



# Career Technical Education Commission

## FACT SHEET

### Preparing career ready graduates

To assist the district’s mission of preparing career ready graduates, the Superintendent commissioned the Commission on Workplace Readiness and Career Technical Education (CTE).

### Developing character and competencies for workplace success

The Commission developed recommendations for a district-wide action plan to ensure that all students will graduate with the character and competencies necessary for workplace success. The recommendations include:

- character and competencies that define a “career ready graduate”
- improvements to current delivery of career technical education
- system-wide reform initiatives around career awareness and exploration
- opportunities for business and community engagement that focus on exposing students to the world of work

### Systemizing Career Technical Education

The Commission’s action plan includes recommendations for systemizing career technical education throughout the entire Fresno Unified School District. The action plan includes recommendations on meaningful business/community engagement, workplace-based opportunities, work skills assessment, support systems for students, facilities improvements, and career awareness and exploration among others.

### Comprehensive report online

The Commission presented its report to the FUSD Board of Education in May 2009. The comprehensive report is online at [www.fresnok12.ca.us](http://www.fresnok12.ca.us). For more information, contact Tracewell Hanrahan at [tracewell.hanrahan@fresnounified.org](mailto:tracewell.hanrahan@fresnounified.org).

### At-a-Glance

#### Superintendent’s Commission on Workforce Readiness and Career Technical Education

- Commissioned in December 2008
- Developed recommendations to ensure that all students will graduate with the character and competencies necessary for workplace success
- Comprised of business, industry and community leaders, including CTE teachers and FUSD employees

#### Current CTE Facts

- 5,100 students enrolled in CTE courses in FUSD
- 295 sections of CTE classes offered at high school level
- 125 CTE teachers in FUSD
- \$4 million budget from multiple sources

#### Research shows that CTE matters

- Higher academic achievement when students see direct connection between what they are learning and how it relates to careers
- Lowers risk of dropping out
- Engages students in learning

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