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College and Career Readiness Bureau Contracts Advance CTE for the Creation of Graduate Profiles

The College and Career Readiness Bureau of the New Mexico Public Education Department is pleased to announce that Advance CTE has been selected to provide state-level services to facilitate the creation and publication of graduate profiles.

A graduate profile (sometimes referred to as *profile of a graduate* or *portrait of a graduate*) is a visualization of what a community believes their high school graduates need to know and demonstrate before they leave school. An LEA co-creates their graduate profile with input from key community partners and uses the document to communicate the attitudes, skills, and knowledge that are needed and valued for success in college, career, and life.

In the 2024 legislative session, New Mexico passed House Bill 171, requiring all LEAs to create a unique graduate profile that articulates the core academic competencies and subjects that are key to graduates' post-high school success. Additionally, students' next-step plans must be aligned with the district or charter school's graduate profile.

Advance CTE is the longest-standing national non-profit that represents state directors of career technical education (CTE). Advance CTE provides professional development, advocates high-quality CTE policies, programs, and pathways, and equips leaders with knowledge, tools, and inspiration to move CTE forward.

"New Mexico's initiative to develop graduate profiles and statewide support for their adoption presents an exciting opportunity to ensure all learners graduate high school prepared for college, career, and life," said Nithya Govindasamy, Senior Director of Policy at Advance CTE. "Advance CTE is thrilled to partner with the New Mexico Public Education Department, bringing our national expertise and insights in high-quality education frameworks to help connect communities and create clear, flexible, and meaningful pathways for learners to thrive. We look forward to engaging all actors involved in learner success to provide input and help reimagine what success looks like."

The work will commence in the spring of 2025 with virtual and in-person opportunities to provide input. For more information, [contact us](#).

College and Career Readiness Bureau Industry Convenings

The College and Career Readiness Bureau is holding a series of convenings with employers in each career cluster. We are seeking input from industry partners to ensure that our CTE programs embed the credentials, skills and standards needed for the next generation of professionals in your industry.

Join us from 9 to 10 a.m. on the following dates (click on each date to register):

- Marketing & Sales – [Wednesday, March 5 at 10 a.m.](#)
- Energy and Natural Resources – [Friday, March 7](#)
- Financial Services – [Tuesday, March 11](#)
- Public Service and Safety – [Tuesday, March 18](#)
- Supply Chain & Transportation – [Friday, March 21](#)
- Construction – [Friday, March 28](#)

[Click here to take and share this 10- to 15-minute survey about employers' workforce needs.](#)

Five NM Candidates Named for the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program in Career and Technical Education

The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program was established in 1964, by executive order of the President, to recognize and honor some of our nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors. In 1979, the program was extended to recognize students who demonstrate exceptional talent in the visual, creative, and performing arts. In 2015, the program was again extended to recognize students who demonstrate ability and accomplishment in career and technical education fields. Each year, up to 161 students are named Presidential Scholars, one of the nation's highest honors for high school students.

In April, the [Commission on Presidential Scholars](#) reviews the applications of all semifinalists and selects up to 161 U.S. Presidential Scholars each year. All scholars are honored for their accomplishments during the online National Recognition Program.

U.S. Presidential Scholars are awarded the U.S. Presidential Scholars medallion each June.

Congratulations to the five 2025 candidates from New Mexico:

- Gabriel Hernandez, Las Cruces - Las Cruces High School
- Mia Lucero-Cisneros, Rio Rancho - Volcano Vista High School
- Amulya Mulakala, Santa Fe - Academy Technology Classics
- Shantel Sanchez, Alcalde - Los Alamos High School
- Sophie Schaap, Clovis - Texico High School



CTE APPLICATION ESTIMATED TIMELINE

DELAYED, date TBA

CTE Application Opens

- Opening of the 2025-2026 CTE Application for Perkins/federal and NextGen/state funding. The application will be opened by your CTE coach upon successful completion of your APR.

April 4, 2025

Deadline to commit with a substantially in-progress application

- If your CTE application and budgets are not substantially in-progress by April 4, 2025, your LEA/HEI will **not** be eligible for Perkins/NextGen funding for 2024-2025.

March - May 2025

Technical assistance for applications and budgets

- CTE coaches will provide technical assistance on CTE applications and budgets in GMS. Once "Substantial Approval" is provided by the CTE coach, LEAs can then enter the Perkins/NextGen budgets into OBMS.
- The NMPED School Budget Bureau will provide the FY26 Operating Budget deadlines in late March or early April. That timeline dictates when OBMS will open for each LEA/HEI.

June 6, 2025

Deadline to submit budgets

- Deadline to submit budgets in OBMS, in order to ensure full budget authority on July 1, 2025.



NM Futuring Panels

July 9-10, 2025 | Berna Facio Professional Development Center, Albuquerque

We are seeking **management, entrepreneurial, marketing, and**

sales professionals to support the NM PED in a review and validation process for these career areas to ensure that our educational institutions are teaching the skills and content that matter most to current and future employers. Business professionals will be guided to highlight trends impacting employees' needed skills and knowledge, identify certifications and credentials of value, and discuss how work is changing. Professionals must be currently employed full time and have 3+ years of continuous experience in these career areas.

To participate or learn more, contact khana@mbareasearch.org.

- March 5** - NMACTE Social ([Join](#))
- March 5** - P2C Exemplar Lesson: Employability Skills Playlist Lesson: ESP-2.2 Why Do Personal Qualities Matter? ([Register](#))
- March 6** - The MASTERS Program Options Career & College Open House, Santa Fe Community College
- March 7-8** - EdUprising Conference, Albuquerque Convention Center ([Register](#))
- March 12** - C2C Community of Practice
- March 18** - P2C Discovery Session - Instructional Supports for Special Populations in CCL ([Register](#))
- March 19** - Work-Based Learning Community of Practice: Job Incentive Training Program (JTIP) ([Learn more](#))
- March 20-22** - TSA State Leadership Conference
- March 24** - Advance CTE Career Clusters Community of Practice - 3pm ET ([Register](#))
- March 26-29** - SkillsUSA State Leadership Conference
- March 26** - P2C Exemplar Lesson: Math Project Lesson Pre-Algebra P-7-P: Statistics and Probability Project ([Register](#))
- March 27** - P2C NM Educator Workshops - P2C Career Assessments: A Deeper Dive ([Register](#))
- March 31** - School Counselors Conference, Rio Rancho Public Schools District Office ([Register](#))
- April 2** - NMACTE Social ([Join](#))
- April 2** - P2C Exemplar Lesson: Math Illustration Lesson B 1.10 Sums and Differences using Models ([Register](#))
- April 4 - Review of CTE Applications Complete**
- April 2-4** - ACTE Work-Based Learning Conference
- April 3-5** - HOSA State Leadership Conference
- April 9** - C2C Community of Practice
- April 10** - P2C NM Educator Workshops - P2C Math Data and Scaffolded Instruction ([Register](#))
- April 15 - CTE Planning Awards Due**
- April 15** - P2C Discovery Session - Career Exploration and Planning for Special Populations Using P2C ([Register](#))
- April 16** - Work-Based Learning Community of Practice: WBL Supports for Students ([Learn more](#))
- April 23** - P2C Exemplar Lesson: Career Story Playlist Lesson CS-11.1 A Web Developer's Story ([Register](#))
- April 26-29** - DECA Career Development Conference
- May 1** - P2C NM Educator Workshops - Classroom Strategies Using Labor Market Navigator Cluster Maps ([Register](#))
- May 7** - NMACTE Social ([Join](#))
- May 7** - P2C Exemplar Lesson: Financial Literacy Lesson FL: 1.3 Opportunity Cost of Degrees: Lesson Summary ([Register](#))
- May 21** - Work-Based Learning Community of Practice: Future Support ([Learn more](#))
- May 29** - Advance CTE Career Clusters Community of Practice - 3:30 PM ET ([Register](#))
- May 31 - CTE Application Deadline**
- June 2-5** - AP Summer Institutes, Virtual ([Learn more and register](#))
- June 4** - NMACTE Social ([Join](#))
- June 9-12** - AP Summer Institutes, in-person in Albuquerque ([Learn more and register](#))
- June 22-24** - Four Corners Computer Science Convening - Flagstaff, AZ ([Learn more and register](#))
- June 24-25** - P2C Summer Summit (Details TBA)
- July 9-10** - MBA Research & Curriculum Center and NM PED: NM Futuring Panels, Management and Entrepreneurship / Marketing and Sales
- August 4** - Advance CTE Career Clusters Community of Practice - 2:30 PM ET ([Register](#))
- October 14** - Advance CTE Career Clusters Community of Practice - 3:00 PM ET ([Register](#))

NM Counselors Conference

March 31, 2025
Rio Rancho Public
Schools District Office

[CLICK HERE
TO REGISTER](#)

FREE Resources

P2C PATHWAY 2 CAREERS

P2C is available to all NM educators at no cost. Explore online math lessons for core secondary math courses with integrated career-connected learning, customized labor market data, and career exploration tools. Request your free account by filling out the [Get Started form](#). For more information or to set up complimentary professional development, contact Shelly.Robinson@P2C.org.

As part of the recently awarded Disability Innovation Fund (DIF) Grant, the NM PED and P2C are developing career story videos that showcase the journeys of individuals with disabilities. We are looking for volunteers to share their career stories!

[Click here to learn more.](#)

[Click here to fill out an interest form.](#)

Congratulations Dr. Jamie Acosta from Gadsden Independent School District on winning the P2C Parent Survey \$50 Amazon Gift Card! As part of the Fall 2024 P2C Parent Engagement Survey, every teacher in the state who had five or more parents complete the survey was entered into a drawing. Dr. Acosta's name was randomly selected from the qualifying participants.



Explore Benefits of New Mexico's NCHSE Membership

The National Consortium for Health Science Education (NCHSE) provides collaborative relationships to enhance and positively impact the lives of students interested in health professions. New Mexico's state membership provides state health science educators access to discounted resources, certificates, and curriculum enhancements; networking opportunities with health science leaders nationwide; plus professional development opportunities, webinars, and more!

[Learn more about member benefits here.](#)

New Mexico ACTE Center for CTE Professionals

CTE Learn's suite of free professional development resources, [linked here](#), is designed to support CTE professionals beyond the offered fee-based credit courses. CTE Learn also offers a student-centric resource, [CareerPrepped](#), to support your students' career development.

The PED is excited to announce that we're partnering with **MetaMetrics** to provide the **Lexile Framework for Reading** and the **Quantile Framework for Mathematics** to NM districts free of charge. Lexile and Quantile measures help personalize instruction, monitor growth and offer a parent-friendly metric to communicate student ability. Use Lexile and Quantile measures to find reading and math materials at a student's ideal challenge level.

[Learn more here.](#)



Career Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs)



NMCTSO Event Calendars

[BPA](#)

[SkillsUSA](#)

[HOSA](#)

[FFA](#)

[EdRising](#)

[DECA](#)

[FCCLA](#)

[TSA](#)

CTSO Canvas Courses

Learn how to advise CTSOs at your school with Canvas courses from the PED!

[FCCLA](#) [EdRising](#) [HOSA](#) [DECA](#) [BPA](#) [Skills USA](#)



[Learn more about member benefits here.](#)

New Mexico is an enhanced member of the Marketing and Business Administration (MBA) Research Consortium, which gives teachers statewide **free and at-cost** access to thousands of resources created for business, marketing, finance, management and entrepreneurship educators!

The **MBA Middle School Career Exploration Course** is free and sponsored by the Daniels Fund Ethics Initiative. The course contains 20 lessons that cover all 16 CTE Career Clusters, workplace skills, and student self-reflection. Each lesson contains extra resources, presentations, and additional activities that can be modified and presented in any order. The course can be downloaded as modules or as LMS-compatible files. [Learn more and download here.](#)



FREE and Open to the Community: RFK Charter High School Automotive Paint & Body

RFK Autobody Community School is free and open to all community members and students! Join on Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Student-centered classes are on Wednesdays from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM and are open to all students from the 9th to 12th grades.

Contact Clyde Ortiz for more information at clortiz@rfkcharter.net.

[Click here for a slideshow!](#)

Scholarships & More

The MASTERS Program Early College High School Hosts Career & College Open House



The MASTERS Program (TMP) Early College High School invites students, parents, and community members to attend the **TMP Options Career & College Open House on Thursday, March 6, 2025, from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM at the Santa Fe Community College (SFCC) Campus Center.** This exciting event will showcase TMP and SFCC programs designed to prepare students for both college and career success. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about dual-credit programs, industry-recognized credentials, and pathways to college degrees and workforce readiness. For more information, contact options@tmpsantafe.org.

Center for Inclusive Innovation Cybersecurity Pathways: Blueprint Design Cohort

Join the Cybersecurity Pathways: Blueprint Design Cohort, facilitated by the Center for Inclusive Innovation at Digital Promise, and become part of a nationwide initiative to prepare students for high-growth careers in cybersecurity. Districts will receive up to a \$5,000 grant for participating in the cohort and individual educators can receive incentives for their engagement. Districts will research and design a Cybersecurity Pathway blueprint to launch your cybersecurity program in SY25-26 and will receive support from a dynamic network of peer district leaders, experts, and industry partners.

[Learn more and apply here.](#)



Explore Financial Aid, Scholarships, and more (NMHED)



[Click here for all things FAFSA \(NMFAFSA.org\)](#)

[CCRB College Connections](#)

Opportunities for CTE Teachers to Connect and Collaborate

New Mexico CTE Teachers: Are you looking to connect and share ideas and resources with other CTE teachers from NM and beyond? Consider participating in these great collaboration opportunities:

- **NMACTE Socials:** Monthly virtual discussions with NM CTE professionals with breakout sessions for each ACTE Division. Next meetings: March 5, April 2, May 7, June 4. [Click here to join.](#)
- **Career Clusters Community of Practice:** A new initiative from Advance CTE, meet virtually with CTE professionals from across the country to discuss approaching adoption and implementation of the new Career Clusters Framework across a variety of topics. The first session will take place on [March 24th at 3pm ET \(click here to register\).](#)

NASA HUNCH 2024-25 Student Video Challenge

ACTE and NASA HUNCH are excited to host, in our seventh year, the student video challenge, offering students the opportunity to showcase the application of career and technical education (CTE) and project-based learning programs in high-demand career fields on Earth and in space. Our hope for this video challenge is to inspire students by sparking their imagination and creativity and broadening their knowledge about STEM careers.

This year's video challenge asks students to showcase CTE courses and careers that are and will be needed to help fulfill current and future NASA missions. The contest is open to students of all ages, including elementary, middle school, high school and postsecondary students in any school or who is homeschooled. Students may enter as individuals or as a team. However, students can submit only one video per year.

[Submissions are due April 1. Learn more here.](#)

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