Vocational Education (Vo-Tech)
vs.
Career & Technical Education (CTE)

What's in a Name?

Why the Change?

Vo-Tech focused on...		CTE focuses on...
Students who performed poorly in academic courses and/or were not considered 'college material'	**STUDENTS**	ALL students, regardless of performance or postsecondary and career plans
A small number of low-wage careers	**CAREERS**	ALL careers, including high-demand fields such as health science, information technology, and advanced manufacturing
High school and traditional two-year postsecondary institutions only	**SCHOOL LEVEL**	Middle school through postsecondary, including technical institutes and universities
Static skills only, in place of academic preparation	**STANDARDS & ACADEMICS**	The integration of academics and career preparation within a rigorous standards-based curriculum
Short-term training and either training at a two-year postsecondary institution or no college	**TRAINING**	Professional certifications, associate degrees, four-year degrees and beyond

Vo-Tech

NARROW FOCUS, SMALL IMPACT

vs.

CTE

BROAD FOCUS, LARGE IMPACT

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