

# CTE TRENDS

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## CTE Quote

"Since becoming Governor, I have made education policy one of the highest priorities of my administration, as I believe strongly that the development of a highly educated workforce is a fundamental element of the expansion and vigor of the state's economy. Critical to this relationship is Career and Technical Education (CTE)."

*Bill Ritter, Jr.*

*Governor,  
State of Colorado*

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## Governor Ritter's Colorado Achievement Plan for Kids (CAP4K)

In his second State of the State Address, Governor Bill Ritter, Jr. called for development of a comprehensive education reform strategy, one that would, for the first time in the State's history, align PK, K-12 and postsecondary educational systems around the belief that all students should receive an education that leads to postsecondary and career readiness.

### Elements of the proposal:

1. **Establish postsecondary preparation as the default program of study for all high school students**
  - a. What it is:
    - i. A requirement that all secondary level students are assumed to be postsecondary bound and trained accordingly.
    - ii. A requirement that all students receive a curriculum that is anchored in college- and career-ready Model Content Standards.
    - iii. An expectation that school districts will create multiple but equally rigorous pathways to college and career readiness.
  - b. What it is not:
    - i. A requirement for a certain number of years of seat time in math, science, or other content area.
  
2. **Expand Colorado Model Content Standards to grades Pre-Kindergarten to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and 11<sup>th</sup> grade to the first year of college**
  - a. What it is:
    - i. A requirement that the State's colleges and universities describe exactly the content and skills required for success in all 100-level English, mathematics, natural and physical science, social science, and arts and humanities, and foreign language courses.

- ii. A requirement that CDE’s Model Content Standards are developed for preschools, Kindergarten, first grade and second grade.
    - iii. A requirement that CDE’s State’s Model Content Standards are aligned with the content and skills required for success in 100-level postsecondary courses.
  - b. What it is not:
    - i. A revision of generic and unspecific content standards and continued reliance on course titles as proxies for skills and knowledge.
  
- 3. **Require that all assessments administered in grades 7-12 be modified to align with revised Colorado Model Content standards and can be used for college admission and placement purposes.**
  - a. What it is:
    - i. The realignment of mandatory assessments to display information related to students specific postsecondary and career readiness.
    - ii. Adjusting CDHE admission and placement (remediation) policies to employ the results of mandatory standards-based assessments administered in the state’s high schools.
  - b. What it is not:
    - i. A high school exit exam.
  
- 4. **Amend CCHE admission and remediation policies to permit students to earn qualifying credit by proficiency rather than by seat time or course titles alone.**
  - a. What it is:
    - i. A requirement that the CDHE’s admission and placement policies are modified to accommodate the revised model content standards and statewide assessments.
    - ii. An opportunity to provide clear, explicit college preparatory standards beyond generic course titles.
  - b. What it is not:
    - i. The weakening of postsecondary preparatory expectations, readiness policies, or accountability policies.

**\*Anticipated timeline for initial implementation (note: overall implementation may take several years, e.g., 2008 – 2011:**

<b>January 2008:</b>	Early bill drafting (to include several parties, including CDHE, CDE, and representatives from Preschool-3, K-12 and postsecondary education)
<b>Jan/Feb 2008:</b>	Solicitation of policy recommendations from P-20
<b>Late February 2008:</b>	Introduction of legislation
<b>July 2008:</b>	Begin implementation

**\*Costs of implementation:**

<b>Fiscal impact:</b>	Under evaluation (will depend on scope of final legislation) ###
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### **New Assistant Program Director, TT & I, SkillsUSA and TSA State Advisor Named**

Please welcome [Tony Raymond](#), who has been hired as the new Assistant Program Director for TT & I and the state advisor for SkillsUSA and TSA. Tony will be working part-time through July while fulfilling his current teaching contract. Tony has a strong CTSO background as well as being the TSA State Officer Advisor for the past 2 years.

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### **Plans of Study Review Timeline Announced**

As many of you know, Perkins 2006 requires that each institution receiving Perkins funds have one approved Plan of Study in place before their local plan can be approved for funding. To make sure all institutions have their Plans of Study approved in a timely fashion, CCCS will begin reviewing plans April 1. Our hope is that each Perkins recipient (and all participants in a consortium) will submit their one Plan of Study by June 1 to allow time for review prior to July 1.

To submit your completed Plan of Study, email it to [Scott Stump](#). You will receive notification if additional information is required and/or when it has been approved.

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### **Example Plans of Study Available On-line**

Plan of Study Examples for Colorado are now available on the [www.coloradostateplan.com](http://www.coloradostateplan.com) website under "[Career Clusters/Plans of Study](#)." Each example is in Word format to allow easy local adjustments. On this site are also the training materials necessary to assist faculty in building their local Plans of Study.

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### **Congratulations to CACTA Leadership**

Thank you to the CACTA Board and Taskforce for their leadership in hosting an excellent mid-winter conference. From workforce connections with CTE to an excellent panel discussion on Friday morning, the conference provided timely information on the future of Colorado Career & Technical Education!

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### **Marketing Kit Available On-line**

We want to help you share the dynamic effect that Career & Technical Education is having in Colorado! On the [www.coloradostateplan.com](http://www.coloradostateplan.com) website under [Marketing Kit](#), you will find a valuable array of resources to help promote the value of your programs. From newspaper articles to a video highlighting the impact of CTE, you will find easy to print resources to share with local leaders and decision makers.

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### **Colorado HOSA Spring Leadership State Conference – March 6-8, 2008**

The Colorado Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) will present its Spring Leadership State Conference on March 6-8, 2008, at the Doubletree Hotel Denver. The state officers are working hard to prepare various aspects of the conference. HOSA members from across the state will compete in numerous competitive events. Colorado is proud to offer three new events this year: CERT (Community Emergency Response Team), Forensic Medicine, and Dental Assisting. Students who earn the top three places in an event will compete at the National HOSA Conference in June in Dallas, Texas. All competitive event registrations are due to [Phyllis Gertge](#), Colorado HOSA Competitive Events Coordinator, via email no later than February 22, 2008. Colorado HOSA is excited to offer two professional development workshops for advisors at the conference on Friday, March 7. BIO-RAD will host two workshops

titled "Genes in a Bottle" and "HIV ELISA." Colorado scholarship applications, state officer applications, and entries for the poster and pin competition are due March 6 at conference registration. There will also be a career expo from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on Friday, March 7. Anyone interested in having a booth should contact [Linsey Santala](#), state HOSA advisor. We are still accepting late registrations. If you haven't registered yet, we strongly encourage you to contact [Linsey Santala](#) at 720-858-2752. Please visit the newly updated HOSA website at [www.hosa.cccs.edu](http://www.hosa.cccs.edu).

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### The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Pre-Collegiate Conference – March 14, 2008

The College In Colorado 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Pre-Collegiate Conference is scheduled for March 14, 2008, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Auraria Tivoli Center in Denver. The event is co-sponsored by College In Colorado, the Community College of Denver, Educational Talent Search, and the Colorado Education Services and Development Association (CESDA). This year's conference will focus on "take-away" benefits for counselors, career and technical educators, teachers, student support service providers and pre-collegiate service providers, as well as administrators, workforce developers and policy-makers.

Go to [www.CollegeInColorado.org](http://www.CollegeInColorado.org) and click on "What's New" to register. Early bird registration is \$55.00 through February 22nd. The registration fee after that date will be \$75. Click here to see the conference [agenda](#) and [flier](#).

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### CVA Training Schedule

CCCS staff will be conducting interactive trainings for teachers and administrators, across the state, in March, April and May for CVA Final Financial Reporting. If you want to attend a workshop, contact Dave Eberle at [david.eberle@cccs.edu](mailto:david.eberle@cccs.edu) or (720) 858-2773. (RSVPs are required.)

Date	Time	City	Location
March 21	8:00 am-Noon	Denver – Camp V	CCCS, Building 959, Presidents Conference Rm
March 25	1:00-4:00	Sterling	NJC, Hays Student Center, Rm 230
April 1	9:00 am-Noon	Ft. Collins	FRCC – Harmony Library Community Rm
April 2	9:00 am-Noon	Craig	CNCC – Bell Tower Building, Rm 201
April 16	9:00 am-Noon	Cortez	SJBTC – Main building, Rm 208
April 17	9:00 am-Noon	Alamosa	TSJC building, Rm 129
May 2	9:00 am-Noon	Grand Junction	WCCC – Building B, Rm 151
May 14	9:00 am-Noon	La Junta	OJC – Student Center Conference Rm
May 15	9:00 am-Noon	Pueblo	PCC – GATC Building, Rm 104

### C.A.R.E Scheduled for April 11, 2008

High school counselors, technical/community college advisors, and Special Education & Disability Services Professionals will not want to miss the Colorado Career Awareness Expo (C.A.R.E) scheduled for April 11, 2008. Attendees will learn about emerging careers in Colorado, career clusters, CTE Plans of Study, apprenticeships,

non-traditional careers and will tour a career expo featuring many of our articulated CTE programs. Here's what is in store for C.A.R.E. participants:

- ✓ Free Career Planning Toolkit
- ✓ College Credit Available through Adams State College
- ✓ Career Planning Workshops
- ✓ College Scholarship Drawings
- ✓ Huge Career Expo including industry representatives
- ✓ Plenary Addresses by:

**Don Mares, Keynote Speaker**, is Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment. Prior to his current position, Mares served as Denver Auditor and he also served as Colorado State Senator and State Representative from 1989 to 1995. Mares currently serves on the leadership council for Escuela de Guadalupe, the board of the Latin American Educational Foundation and the SafeHouse Denver Board of Directors. In 2005, he was named one of twenty Champions for Children by the Colorado Children's Campaign.

**Linda Helwig, Plans of Study Tool Kit Trainer**, has over 30 years experience in the career development area. She was the Director of Career Services for 17½ years at Regis University in Denver, Colorado. Before that, Linda worked in private career counseling and as a career counselor with the Wisconsin Job Service.

**Juli Burney, Luncheon Keynote Speaker**, is a multiple award-winning teacher, humorist and author, She will present "Reshaping The Mold: Positive communication in a non-traditional world." Juli has filmed for Showtime and HBO, and made numerous guest appearances on radio and television programs. Her humor is insightful, delightful, universal and enlightening!

The "**Save-The-Date**" announcement is posted at [www.coloradostateplan.com](http://www.coloradostateplan.com) under the **News and Notes** section. Please share it with your counselors and advisors. A second half-day training will be scheduled for Western Slope counselors and academic advisors.

### **The Full Agenda**

8:15 – 9:00	Registration and light breakfast
9:00 – 10:00	Opening Session Keynote-Colorado's Emerging High Skill, High Wage, High Demand Careers (Don Mares)
10:00 – 10:15	Break
10:15 – 11:30	The Plans of Study Career Planner Tool Kit Training (Linda Helwig)
11:30 – 1:00	LUNCH Keynote – Break the Mold: Recruiting Non-Traditional Students into CTE Programs (Juli Barney)
1:00 – 3:00	C.A.R.E & break-outs

The workshop is sponsored by the Colorado Community College System and Carl D. Perkins CTE Act of 2006 federal funds.

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## **Colorado FCCLA State Leadership Conference and Food Events Competition – April 3 - 5**

Colorado Family, Career and Community Leaders of America's (FCCLA's) 2008 State Leadership Conference and Food Events Competition preparations are in full swing: state officers have been working on scriptwriting, keynote speakers for both activities are lined up, event chairs are set and judges are being recruited. Please contact Judy Heath at [jheath@bresnan.net](mailto:jheath@bresnan.net) if you are interested and available to judge an FCCLA competitive event on Friday, April 4.

FCCLA advisers have received the 2008 Call to Conference and the electronic registration websites are open. This year there will be two separate electronic websites – one for State Leadership Conference and one for the Food Events Competition. An adviser or sponsor must be registered along with students at each registration site. On-time electronic registration will close at 10 p.m., Friday, February 22, and State Conference and Food Events Competition payments must be received by Friday, March 7.

Questions? Check the website at [www.fccla.cccs.edu](http://www.fccla.cccs.edu) or contact FCCLA State Adviser [Patti Krattenmaker](mailto:Patti.Krattenmaker@cccs.edu).

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## **Changes to CVA for FY08 Final Reporting**

To help with the CVA reporting of the current year, CCCS is making some minor changes that are affecting how districts will report CVA Finals for 2008.

1. Extending the due date of the reports! The date the Final report is due will be September 1, 2008.
2. Giving districts the option of how to calculate teacher benefits! The district may record actual teacher benefits expense or may use a flat 28% benefit rate in place of the actual expenses.

If you have any questions on these two changes, please contact Brian Jenkins at [brian.jenkins@cccs.edu](mailto:brian.jenkins@cccs.edu) or 303-595-1572.

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## **Rescheduled Pueblo Plans of Study Regional CTE Workshop Slated for February 27, 2008**

The original Pueblo Plans of Study Workshop scheduled for February 5, 2008, was canceled due to snow and poor driving conditions. The rescheduled workshop is slated for February 27, 2008, at Pueblo Community College. If you were registered to attend the original workshop on February 5 and would like to attend the rescheduled session, please contact [Pat Sagrillo](mailto:Pat.Sagrillo@cccs.edu) or 303-595-1568. If you were not registered for the earlier Pueblo workshop and are interested in attending on February 27, you can contact [Pat Sagrillo](mailto:Pat.Sagrillo@cccs.edu) to be placed on a waitlist for this event.

Registration for the final Denver Plans of Study Regional CTE Workshop scheduled for March 14, 2008, is now full. To be placed on a waitlist for this workshop, please register online at <http://www.rsvpbook.com/event.php?95626>.

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## **NNWE and NAPE to Hold Joint Conference April 6-9 in Washington, DC**

For the first time, Women Work! The National Network for Women's Employment and the National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity join forces to bring you four days of best-practice sharing, skill building and federal policy. Don't miss this unique chance to learn from the experts and from your peers. Gain new strategies for preparing a diverse workforce for high-skill, high-wage careers in your states and communities.

Conference information can be found at:

<http://www.womenwork.org/network/conferences.htm>

Please consider presenting at the joint NAPE/Women Work! Conference. Go to:

<http://www.womenwork.org/network/conferences/conrfp.htm>

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## **2008 VE-135 Announcements**

CCCS is required by law to collect the VE-135 follow-up and enrollment data each year in order to comply with the accountability requirements set forth by both the state funded Colorado Vocational Act (CVA) and the federally funded Carl D. Perkins Act. The VE-135 enrollment and follow-up data affect your CVA reimbursements, program renewals (5-year trend reports), whether or not you qualify for the extra Perkins reserve funds, and your Perkins performance sub-indicators. Other reports may be produced internally throughout the year for CCCS staff from the data in order to maintain, as well as continually improve, CTE in Colorado.

You must report the VE-135 data even if you do NOT receive state or federal funding for your approved CTE programs.

If you contract with another school to send your students to attend their approved CTE program, then your school is required to provide the VE-135 student enrollment and follow-up data to the contractor institution. They in turn are responsible for reporting the data to CCCS. Both institutions are responsible for implementing a system between them in order to assimilate the data for reporting to CCCS.

The VE-135 reporting deadlines for the 2007-2008 academic year are:

**Follow-up deadline-extended only for this year to April 1, 2008**

**Enrollment deadline-June 30, 2008**

**NEW!** For the follow-up (due this year on April 1st), you will no longer see the special placement code for the Family & Consumer Science Core or Teen Parent Core programs. You must use the standard placement codes for these students from now forward.

Contact [Julie Eddy](#) or 303-595-1527 with any CTE data reporting questions or comments. Thank you for all of your reporting efforts!

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## **Check out the New look for CCCS**

For all of you who have called wanting to know when *CTE Trends Archives* would be updated, that day arrived February 12. Here is the link to that long awaited page:

<http://www.cccs.edu/CTE/CTEArchive.html>

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## Electronic Revisions for Program Approvals

All revisions to existing CTE programs must be entered in the electronic Program Approval system at [www.cccs.edu](http://www.cccs.edu). Click on Career and Technical Education and follow the Program Approval prompts.

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## Colorado CTE Event Calendar

For upcoming meetings and events related to career and technical education, please see our online Colorado CTE Event Calendar at [www.calendarwiz.com/ctecalendar](http://www.calendarwiz.com/ctecalendar). You will see a drop down calendar category choice, which will let you limit the event types you would like to view to "General CTE" or "Career and Technical Student Organizations" or "All" events. Just click on an event to see a pop up window with event details such as event contacts, location, maps, websites, etc. You even have the ability to download events directly to your personal Outlook calendar. Contact [Julie Eddy](#) or 303-595-1527 with any questions, comments or event additions.

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## Valuable CTE Websites

CCCS CTE Perkins new State Plan: [www.coloradostateplan.com](http://www.coloradostateplan.com)

CTE Directory: [http://www.cccs.edu/Docs/CTE/Voc\\_Director\\_Directory.pdf](http://www.cccs.edu/Docs/CTE/Voc_Director_Directory.pdf)

ACTE: [www.acteonline.org](http://www.acteonline.org)

CACTE: [www.cacte.org](http://www.cacte.org)

Colorado Community College System: <http://www.cccs.edu/>

Colorado DECA: [www.deca.cccs.edu](http://www.deca.cccs.edu)

Colorado Technology Education Association: [www.cteaonline.org](http://www.cteaonline.org)

Credentialing Office: [http://www.coloradostateplan.com/default\\_cred.htm](http://www.coloradostateplan.com/default_cred.htm)

CTE Forms and Reports from CCCS: <http://www.cccs.edu/CTE/FormsReports.html>

E-Colorado: <http://www.e-colorado.org>

FBLA-PBL: <http://www.fbla-pbl.cccs.edu/>

FCCLA: [www.fccla.cccs.edu](http://www.fccla.cccs.edu)

FFA: <http://www.njc.edu/ffa/>

HOSA: <http://www.hosa.cccs.edu>

Secondary CTE Job Board: <http://www.cccs.edu/HR/CTE-JobBoard.html>

SkillsUSA: [www.skillsusa.cccs.edu](http://www.skillsusa.cccs.edu)

TSA Colorado: <http://www.cotsa.cccs.edu/>

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