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# Grad Guidelines Industry Certifications Workgroup

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Webinar Meeting

# Work Group Objectives

- Identify opportunities, challenges, and best/promising practices.
- Develop implementation recommendations.
- Explore and outline resources and tools.
- Align skills, abilities, and knowledge that are valued by business, industry, and higher education.
- Outline systematic pathways for students to explore and develop these skills.
- Identify stakeholder connections and messages.
- Maintain a written record of implementation recommendations, tools and resources, best/promising practices, and relevant discussions.



# Outcomes/Deliverables

- **Tools/Resources**
- **Implementation Recommendations**
- **Promising or Best Practices**
- **Stakeholder Information**
- **Collaboration**



# Industry Certifications Workgroup Objectives

- **Help districts think through questions & decision points**
- **How evaluate value of certification**
  - Value to student
  - Value to workforce
  - Intrinsic value
- ~~Certifications List~~ **Decision Making/Evaluation Process**
- **Standards Alignment – tools for determining alignment**
- **Example of Decision Making/Evaluation Process**
  - Deep dive for 2-5 industry certifications

# Industry Certifications Deliverable Outline

- **Introductions**
- **Definitions**
- **CTE Connections**
- **Implementation (include decision matrix)**
- **Standards alignment**
- **Industry involvement**



# Next Steps

- **Groups continue to refine sections**
- **September face to face meeting to finalize draft of deliverable**
- **Review of deliverable by SMEs**
- **Deeper dive into selected certifications to validate process recommendations**
- **Additional meetings as necessary**

