



TODAY'S SKILLS
TOMORROW'S CAREERS

Information for Grade 6–8 Principals

Career and Technical Education Career Clusters BINGO Challenge

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) strongly encourages your school's participation in the **Career and Technical Education Career Clusters (CTE) BINGO Challenge**. This challenge will support and enhance your ongoing efforts to keep career awareness and exploration skills an integral part of student learning by having students investigate today's skills for tomorrow's careers. As you know, CTE works for all students. Middle school students participating in career exploratory programs and activities are more likely to develop achievable educational and career paths in high school. Graduates of today's rigorous and relevant CTE programs are better prepared for high-wage, high-skill, and in-demand careers.

In order to make this challenge meaningful, we ask that you consider the following:

- Schedule a virtual planning meeting with teachers, selected PTA members, and representatives from your youth organizations to discuss your school's participation in the challenge.
- Prepare a letter about the importance of CTE, career awareness and exploration, and distribute copies to all of your students and their parents. Let them know your school is participating in the CTE BINGO Challenge, and encourage them to accept the challenge.
- Distribute with your letter the CTE BINGO Challenge and the information sheet, "A Message to Grade 6–8 Parents, Guardians, and Families."
- Send questions to [Kyllie Freeman](#).

**Thank you for supporting the CTE BINGO Challenge, and for
all you do year-round to enrich the lives of Connecticut students.**



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