pathway curricula to ensure they are rigorous, equitable, credential-aligned, and reflective of current and emerging labor market trends.

Participants will engage with state and national frameworks, analyze labor market data, evaluate credentials of value, and embed work-based learning opportunities across sequenced courses. Strategic partnerships with postsecondary institutions, industry leaders, and workforce development boards will guide the integration of authentic learning experiences that ensure students graduate college- and career-ready.