



Virginia Association for Career and Technical Education 2020-2021 Issues and Solutions

Virginia ACTE supports over 4500 educators from every city and county in the Commonwealth, representing the 17 Career Clusters:

- Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources
- Architecture and Construction
- Arts, A/V Technology, and Communications
- Business Management and Administration
- Education and Training
- Energy
- Finance
- Government and Public Administration
- Health Science
- Hospitality and Tourism
- Human Services
- Information Technology
- Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security
- Manufacturing
- Marketing
- Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics
- Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics

Virginia ACTE Issues and Solutions 2020-2021 priorities:

1. Funding for the CTE Resource Center to support replacement of Virginia's Educational Resource System Online (VERSO)
2. Funding to enable school divisions to hire work-based learning (WBL) coordinators
3. Continued funding for industry-recognized standards, assessments, and certification credentials for CTE programs, staff, and students
4. Funding for CTE lab equipment and programs to prepare students for the Virginia workforce
5. Flexibility for postsecondary programs to address the critical shortage of highly qualified CTE teachers
6. Funding increase for the Governor's STEM Academies and Governor's Health Sciences Academies

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Virginia ACTE Supports Six Priorities for 2020-2021:

1. One-time funding of \$208,000 to maintain access to CTE Resource Center programs by replacing its VERSO curriculum delivery platform. This supports its mission of providing free curricula, resources, and career pathway and industry credential alignments to Virginia's CTE educators.
2. Funding to enable school divisions to hire work-based learning (WBL) coordinators.
3. Priority funding for industry-recognized standards, assessments, and certification credentials for CTE programs, staff, and students. Similar to SOL exams, these industry assessments validate student learning and offer an advantage for students to access in-demand, high-skill jobs.
4. Additional funding for CTE lab equipment and program improvements to prepare students for a competitive workforce and postsecondary education.
5. Development and strengthening of postsecondary teacher-preparation programs in CTE through Virginia's colleges and universities.
6. Funding increase for the Governor's STEM Academies and Governor's Health Sciences Academies, which prepare students for in-demand, high-wage, and high-skill careers throughout Virginia.

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