

**KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND
STUDENT TRANSITION**



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The Office of Career and Technical Education and Student Transition (OCTEST) provides guidance and technical assistance to schools and districts in the implementation of career pathways that prepare students to transition from high school to postsecondary education and the workforce. Additionally, the OCTEST oversees the operation of the Kentucky Tech System of 53 area technology centers (ATCs) and is responsible for the management of the Carl D. Perkins federal grant.

DIVISION OF TECHNICAL SCHOOLS AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Tom Thompson, Director

Kiley Whitaker, Assistant Director

Lea Lewis, Branch Manager

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- Provides management, supervision, professional development and support for 53 state-operated ATCs (budget support, procurement, memorandums of agreement, contracts, special projects, and career and technical student organization financial audits).
- Monitors state and federal career and technical education (CTE) data and continuous improvement efforts.
- Manages occupation-based teacher certification and the New Teacher Institute for all CTE programs.
- Manages Carl D. Perkins Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act and provides support for local beneficiaries of Perkins funds.
- Provides funding and guidance to local area vocational education centers (LAVECs).
- Manages and provides support for the state Technical Education Database System (TEDS).
- Provides support, professional development and data management for transition readiness accountability (end-of-program assessments, industry certifications, youth/pre-apprenticeship and dual credit).

DIVISION OF STUDENT TRANSITION AND CAREER READINESS

Pamela Moore, Director

Robin Linton, Branch Manager
Vacant, Branch Manager

- Provides technical assistance and support to all secondary CTE programs in the implementation of CTE career pathways, curriculum, interdisciplinary coursework, etc.
- Provides technical assistance and support for the implementation of student leadership development opportunities through career and technical student organizations (CTSOs), including the coordination of competitive events and state leadership conferences.
- Collaborates with business and industry partners and educators in the review, revision and development of career programs and pathways, end-of-program assessments and alignment of industry certifications.
- Collaborates with postsecondary institutions in the development and implementation of articulated credit opportunities for CTE students.
- Provides assistance to schools and districts in the alignment of career pathways to maximize dual credit and Work Ready Kentucky Scholarship opportunities for students.
- Facilitates the implementation of professional development and technical upgrade training for CTE teachers and administrators.
- Provides leadership in the development and implementation of the *Kentucky Academic Standards for Career Studies and Financial Literacy*.
- Provides leadership development opportunities for students at the Kentucky FFA Leadership Training Center (Hardinsburg, KY).