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LEGISLATIVE AGENDA & APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST:

**WHAT IS THE
LEGISLATIVE
AGENDA?**

Each year, OkACTE prepares a legislative agenda, a plan, for lobbying at the Oklahoma Capitol. This document, coupled with a breakdown of the Oklahoma CareerTech Appropriations Request is a great resource when visiting the Oklahoma Capitol, or visiting with your local legislator.

2023 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA



The Oklahoma Association for Career and Technical Education, OkACTE, advocates for policy and legislation that best serves and protects the integrity of the Oklahoma Career and Technology system. Our legislative priorities reflect our commitment to fostering a skilled workforce and strengthening Oklahoma's economy.

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- * Ensure that Oklahoma's promise is available to all eligible students including those who participate in high quality career and technical education programs at technology centers.

ECONOMIC & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES

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- * Fully support legislation that encourages sound growth in emerging and expanding industries such as but not limited to film, movies, music, aerospace, manufacturing and healthcare.
- * Support legislation that reduces employer risk when partnering with educational entities to provide work-based learning opportunities for students.
- * Support the implementation of a pilot program to allow diploma RN program to be created at four technology centers. The programs must be offered in cooperation with higher education institution and an industry partner.

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 - Increase support for existing PK-12 CTE Programs (411 & 412 funding)
 - Increase enrollment capacity at Technology Centers
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 - Fully fund of the Flex Benefit Allowance for all educational employees
- * Maintain the Oklahoma Department of CareerTech as an independent state agency supporting all facets of Oklahoma's Career and Technology education programs.
- * Support full funding of the Oklahoma Ad Valorem Reimbursement Fund.
- * Support the restoration and/or increase of funding of critical social services to insure that all citizens have access to the support they need to eliminate barriers which keep them from bettering their situations through education.
- * Oppose any voucher proposal that takes away funding or resources from public education.
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