

Career and Technical Education Tiering for Fair Student Funding as of April 2010

Overview:

Fair Student Funding (FSF) covers basic instructional needs and is allocated to each school based on the number and needs of students at the school. All money allocated through FSF can be used at the principals' discretion after contractual and mandated services are satisfied.

FSF money follows each student to the public school that he/she attends. Each student receives a base level of funding dependent only on grade level. Students with special needs receive additional dollars. Additionally, students enrolled in high schools designated as "**Career and Technical Education (CTE)**" are entitled to specialized weighting consistent with their CTE program of study.

Portfolio Weighting: CTE High Schools

Students attending CTE High Schools are funded according to a four-tier structure. The current tiers are:

Current CTE Tier	FSF Weight
Nursing	.26
Health/Trade/Technical	.17
Business	.12
Home Economics / Arts	.05

The tiered structure reflects the *relative* cost factors necessary to operate different CTE programs of study. The significant factors reflected in this structure are: class size requirements, equipment and materials, industry training for teachers, and start up costs. Tier 1 and 2 programs require significantly lower class size, industry specific equipment, and highly specialized and ongoing industry training.

The simple Tier definition labels above do not adequately capture the range of program pathways encapsulated in each tier. Further explanation is summarized below and detailed program level information can be provided.

Tier 1 Programs	Tier 2 Programs	Tier 3 Programs	Tier 4 Programs
Nursing	Architecture & Construction: Technical pathways	Architecture & construction: pre-design and design pathways	Media & communications (including some graphics pathways)
Agriculture & Veterinary	Commercial Arts	Arts, AV, Technology & Communications pathways	Policy
Aviation Technology	Health Science (pathways other than nursing)	Business pathways	Education
	Computer networking and repair	Management & Administration	Journalism
	Cosmetology	Finance	Law studies
	Engineering	Law enforcement	
	Automotive technology and repair	Hospitality & Tourism	
		Information technology relating to business	
		Marketing, Sales, Services	

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