

**STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION**  
May 2022

**TOPIC:** Approval of Secondary Designated Career and Technical Education School (DCTS) Application for “Futures Lab” DCTS Application submitted by Poudre School District

**PRESENTED BY:** Dr. Sarah Heath, Associate Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs – Career and Technical Education

**RELATIONSHIP TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN:** Transform the student experience. Create education without barriers through transformational partnerships  
Redefine our value proposition through accessibility, affordability, quality, accountability, resource development, and operational excellence

**EXPLANATION:**

The Career and Technical Act (CTA), formerly the Colorado Vocational Act of 1970, CRS 23-8-101, was adopted by the Colorado General Assembly to provide assistance to local school districts operating CTE programs approved by the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education. The process and disbursement of CTA funds are governed by the SBCCOE Rules and Regulations. Funds are dispersed to eligible districts as a reimbursement based on the previous year’s final financial report submitted to CCCS by each district on September 1st. Districts with a Designated Career and Technical School (DCTS) may claim up to 16% of the total eligible costs under these rules in the DCTS to defray the administrative expenses of operating the DCTS.

“A Designated Career and Technical School (DCTS) is a school whose school board has declared its role and mission to deliver intensive instruction in career and technical education (CTE). The School shall offer a minimum of five CTE approved unique single site programs and enroll at least 75% of the facility’s total secondary student population in CTE approved programs. The School shall offer specialized student support services staff (career and technical education-credentialed counselors and/or job development/placement specialists) and employ a CTE -credentialed administrator operating in that role. There shall be agreements for providing CTE which shall include, but are not limited to, other schools in-district and schools from neighboring districts.” — 8 CCR 1504-2 Rules for the Administration of CTA; Section 2.10

Application and Renewal. Districts shall submit requests for approval of a proposed DCTS and for renewal of approval of existing facilities on forms and containing

information required by the Board. DCTS approvals may be granted for a period of time not exceeding five (5) years, and must be renewed before the expiration of the prior approval period unless an extension is granted by the Board for special circumstances.

Disapproval or Revocation of Approval. The Board may deny approval of a proposed DCTS, or may revoke approval of an existing DCTS, if it finds that any of the criteria for eligibility are not being met.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval of the Futures Lab DCTS Application submitted by Poudre School District

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

DCTS Application and Support Materials from Poudre School District