



Virginia Association for Career and Technical Education 2021-2022 Issues and Solutions

Virginia ACTE supports over 5,000 educators from every city and county in Virginia, 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 2021-2022 priorities:

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

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Virginia ACTE Supports Six Priorities for 2021-2022:

1. Funding to enable school divisions to hire work-based learning (WBL) coordinators to facilitate internships, apprenticeships, mentorships, job shadowing programs, and other workplace experiences.
2. 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.
3. Additional funding for CTE lab equipment and program improvements to prepare students for a competitive workforce and postsecondary education.
4. Development and strengthening of postsecondary teacher-preparation programs in CTE through Virginia's colleges and universities.
5. 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.
6. Support the expansion of elementary school CTE awareness initiatives that create opportunities for student exposure to career pathways that encourage awareness, interest, and readiness for secondary CTE programs.

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