

The background is a composite image. The top left shows a line of yellow school buses, with the number '32' visible on the front of one. The bottom left shows a classroom with blue walls, desks, chairs, and various educational materials. A large white diagonal shape cuts across the image from the top left to the bottom right, serving as a background for the text.

# The Office of Career and Technical Education

BR Subcommittee on Primary and Secondary Education  
& Workforce Development

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Kentucky Department of  
**E D U C A T I O N**

# RS24 HB 499 (KRS 157.069)

- KRS 157.069(5) Beginning with the 2024-2025 fiscal year and for each fiscal year thereafter, the Kentucky Department of Education shall distribute to local districts providing locally operated career and technical education and to state-operated area technology centers all general funds designated as supplemental funds to career and technical education programs...
- KRS 157.069 (5)(c)(1) Supplemental funds for career and technical education shall be divided and allocated to each local district providing locally operated career and technical education and to each state-operated area technology center, with sixty percent (60%) dedicated for enrollment-based funding and forty percent (40%) for incentive-based funding.
- RS24 HB 6 included notwithstanding language excluding the state-operated area technology centers (ATCs).

# RS24 HB 6

(8) Career and Technical Education: Included in the above General Fund appropriation is \$127,065,900 in fiscal year 2024-2025 and \$127,115,900 in fiscal year 2025-2026 for career and technical education. **Notwithstanding KRS 157.069, of this amount, \$70,063,400 in each fiscal year shall be distributed as supplemental funding to local area vocational education centers.** Notwithstanding KRS 157.069, Category II and III programs in districts established after June 21, 2001, shall be included in the distribution. The Department of Education shall classify each comprehensive high school with five or more career and technical education program areas as a local area vocational education center and shall also include any comprehensive high school with fewer than five career and technical education programs in the supplemental funding. The Department of Education shall communicate the updated status with the superintendent of each local school district no later than June 30, 2024. Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, any portion of General Fund not expended for this purpose shall lapse to the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705). Mandated reports shall be submitted pursuant to Part III, 24. of this Act.

## Proposed revisions:

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# FY26 SUPPLEMENTAL CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION FUNDING

PURSUANT TO KRS 157.069 AND 2024 HOUSE BILL 6

## \$70,063,400

to locally operated CTE programs (House Bill 6) allocated pursuant to KRS 157.069

**\$42,038,040**  
60% Weighted Full-Time  
Equivalent (WFTE) Funding

**\$28,025,360**  
40% Performance Incentives

**1.0**  
WFTE for general  
cost CTE pathways

**1.5**  
WFTE for high cost  
CTE pathways

**\$42,038,040** divided by the statewide total WFTE  
(**31,839.91**) equals WFTE value (**\$1320.29**)

Concentrators

Technical Skills

CTE Dual Credit

CTE Work-Based Learning

**\$28,025,360** divided by total number of statewide  
incentives (**61,468**) equals the per incentive value  
(**\$455.93**)

District number WFTE multiplied  
by the per WFTE value

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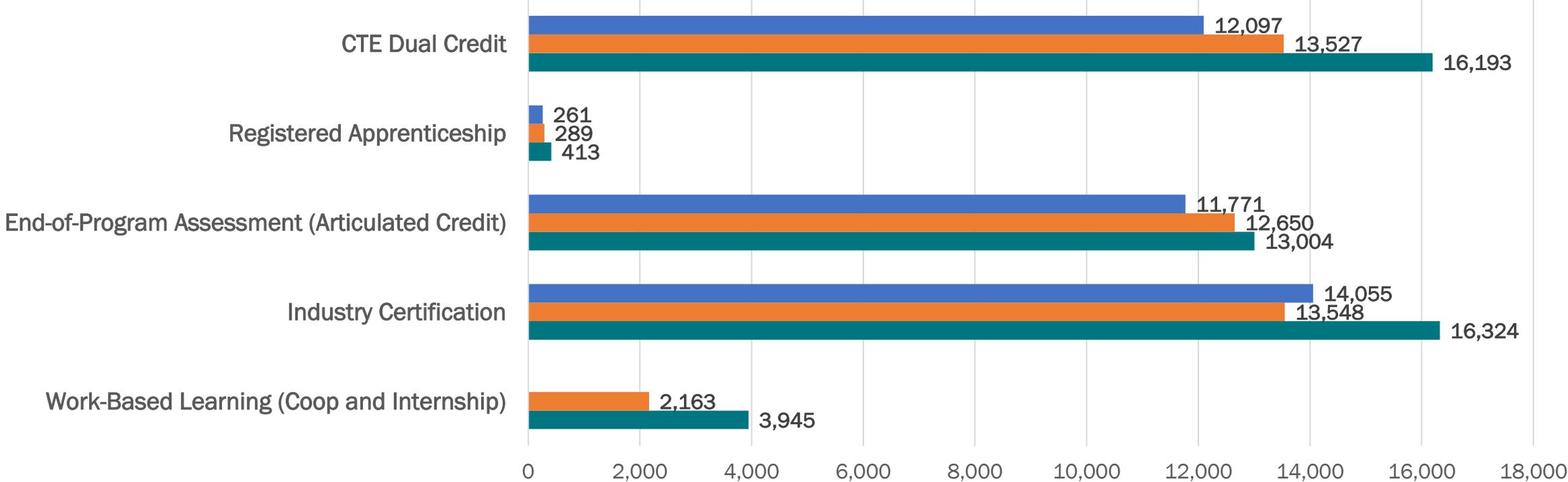
District number incentives multiplied  
by the per incentive value

=

District  
total allocation

# Career Readiness by Numbers

(12<sup>th</sup>-grade graduating cohort)



	Work-Based Learning (Coop and Internship)	Industry Certification	End-of-Program Assessment (Articulated Credit)	Registered Apprenticeship	CTE Dual Credit
■ 2022-2023		14,055	11,771	261	12,097
■ 2023-2024	2,163	13,548	12,650	289	13,527
■ 2024-2025	3,945	16,324	13,004	413	16,193

■ 2022-2023 ■ 2023-2024 ■ 2024-2025

Data source: State Report Card (SRC) as of 12.18.2025  
 WBL data was not collected until 2023-2024 for inclusion for accountability

# Funding Disparities

	WLTE Value	Incentive Value
Locally Operated Schools/Centers	\$1,320.29	\$455.93
ATCs	\$549.66	\$0

## Current Legislative Requests

- Remove the notwithstanding clause from the house budget bill
- Additional Budget Request (ABR) of \$29,578,704 over the biennium with \$14,789,352 in both FY27 and FY28.

# Area Technology Centers

● Area Technology Centers (ATCs)



