

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT ADVANCE CTE

Who Is Advance CTE?

Advance CTE: State Leader Connecting Learning to Work is the longest-standing national non-profit that represents State Directors and state leaders responsible for secondary, postsecondary and adult Career Technical Education (CTE). Advance CTE was formerly known as the National Association of State Directors of Career Technical Education Consortium (NASDCTEc).

Why Did We Change Our Name?

We have maintained essentially the same name since our founding in 1920. With the changing role and prominence of CTE in our education and workforce development systems and the evolving responsibilities of our members, we decided to change our name to one that:

- Better reflects our members and their priorities and portfolios;
- Reaffirms our core beliefs about who we are and how we want others to think of us; and
- Identifies what we aspire to be to help us extend the reach and impact of our work to build partnerships, awareness, resources, and support for the CTE community.

Why “Advance CTE?”

The name was developed collaboratively with our members and is built on our commitment to being visionary, forward-looking, engaging, and inclusive. We are the only organization that provides state-level CTE leaders with the network, resources and advocacy support needed to ensure CTE is a full partner in the movement to prepare students and workers successfully for a more competitive American workforce and economy. We believed our name should reflect that.

Does this Mean We No Longer Represent State CTE Directors?

We absolutely still represent and work on behalf of State CTE Directors from across the country, representing their priorities in Washington, D.C., and building the partnerships, professional development and resources that help them be successful in their states and communities. However, our membership has long included a broader set of state leaders – for example, some states have more than one state agency with governing or administrative leadership over CTE at the secondary, postsecondary and/or workforce development levels – and it is important this diversity is reflected in our new name.

What Is The Center to Advance CTE?

The Center to Advance CTE is our 501(c)3 affiliate organization, which shares governance with Advance CTE. It was formerly the National Career Technical Education Foundation (NCTEF) and has been renamed in alignment with our new organizational brand.