

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.

## CAREER DEVELOPMENT & ACADEMIC SUCCESS

- ✓ Protect and strengthen CareerTech's mission and education focus.
- ✓ Maintain flexible graduation requirements that include Career and Technology Education courses and programs.
- ✓ Support pathways to increase health care professionals.

## COMMUNICATION

- ✓ Support clarification on student communication regulations and rules.

## FUNDING

- ✓ Increase funding to CareerTech programs and continue to fund new programs as indicated in ODCTE's recommendation.

## RETIREMENT

- ✓ Ensure TRS remains a defined benefit plan and create incentives for retired educators to return to the classroom
- ✓ Create an innovative process and funding mechanism to support a Cost-Of-Living Adjustment (COLA) for retirees.

## WORKFORCE

- ✓ Support enhancing CTE Apprenticeships and Work-Based Learning opportunities.
- ✓ Eliminate the adjunct teacher annual renewal. Support creating a certification to exist for the entirety of employment of the instructor.

