

CTE Finance in Focus: Updates and Practices That Drive Program Success

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CTE Funds

PRC	Fund Source	Description/Use
0013	State	Months of Employment
0014	State	CTE Program Support
0017	Federal	CTE Program Improvement & Maintenance
0083	State	CTE Student Credentials

All CTE funds terminate on June 30 – there is no carryover for CTE funds!





Career Related Funds Not Addressed Here

PRC	Fund Source	Description/Use		
0023	State	Modernization Grant		
0079	State	EWIF Grants Grade Expansion Grant Innovation Grant		
0424	State	Agriculture Grant		
0256	State	Homebuilders Grant		
0253	State	Health Careers Grant		
0065	State	Coding & Mobile App Development		
0194	State	Hospitality and Tourism Grant		

Guidance and Policy for these PRCs are governed by the grant administrator.





NC CTE Fiscal and Policy Guide

- Provides guidance and policy for the use of CTE funds.
 - Does not address grant funds listed on the previous slide (Career Related Funds Not Addressed Here).
- Revised and released twice each year.
 - August: major updates as needed.
 - January: update mileage rates for the new year.

Fiscal and Policy Guide

A Guide for Administering Career and Technical Education in the Public Schools of North Carolina





Locating the NC CTE Fiscal and Policy Guide



- Here is where it is easily accessible:
- Allotments Funding
 Public School Units | NC
 DPI
- Scroll to the bottom under RELATED CONTENT

Home > Districts & Schools > District Operations > Financial and Business Services

> Allotments - Funding Public School Units

Allotments — Funding Public School Units

Related Content

- <u>Highlights of the NC Public School Budget</u>
- CTE Fiscal Policy Guide





Fiscal and Policy Guide by Fund Source-Appendix C

Purpose	Object				
Code	Code	Title	0013	0014	0017
51200	02320	CTE - Employer's Workers' Comp Ins	*	*	*
51200	02330	CTE - Employer's Unemployment Ins			*
51200	02340	CTE - Employer's Dental Ins Cost			*
51200	03110	CTE - Contracted Services		*	*
51200	03120	CTE - Workshop Exp/Allowable Travel		*	*
51200	03130	CTE - Contracted Instructional Substitutes		*	*



Requirements for CTE Funding

- A CTE Local Application is approved annually by RCs in CCIP
 - Due June 30th
- PRC 0017, PRC 0014 and PRC 0013 are included as part of this approval process
 - We will not approve any PRC that is over budget
 - Please do not use object code 399 (unbudgeted funds)
 - A nominal value is approvable
 - \$4,000 would not be approvable



Requirements for CTE Funding

- We are looking for intentional, strategic thought for use of CTE funds to promote high quality CTE programs.
 - These purchases are planned as part of the CTE local application
 - The majority of spending should not occur in months 10, 11, 12.
 - There are late year activities that continue to need support (CTSOs, PD, animals)
- Directors complete a Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment (CLNA) every two years that informs strategies and purchasing
 - This is all part of CCIP (approval CTE local application)
 - CLNA is happening this school year
- There are also Narratives included as part of the CTE Local Application that inform us of funding plans that align to the strategies as written.
 - "Describe how the results of the CLNA informed the selection of the specific CTE programs and activities selected to be funded."





PRC 0083-State Credential Funds

Purpose

 PSU funding to provide students an opportunity to obtain recognized credentials.

Eligibility

 A PSU who has students who are enrolled in career and technical education courses.

Formula

 Based on a PSU's current year enrollment in courses that are approved in NC SBOE Policy SCOS-005 and Local Course Options that lead to a credential.

NC GS115C-156.2 Industry Certifications and Credentials Program

It is the intent of the State to encourage students to enroll in and successfully complete rigorous coursework and credentialing processes in career and technical education to enable success in the workplace. To attain this goal, to the extent funds are made available for this purpose, students shall be supported to earn State Board of Education approved industry certifications and credentials as follows:

- Students enrolled in public schools and in CTE courses **shall be exempt from paying any fees for one administration of examinations leading to industry certifications** and credentials pursuant to rules adopted by the State Board of Education.
- The Department of Commerce shall provide the SBOE with a list of occupations in high need of additional skilled employees. If the occupations identified in such list are not substantially the same as those occupations identified in the list from the prior year, reasonable notice of such changes shall be provided to local school administrative units.
- Local school administrative units shall consult with their local industries, employers, business advisory
 councils, and workforce development boards to identify industry certification and credentials that the
 local school administrative unit may offer to best meet State and local workforce needs.



PRC 0083 Allowable Expenditures

- Credential assessment fees or vouchers that allow a student to take an industry assessment.
 - May also provide an opportunity to retake an assessment
 - May also support CTE CCP credentials
- Credential test prep materials. (Ex: Sample assessments, software assessment prep packages)
 - Must offer the related credential to all students
 - Any tangible materials remain property of PSU
- Transporting students to a testing center to take a credential assessment.
- Postage when directly related to credential. (Ex: mailing a welding sample to be evaluated)



PRC 0083 Not Allowable

- Cannot transfer funds to or from this PRC.
- Cannot purchase credential vouchers for teachers.
- Cannot purchase items deemed to be curriculum support.



PRC 0083 – Chart of Accounts

Purpose Code	Object Code	Title	0083
51200	03330	CTE - Field Trips (Transportation to and from certifying agency)	*
51200	03420	CTE – Postage (ex: mailing welding sample)	*
51200	03510	CTE – Tuition Fees (Credential Opportunity)	*
51200	04110	CTE – Supplies and Materials (Credential Prep Materials ONLY)	*



PRC 0013

O013 State Months of Employment

Use CTE personnel in grades 6-12. One MOE equals a unit of employment corresponding to a calendar month.

For Employ non-administrative CTE personnel in LEA to satisfy one or more of the identified purposes.

Time July 1 through June 30 – no carryover!

PRC 0013 CTE Months of Employment

- CTE MOE's purpose is to fund appropriately licensed teachers and support staff in CTE
- CTE Directors share their CTE Personnel Spreadsheet (PRC 0013 MOEs spreadsheet) in NCCCIP as part of the approval process on their CTE Local Application
- We ask that they include in the spreadsheet any CTE staff, regardless of funding source (paid from local funds, PRC 0014 or PRC 0017)
- Updates are also shared with RC after an ABC transfer is completed

Common CTE Staff Budget Codes



- CTE Clerical (Admin Assistant, Finance Clerk)
 - 16.61200.0014.01510
 - One position shall be based on the percentage of time an administrator is assigned to CTE (length of employment of the CTE administrator.)
 - If a CTE Administrator is assigned 50% CTE responsibilities and 50% in other areas of responsibility, CTE funds may only be used for up to 50% of the secretary salary.
 - Additional secretarial positions shall be based on one half-time (6-month) position for each additional full-time administrator to a maximum of two secretarial positions.
- CTE Technician (this position should not supplant Technology support for CTE)
 - 16.61200.0014.01520

Common CTE Staff Budget Codes



- CIMC (Curriculum & Instructional Management Coordinator)
 - 16.51200.0013.01350 (new)
 - Some districts have more than one of this position
 - Some are located at school sites
- CDC (Career Development Coordinator)
 - 16.<mark>51200</mark>.0013.01310
 - Some districts have more than one of this position
 - Some are located at school sites (including Middle Schools)
 - Some are titled Work Based Learning Coordinator, Career Academy Coordinator, etc
- SPC (Special Populations Coordinator)
 - 16.<mark>52200.</mark>0013.01310
 - Some districts have more than one of this position
 - Some are located at school sites

Common CTE Staff Budget Codes



- CTE Teacher
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 - **36.51200.0017.01210**
- CTE Adjunct Instructor (115C-157.1)
 - 16.51200.<mark>0014.01480</mark>
 - Shall be employed for no more than 20 hours per week or full-time for no more than five consecutive months
 - You may find additional information regarding CTE Adjunct Instructors:
 - CTE Fiscal & Policy Guide in the PRC 0014 section lists the hiring criteria
 - SBOE Policy EVAL-023 Board Policy with the outline for hiring criteria



Certification of Time and Effort

- Teachers paid in whole or in part from CTE Months of Employment are subject to Certification of Time and Effort.
 - Either <u>Semi Annual</u> or <u>Personnel Activity Report (PAR)</u>
 - See Appendix F of the Fiscal & Policy Guide for Time and Effort Reporting







Prorating of Salary for Support Services Personnel

- Proration of salary for CIMC, SPC, CDC must be based on the percentage of assignment within CTE and outside of CTE.
 - CTE Administrators in split positions (CIMC/CTE Administrator) must also divide salary source based on percentage of job performed
- The non-CTE/administrative duty must be paid from non-CTE funds.
- Monthly <u>Personnel Activity Reports (PARS)</u> are required to document time and effort.







PRC 0014

Definition and Purpose

0014 State funds CTE programs and activities in grades 6-12. Career awareness activities beginning in grade 5. Use For **Program Support** Time July 1 through June 30



Provide support for CTE program services and activities.

Funds used for instructional salaries, instructional support, along with clerical personnel to assist LEAs ...

... in the expansion, improvement, modernization and development of quality CTE programs in grades 6-12.

Purpose:





PRC 0017 Definition and Purpose Federal funds

Use

Federal funds that provide support to improve the academic and career and technical skills of students in grades 5-12 and postsecondary students

For

Development, Coordination, Implementation or Program Improvement

PRC 0017 - Eligibility

- Each LEA is entitled to funding upon
 - Completion of the CLNA
 - Completion of the CTE Local Application
 - Approval of the CTE Local Application by the Regional Coordinator.
- The Local Application must be approved prior to the LEA receiving the allotment.
- Note: Any LEA earning less than \$15,000, based on the formula, must enter a consortium with other LEAs, or be granted a waiver from the minimum grant requirement to be eligible for a grant.

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PRC 0017 Requirements for Use of Funds



- Funds **must** be expended for activities related to all six requirements:
 - Provide career exploration and career development activities through an organized, systematic framework designed to aid students, including in the middle grades, before enrolling and while participating in a career and technical education program, in making informed plans and decisions about future education and career opportunities and programs of study.
 - Professional development
 - Provide within career and technical education the **skills necessary** to pursue careers in high-skill, high-wage, or in-demand industry sectors or occupations
 - Support integration of academic skills into career and technical education programs
 - Implementation of career and technical education programs that result in **increasing student** achievement of the local levels of performance.
 - Develop and implement evaluations of the activities carried out with funds under this part, including evaluations necessary to complete the comprehensive needs assessment.
 (CLNA)





PRC 0017 EQUIPMENT

- RCs approve PRC 0017 budget and budget amendments through NCCCIP
- Justification or detail must be included for PRC 0017 equipment purchases included in .461, .462, .541. and .542
 - This justification must include:
 - School site
 - CTE program
 - Item
 - Quantity
 - Individual cost
 - Total cost

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Equipment Sequence		Quantity	Unit Cost	Equipment Amount	Equipment Justification
	Previous	4.00	\$3,900.00	\$15,600.00	EZG Hog trainer for masonry (MHS, Mr. Threatt)
1	Amended	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	Revised	4.00	\$3,900.00	\$15,600.00	

• CTE Directors have been asked to alert their RC to watch for budget amendments after submitting the information to their finance office



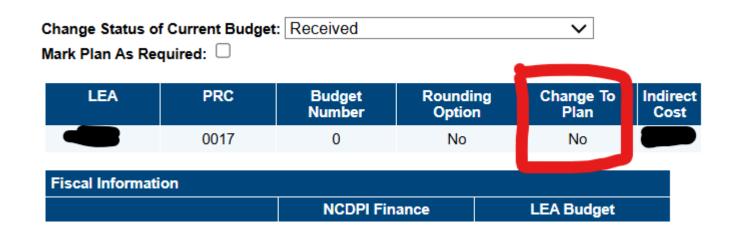
PRC 0017 EQUIPMENT - PRIOR APPROVAL

- Prior approval is required before purchasing equipment
 - UGG 200.313 guidance states: "Recipient or sub-recipient must not encumber the equipment without prior approval of the federal agency or pass through entity."
 - This includes equipment requiring a budget amendment
- It is not uncommon for an RC to receive a budget amendment for an equipment purchase and when we ask for specific details from the CTE Director we learn the purchase has already been made
 - UGG 200.1: "Prior approval means the written approval obtained in advance by an authorized official of a federal agency or passthrough entity of certain costs of programmatic decisions."
 - For CTE, this includes equipment purchases

PRC 0017 REMINDER



- We would prefer "Change to Plan" NO in NCCCIP
- If this is YES, the entire CTE Local Application is no longer approved (not only the PRC 0017 budget) and all required parties are updated regarding a "Revision Started" status





Common Monitoring Findings

shared with CTE Directors in Feb 2025 Spring CTE Conference



Common Monitoring Findings



Time and Effort/Semi-Annual Certifications

- Not completed or not on file
- Inaccurate

Supplanting

Items that are the responsibility of the school district

Licensure/Curriculum

- Teachers teaching courses without the proper licensure
- Prerequisites not approved by the state

Financial Issues

- Inaccurate budget codes
- Unallowable purchases (Questioned Cost)
- Item not used for the purpose of the grant
- Lack of proper documentation/Lack of internal controls
- Insufficient inventory system (lack of safeguarding)
- CTE Funds supporting a non-licensed CTE teacher
- Open Purchase Orders and p-card use (lack of internal controls)





2025-2026 CTE Fiscal Policy Updates and Reminders

shared with CTE Directors last week at CTE Summer Conference





FY26 Fiscal Policy Reminder

- FY25 0017 Budget Only Remaining Funds
 - We expect to continue to receive from previous grant year (last year you received FY24 0017 Budget Only Remaining Funds Perkins)
 - Please submit your budget quickly
 - Spend these funds right away
 - RCs aren't notified as you do a budget amendment with these funds
 - Please spend to zero



Budget Only Remaining Funds PRC 0017



Budget Only Remaining Funds PRC 0017

- In 2025-2026, these will be titled FY25 Budget Only Remaining Funds Perkins PRC 0017 – expected in late Fall
- Make every attempt to spend these funds to ZERO (\$0.00)





FAST FACTS: FY24 Budget Only Remaining Funds PRC 0017 – As of Month 11 (May 31st)

- 5 districts overspent these funds
 - This will likely be corrected by Finance in Month 12
- 50 districts spent 100% of these funds
- 43 districts spent 80% to 99.9% of these funds



FAST FACTS: FY24 Budget Only Remaining Funds PRC 0017 – As of Month 11 (May 31st)

- 7 districts spent 60% to 79.9% of these funds
- 2 districts spent 20% to 25% of these funds
- 1 district spent 1% to 5% of these funds
- 9 districts spent 0.00% of these funds
-you do not get these funds back!!!!

FY26 Fiscal Policy Reminder



- It is **NOT ALLOWABLE** to use CTE funds to pay a **student stipend** with object code **351**
 - This was allowed specifically when spending Career Accelerator Funds
- All equipment purchases using PRC 0017 funds must be approved prior to the purchase
 - Recommended to inform your RC to be on the lookout for an amendment
- Purchases of sheds or storage buildings must be reviewed and approved prior to purchase.

FY26 Fiscal Policy Updates



PRC 0013: SPARK NC Update

Based on the MOU agreement between the NC Office of Career and Technical Education at NCDPI and SparkNC, beginning in the 2025-26 school year a school district may **elect** to allocate up to 12 months of employment to fund a SparkLab leader. This agreement is in effect until the 2032-33 school year. Notwithstanding G.S. 115C-295, learning lab facilitators shall not be required to hold teacher licensure.

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FY26 Fiscal Policy Updates



- We have a new CIMC budget code
- The purpose for the change was to separate CIMC and CDC budget codes
- Please update to this code asap correct back to 07/01/2025
- This code is for CIMCs ONLY

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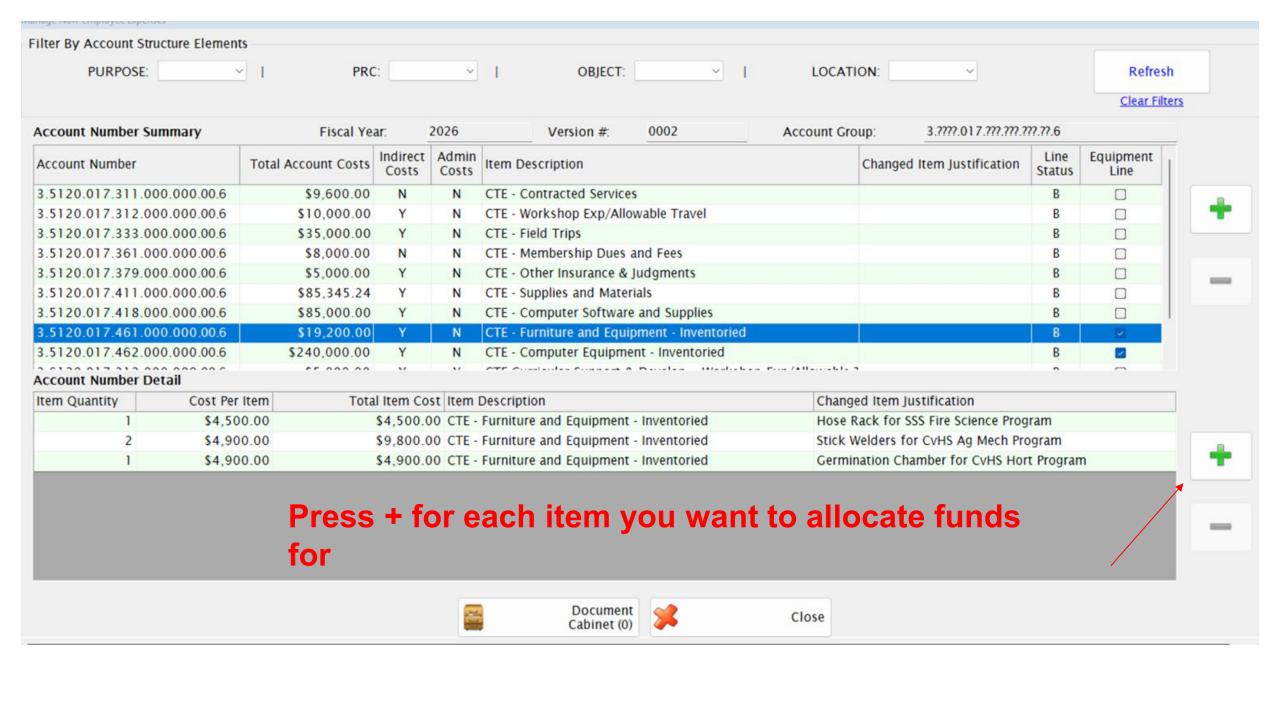
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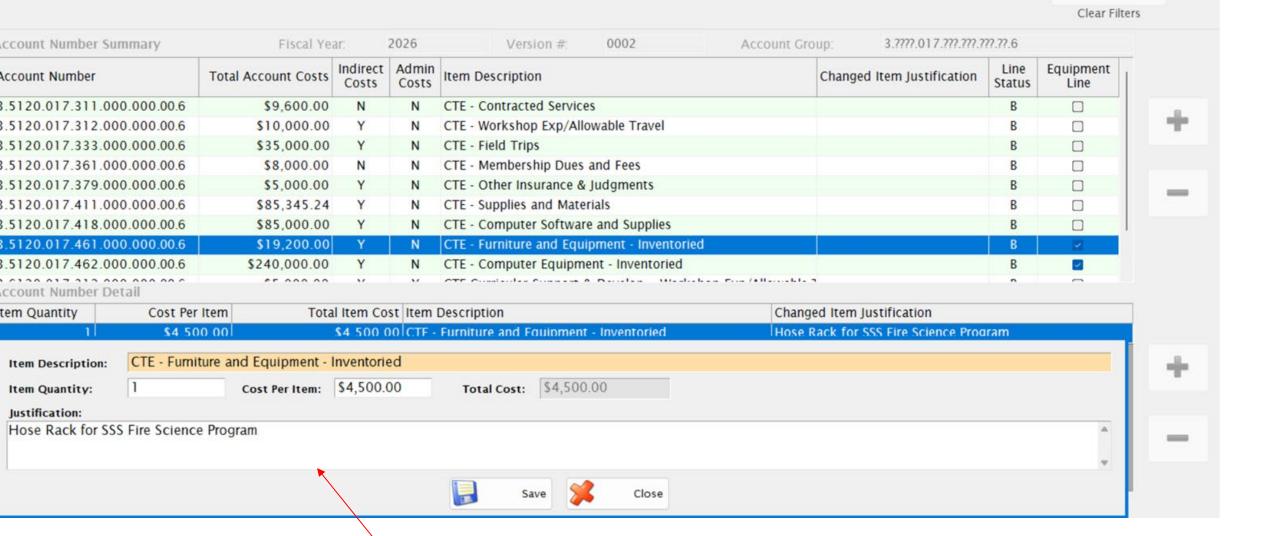


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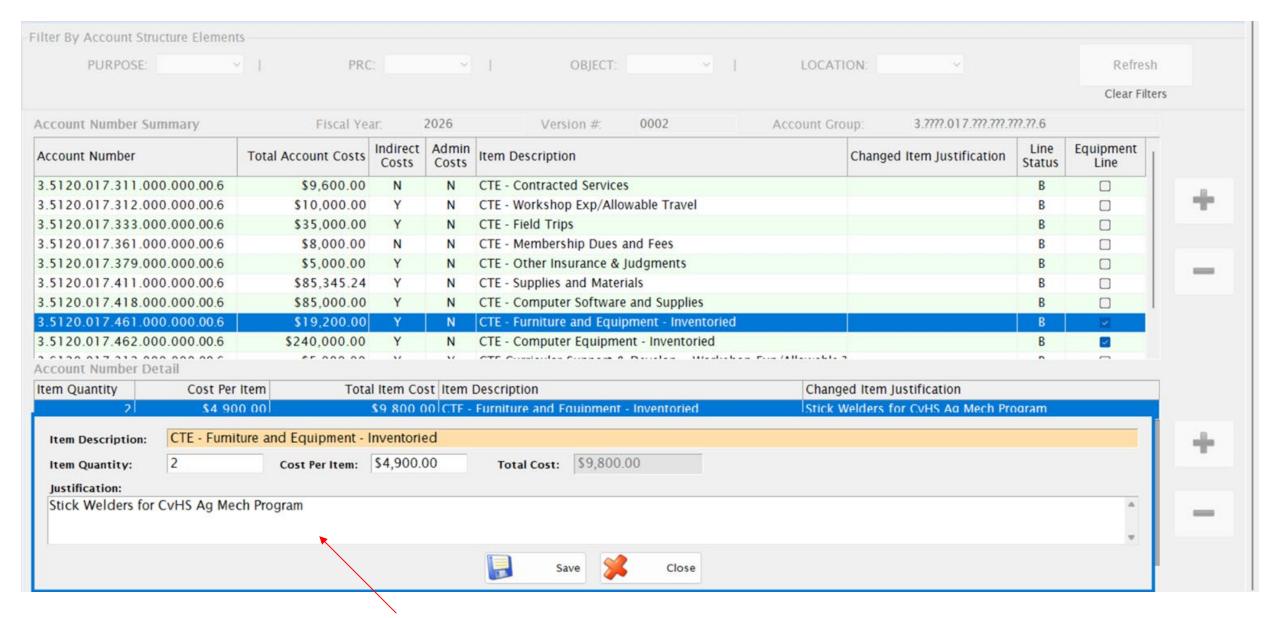
The following slides are screen shots from an LEA showing the section to enter equipment details in the PRC 0017 budget.







How many do you want to purchase, cost per item, justification of purchase



How many do you want to purchase, cost per item, justification of purchase

