

158.812 Legislative findings and declarations.

- (1) The purposes of elementary and secondary education programs of career and technical education:
 - (a) Provide students opportunities to increase academic skills in mathematics, science, English, and communications as well as technical literacy in work-based settings;
 - (b) Provide students a variety of opportunities to master the usage of technology;
 - (c) Prepare individuals with specialized, transferable academic skills and technical skills for gainful employment in entry-level positions in broad-based career fields; and
 - (d) Assist individuals in the process of preparing for successful transition from school to work, or to postsecondary education, or to the military.
- (2) The General Assembly acknowledges that:
 - (a) Rigorous, high-quality career and technical education offers students an opportunity to develop skills in mathematics, science, communication, problem-solving, and career and technical areas that are essential to meet the goals for Kentucky education as described in KRS 158.6451 and to help students achieve the capacities required of all students and defined in KRS 158.645;
 - (b) Students need access to programs that meet high standards and connect technical skills with core academic requirements for high school students;
 - (c) Students can accelerate their overall scholastic achievement when given an opportunity to learn in an integrated school- and work-based environment; and
 - (d) The General Assembly has a responsibility to provide the resources that recognize the increased costs for offering high-quality, relevant technical programs.

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