

Welcome to Career and Technical Education (CTE)! This FAQ is not just information; it's your ticket to uncovering exciting pathways and opportunities that await you within our programs. Please take a moment to review this guide, and don't miss the chance to explore more detailed information on our CTE webpage.

Your journey begins now because YOUR PATH STARTS HERE!

LET'S TALK

Q: What is Career and Technical Education (CTE)?

Career and Technical Education (CTE) is not just an academic pursuit. Unlike core classes, CTE prepares students for specific careers by providing real-world skills and experiences. It's the perfect blend of classroom knowledge and practical application, opening doors to diverse career pathways. CTE equips you with the tools you need to thrive professionally.

Q: Who are CTE courses for?

CTE courses are for ALL students, whether you're bound for college or exploring alternative routes. Earn industry-based certifications, acquire hands-on skills, and set yourself apart from your peers, regardless of your post-graduation plans. So, whether you're stepping into higher education or diving straight into the workforce, CTE is where the path to your future career field starts.

Q: What programs are offered by Fort Bend ISD CTE?

- Accounting & Financial Services
- Animal Science
- Architectural Drafting & Design
- Automotive and Collision Repair
- Biomedical
- Cosmetology & Personal Care Services
- Culinary Arts
- Diagnostic & Therapeutics
- Digital Communications
- Engineering Foundations
- Entrepreneurship
- Exercise Science, Wellness, & Restoration
- Family & Community Services
- Graphic Design & Interactive Media
- Human Services
- HVAC & Sheet Metal
- JROTC
- Law Enforcement
- Marketing & Sales
- Networking Systems
- Programming & Software Development
- Teaching & Training
- Welding

Q: What are the benefits of completing a program of study?

By completing a CTE program, students not only acquire practical, hands-on skills that extend beyond traditional learning, but they also have the ability to earn an industry-based certification, enhancing their employability. Programs of study are designed to make students career-ready, providing a pathway to diverse and exciting career opportunities.

Q: Where are CTE programs offered?

All middle and high school campuses offer CTE programs for 7th – 12th-grade students.

Q: How can students enroll in CTE programs?

Students can select CTE courses based on their interests and appropriate grade level during the course selection period. Some FBISD CTE programs are application-based. For more detailed information on the CTE course offerings, please visit: www.fortbendisd.com/cte

Q: How can students participate in the James Reese Career and Technical Center programs?

James Reese Career and Technical Center offers unique pathways that are not offered anywhere else. All of the programs at James Reese require students to complete an application. Additional information about James Reese can be found at: <https://www.fortbendisd.com/jrctc>.

Q: Are there opportunities for students to participate in CTE-related clubs and organizations?

Yes, Career & Technical Student Organizations (CTSO) on each high school campus align with specific program areas.

FFA: Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources

DECA: Business, Marketing, & Finance

HOSA: Health Science

SkillsUSA: Arts A/V, Health Science, Law & Public Service, Manufacturing, Transportation Distribution & Logistics, Cosmetology

FCCLA: Family & Community Services, Human Services, Hospitality & Tourism

TSA: Engineering, Information Technology, Architecture & Construction

Q: Can students earn college credit through CTE programs?

Students can earn college credit at designated campuses across the district in dual credit CTE offerings.

Q: How does CTE prepare students for the workforce?

CTE provides students with various real-world learning experiences, including classroom guest speakers, industry field trips, and work-based learning opportunities to expose students to potential career fields and relevant learning experiences.