

THE WEDNESDAY READER
September 1, 2021

Please note, I will be out of the office September 2-7. Enjoy the holiday weekend.

Updated Business Ed & CTE Resources Available for Download & for Your Binder

Over the summer, the [Framework for Business Education in Montana](#) (item #2 in the shared folder) was updated for the *new National Standards for Business Education* released September 2020. The Framework includes both a vertical alignment to the new national standards as well as a crosswalk.

The crosswalks within the Framework for the Business Professionals of America and DECA competitive events will be updated within the next couple of weeks as soon as competitive event materials are released.

Also this summer, the new [Montana K-12 Content Standards for Career and Technical Education](#) (item #8 in the shared folder) became official as of July 1. To assist in utilizing the new CTE standards, I have developed a guide with some information and background details regarding the rewriting of the standards and it includes a listing of the standards by each standard to see the progression from grades K-12 and a listing of the grade-level specific standards. Thank you to our Montana Business & Marketing Education professionals who were part of the writing team for the new CTE standards, Tara Berg (Harlowton) and Dana Grupenhoff (Noxon).

As the new Montana CTE Standards are based upon the 12 Career Ready Practices of the [Common Career Technical Core](#), I am updating Montana Business Education Curriculum Resources binders to include the Montana CTE Standards as the fourth section, replacing the Common Career Technical Core. Feel free to keep the Common Career Technical Core in your binders as reference and to aid in pathway development.

You can download this resources, as well as the Montana Business Education Planner Calendar for 2021-2022 and the Montana OPI TEAMS K-12 Course Codes, Business & Marketing Education Reference Manual at bit.ly/MTBusEd21-22.

NICE K-12 Cybersecurity Virtual Conference—Early-Bird Registration Opens Today, Sept. 1

The 2021 National Initiative for Cybersecurity Education (NICE) [K12 Virtual Cybersecurity Education Conference](#) takes place December 6-7, 2021. Pre-Conference Workshops will take place on December 4-5.

This year's event will provide you with education and learning tools you can use immediately in your classroom. You can access it all from the convenience of your home or office.

THE [2021 NICE K12 Conference](#) will be jam-packed with keynote speakers, presentations, panels, and break-out sessions covering five tracks:

- Track 1: Increasing Cybersecurity Career Awareness
- Track 2: Engaging Students Where Disciplines Converge
- Track 3: Stimulating Innovative Cybersecurity Educational Approaches
- Track 4: Promoting Cybersecurity Career Pathways
- Track 5: Promoting Cyber Awareness

The conference agenda will include both live virtual sessions and on-demand video content. All of the content will be available to attendees for up to a year post-event. Plus, abundant networking opportunities including discussion boards, social groups, one-on-one meetups, gamification, and more.

Join your fellow educators, administrators, school counselors, students, and representatives from government and industry at what is sure to be an awesome event. The [\\$125 Early Bird Registration](#) pricing lasts only until October 31, 2021. Full price tickets are \$150.

CodeHS Offering a Number of Free Virtual Workshops to Help You Start Your New Year

[CodeHS](#) is offering several free, virtual professional learning opportunities for teachers as the new school year begins.

Attend a variety of [free PD workshops and webinars](#) to help you navigate the CodeHS platform this school year.

- Planning for a Successful Year with Pro - Wednesday, September 1 @ 3:30pm (MDT)
- Using the CodeHS Step-by-Step Debugger - Wednesday, September 8 @ 5 pm (MDT)
- An Introduction to the CodeHS IDE - Thursday, September 9 @ 2 pm (MDT)
- Behind the Scenes of a CodeHS Lesson - Tuesday, September 14 @ 1:30pm (MDT)
- New CodeHS Teaching Tools Built for You - Thursday, September 16 @ 2 pm (MDT)

For complete details, and to register to participate in these and many others, please visit the [CodeHS Upcoming Events Calendar](#).

Register Today for the FREE New CTE Professionals Hybrid Workshop 2021

The Office of Public Instruction's Career and Technical Education Specialists will be conducting a New CTE Professionals Hybrid Workshop via three (3) sessions—two (2) virtually and one (1) live, in-person—beginning Tuesday, September 21, via Zoom.

The New CTE Professionals Hybrid Workshop 2021 focuses on early-career professionals—specifically Career & Technical Education professionals within the first five (5) years in a Montana Career & Technical Education classroom. Additionally, Montana CTE professionals who have participated in the past are invited to attend to enhance their classroom skills and knowledge of Career & Technical Education. School administrators and counselors who maybe new to or want to learn more about Career & Technical Education in Montana are also invited to attend.

This FREE professional learning opportunity will provide attendees with information on a variety of topics related to Career & Technical Education including

- Advisory committees,
- Classroom safety & liability,
- CTE and program-area standards and guidelines,
- Dual Enrollment,
- Instructional strategies for the CTE classroom,
- Managing and marketing local Career and Technical Student Organizations,
- Montana Career Pathways,
- Perkins funding,
- Professional development organizations,
- State CTE funding & data reporting,
- Work-Based Learning, and
- Workplace Skills through your CTSOs.

The hybrid workshop will be held virtually Tuesday afternoon September 21 and October 12, and live, in-person, on Wednesday, October 20 in Bozeman at the GranTree Inn.

The workshop is offered free of charge and up to seven (7) OPI Renewal Units will be offered.

Additional details about the New CTE Professionals Hybrid Workshop 2021, including a schedule of events, is available on the [Secondary CTE](#) page of the OPI website (scroll down the page to find and download the flyer).

Registration for the New CTE Professionals Hybrid Workshop 2021 can be completed and submitted online at bit.ly/NewCTE2021. Registrants will receive a packet of materials onsite in Bozeman on Wednesday, October 20. To be included in the materials count, please submit registration by the end of the day on Monday, September 20, 2021. Please note, materials cannot be guaranteed for registrations received after September 20.

For registration assistance or for more information, please contact Business Education: Eric Swenson at eswenson@mt.gov.

[New Standards for 2021: Overview and Planning for Implementation OPI Learning Hub Course Now Available](#)

July 1, 2021, marked the official implementation date of five (5) new sets of [Montana K-12 content standards](#)—Career & Technical Education (CTE), Computer Science, Library Media and Information Literacy, Social Studies, and Technology Integration.

To support Montana educators learn more about the new standards and to offer ideas and resources for implementation, the Office of Public Instruction has developed a new course on the [OPI Learning Hub](#) titled “New Standards for 2021: Overview and Planning for Implementation”.

The “New Standards for 2021” course takes participants through an overview of each of the five new standards and includes details about what is new within the standards, direct access to each set of K-12 standards, links to planning and instructional resources, model curriculum guides, and connections to Indian Education for All.

Educators who successfully complete the “New Standards for 2021” will earn three (3) OPI renewal units. The course can be completed during one sitting or can be completed over multiple sessions as time permits.

If needed, Montana educators can register for a free account on the [OPI Learning Hub](#) site.

For questions or OPI Learning Hub support, please contact Allyson Briese, Teacher Learning Hub Content Specialist, at allyson.briese@mt.gov.

Copies of the new K-12 content standards can be downloaded from the [Content Standards and Resources](#) section of the OPI website.

[ADOBE MAX—The Creative Conference: Imagine. Connect. Create. Virtual & Free for 2021](#)

Adobe will again hold their [Adobe MAX](#) conference in a virtual format and at no cost to participate.

Imagine. Connect. Create. This year’s [Adobe MAX—The Creative Conference](#) will be held October 26-28. Registration can be completed today via the [Adobe MAX](#) website. Registration requires an Adobe ID account; if you do not have one, you can create an account for free.

If you do plan to participate in Adobe MAX, be sure to work with your school/district to get OPI Renewal Units for the conference. As an out-of-state event, local districts can approve and grant OPI Renewal Units.

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