

California CTE Arts Entertainment and Design (AED) Cluster Pathways and Focus Areas

Pathways	Focus Areas
DESIGN, VISUAL & MEDIA ARTS	Animation & Visual Effects, Game Design, Design & Graphic Arts, Studio Arts
PERFORMANCE, MUSIC & LIVE ENTERTAINMENT	Dance & Theater, Stage & Event Technology, Music & Recording Arts
MEDIA PRODUCTION	Digital Communications, Digital Editing & Post- Production, Film & Television
FASHION & INTERIOR DESIGN	Fashion Design & Merchandising, Interior Design



The California CTE AED cluster standards align with Advance CTE's National Career Cluster Framework and are organized into three sections:

CAREER-READY STANDARDS 1-12

Essential workplace skills such as critical thinking, digital literacy, problem-solving, ethical decision-making, and collaboration

CROSS-PATHWAY STANDARDS 13-16

Interdisciplinary skills, knowledge, and competencies that apply to all pathways within a Career Cluster

PATHWAY STANDARDS 17-20

Occupationally aligned practical skills students need to build technical skill, apply knowledge to current process and practice, explore careers, and develop facility with advanced technologies and impact.



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