# News

## Proposed Career Clusters Changes

The benefit of using the National Career Clusters Framework is that occupations are grouped by shared education and training requirements, establishing a link between educational practices and careers. **NS4ed is apprised of the proposed revisions to the current National Career Clusters Framework** and are participating in discussions of the changes and the subsequent adoptions and roll-out. NS4ed currently classifies career clusters across our **Pathway2Careers Program** (in our labor market tools, professional development for educators, career-connect math curricula and guided career exploration program). We are poised to integrate changes that are adopted and will continue to offer a customized approach to labor market data analysis and career-connected learning.

As of February 10, 2022, Advance CTE has proposed moving from the current 16 career clusters to 12 clusters: Business Management & Public Administrations; Construction & Built Environment; Education; Energy; Food, Living Systems & Natural Resources; Health, Wellbeing & Community Services; Information Technology; Manufacturing & Operations; Media, Entertainment & Experiences; Research & Analytics; Security & Justice; and Transportation & Mobility. More information on the evolving discussion is available through @cteworks YouTube channel and online at: https://careertech.org/the-framework .

If you would like to provide feedback, Advance CTE is conducting a survey, which is open until Feb. 23, 2022. Visit the "Advancing the Framework: a State-Led Crowdsourcing Initiative to Modernize the National Career Cluster Framework" survey at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe1N-kRjpPcw2ohx0JAggRGB5_JLzMSr1941JSLY4RxdFHL9g/viewform .

## What are Career Clusters?

In our economy, there are hundreds of occupations and numerous ways of grouping them. The classification system most commonly used in schools and state agencies is the National Career Clusters Framework. This framework groups occupations into sixteen different clusters based on similarities in foundational knowledge and skills needed to achieve career success. The core academic and technical competencies that define each cluster provide the foundation on which students develop more advanced, industry-specific skills.

Detailed descriptions of the knowledge and skills associated with each cluster can be found at: https://careertech.org/career-clusters