CLEBURNE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Career & Technical Education Partner Guide

Connecting Classrooms to Careers

Welcome

Dear Business and Community Partner,

Thank you for your interest in supporting Career and Technical Education (CTE). Our mission is to prepare students with the knowledge, skills, and experiences they need to succeed in today's workforce. We know this is only possible with strong partnerships between schools, businesses, and the community.

By joining us as a partner, you are helping students explore careers, gain industry credentials, and build the confidence they need to thrive. Together, we can strengthen our workforce pipeline and invest in the future of our community.

We look forward to collaborating with you!

Sincerely,
Jason Cooper
Cleburne ISD Career & Technical Education Director

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Why Partner?

For Students

- Gain hands-on experience in real workplace settings.
- Earn industry-recognized certifications.
- Build professional networks for future careers.
- Develop workplace readiness skills—communication, teamwork, and problem-solving.

For Employers

- Shape the future workforce by sharing expertise.
- Access a pipeline of motivated, skilled students.
- Strengthen employee engagement through mentoring opportunities.
- Increase visibility as a community leader invested in education.

For the Community

- Support a strong, local talent pipeline.
- Strengthen connections between schools, businesses, and families.
- Foster equity and opportunity for all students.
- Contribute to long-term economic growth.

Ways to Engage

Advisory Committee
Guide program quality and alignment by serving on the CTE Advisory Committee. Share insights on curriculum, industry standards, and workforce trends.

Job Shadowing
Host a student for a day to explore careers, observe workplace culture, and connect classroom learning with real-world practice.

Volunteer as CTSO Judge/Mentor
Support student leadership by mentoring, judging competitions, or serving as a guest speaker for Career & Technical Student Organizations.

Internships (Semester/Summer)
Offer students extended hands-on learning in your workplace. Internships prepare students for employment and give employers early access to talent.

Educator Externships
Provide teachers with short-term workplace experiences so they can bring updated industry practices back to their classrooms.

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Partnership Process

1. **Become a Partner** – Complete our quick online form.
2. **Connect with CTE Staff** – We'll match your interests with opportunities.
3. **Engage** – Host, mentor, volunteer, or serve on a committee.
4. **Evaluate & Grow** – Share feedback to strengthen programs and expand opportunities.

Expectations & Supports

- Flexible levels of commitment (from one-day volunteering to semester-long internships).
- All required background checks and safety protocols are supported by the district.
- CTE staff provide full support with scheduling, student preparation, and evaluation tools.

Success Stories

> *"My internship gave me the confidence to pursue welding as a career. I wouldn't have known this was the right path without my mentor."* — CTE Student

> *"Partnering with CTE has helped us connect with motivated students who are eager to learn. Several have joined our workforce full-time after graduation."* — Local Employer

Key Events & Dates

- **Fall Advisory Committee Meeting:** Late Fall
- **Spring CTE Showcase:** Early Spring
- **Internship Placements:** Begin each semester

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