

All Kansas students are engaged in quality career pathways to prepare them for a lifetime of opportunities as productive and responsible citizens.

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Greetings

Hello from KSDE! This is the first version of quarterly newsletters to assist you in learning more about Kansas CTE. My first few months have been an enjoyable whirlwind and I'm looking forward to working with all the great folks involved in Kansas CTE. Here at KSDE we've spent a great deal of time together this summer working on our Vision and Goals for Kansas CTE. To celebrate the 4th of July, we sent ideas/policies that had run their course up in smoke and committed to sparks flying each day. I hope this communication finds you enjoying a restful and relaxing summer. See you at KACTE!



New job, new look! Thanks to Tom Foster for bringing back my hair metal dreams.

KACTE Summer Conference
July 30–August 1, Wichita

Legislative Update

The "CTE bill", S.B. 155, was signed into law this summer. I have attached a PDF along with this newsletter which is a summary of the funding changes for 2012-2013. Please take a look at this document and share it with all your constituents. By all accounts, this legislation is a game-changer and a real boost to Kansas CTE.



Kirk Haskins celebrating a raffle ticket win during KSDE's Luau Picnic.

Certiport Update

As many of you are aware, for the last few years, KSDE has contracted with Certiport to provide certification assessments for secondary students in Kansas at no cost to local school districts. Due to budget constraints, **KSDE is unable to continue contracting with Certiport. The site licenses for Certiport assessments will expire on October 31, 2012.** Up until that date, those schools who signed up for site licenses last year may continue to offer the assessments to their students. After October 31, 2012, any Kansas school can contract with Certiport individually to continue offering assessments. I have been in contact with Brandon Pack at Certiport and he has assured me any school who wishes to continue or begin with Certiport after October 31, 2012, will still be eligible for the assessments at the same discounted rate offered to KSDE for the last few years. Let me assure you, the only reason KSDE could not commit to another contract was purely fiscal. We have heard nothing but positive feedback from schools regarding Certiport and the services they provide. Obviously, gaining a certification while in high school is a game-changer for all students and it's unfortunate KSDE can no longer financially support this project. However, we certainly support and endorse Certiport as a valuable service provider for our Kansas schools. If you have questions regarding this information, please contact me.

KSDE CTE Drive-In Workshops This Fall:
9/18/12—Clarion Inn—Garden City
10/4/12—Wichita Holiday Inn—Wichita
10/9/12—Olathe Public Schools Instructional Resource Center—Olathe
10/24/12—Webster Conference Center—Salina

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CTE Funding changes for 2012-2013

Funding Change	Explanation	Effective
\$1000 Incentive for Certifications	A school district will receive a \$1000 incentive award for each student who graduates from a high school in the district and who has earned an industry-recognized certification while in high school in an occupation identified as one in highest need of additional skilled employees by the Secretary of Labor, in consult with the Kansas Board of Regents and the Kansas State Department of Education. The Kansas Board of Regents will send the award to the school districts once KSDE has certified the award amount for each school district. A portion or all of the \$1000 has to be used to pay for 1/2 of the cost of the industry-recognized certification assessment in an amount not to exceed \$1000. Furthermore, no school district has to pay half the cost for three or more industry-recognized certification assessments that are substantially the same for the same student who failed to earn the certification on two previous attempts.	Beginning with 2012-2013 school year
Tuition Reimbursement	Secondary students admitted to CTE courses or programs which are conducted by a community college, technical college, or an institute of technology may be charged fees but shall not be charged tuition. The Kansas Board of Regents will pay for the cost associated with secondary students enrolled in post-secondary CTE courses or programs.	2012-2013 school year
Transportation Reimbursement	School districts who transport secondary students to CTE courses or programs which are conducted by a community college, technical college, or an institute of technology will be reimbursed for providing school transportation by the Kansas State Department of Education.	2012-2013 school year

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Careers, Standards, and Assessments

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