CTE Funding in Rhode Island
Supporting robust, equitable career education opportunities for all

1. One Formula

Established with the support and input of the CTE Funding Working Group and the CTE Board of Trustees, our approach to CTE funding applies the same process to all schools of choice - charters, state schools, and CTE programs. This formula factors in local per pupil costs, state share, and community wealth.

2. Fair Funding

The formula contains the same 7% hold-back as charters, limiting the risk for a sending LEA, but is also nimble and allows LEAs to maintain any existing local agreements.

3. State Support

To account for high-cost programs, RIDE will establish cost benchmarks based on average program expenses under UCOA. The state will pay that CTE Categorical funding to the receiving district.

4. Transparency & Stability

This process goes into effect July 1, 2018, but will be phased in over a three-year period. In the absence of any mutually-developed local agreements, RIDE-approved CTE programs (receiving districts) will use this process to bill the district of resident (sending districts) for enrolling out-of-district students.