What is an Advisory Committee

Advisory committees promote greater cooperation between career and technical education and business/industry.

They're made up primarily of private-sector members who volunteer their time, talent and knowledge to support and strengthen career and technical education programs.

Advisory committees have three major roles:

- To advise
- To assist
- To support and advocate for career and technical education

important service An that committee members provide is to assist faculty in identifying career knowledge and skills so that instruction will better reflect business/industry and further strengthen career and technical education.

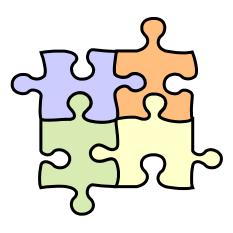


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Local Advisory Committee

MEMBER'S GUIDE

Thank You

Thank you for volunteering your time and energy to assist Oregon Career and Technical Education (CTE) and to serve on a Local Advisory Committee.

One of the most common characteristics of quality CTE programs is their close tie to business and industry as well as to the community.

This guide attempts to answer frequently asked questions pertaining to advisory committees.

The Importance

"Schools and business that work together not only reinforce the importance of business-education partnerships, but also the need for everyone to work toward a common goal: building a better community."

> --Techniques-Association for Career and Technical Education

"Career training must be of high quality for Americans to compete in the international marketplace. Using the advice of experts to keep career programs delivering the latest in technology processes and systems is good for students, employer and the economy."

U.S. News & World Report

How does this Benefit my Business?

As the work place increasingly becomes more technological, complex and competitive, welltrained workers have become difficult to find.

Advisory committee membership provides:

- Direct access to skilled potential employees
- Opportunities to influence training of the current and future workforce
- A setting to develop networking relationships with professionals in your respective field

What are my Responsibilities?

Committee members work to strengthen and modernize the CTE program. It's important that members:

- Attend/participate in meetings
- Suggest/develop agenda items
- Help determine priorities and ways to achieve them
- Accept/carry out assignments

What are the Functions of an Advisory Committee?

Committees develop a program of work based on the needs of the program and the requirements of the business community. These are eight major areas committees *may* consider assisting with:

- Community Relations
- Curriculum
- Community Resources
- Recruitment
- Career and Technical Student Organizations
- Job Placement
- Staff Development
- Program Review

On average, advisory committees meet twice a year.

Advisory committees are effective when all those involved (instructors, administrators and committee members) work cooperatively to enhance and improve the program.

