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AHEAD OF SCHEDULE



## Closing One Chapter, Preparing for the Next

As the school year draws to a close, May marks a meaningful and celebratory time for Career and Technical Education. Graduation ceremonies are beginning, and we are proud to recognize the hard work, dedication, and achievements of our CTE students as they prepare to take their next steps into the workforce, postsecondary education, apprenticeships, or military service. Their success reflects not only individual determination, but also the strength of our schools, educators, and industry partners who make hands-on, career-ready learning possible.

In this month's newsletter, we celebrate these accomplishments while also beginning to look ahead to the upcoming school year, highlighting opportunities and planning efforts that will continue to support student success.

### From the Desk of Judd Pittman

#### **A250PA Logo for 2026 Graduation Diplomas**

PDE is proud to partner with A250PA, Pennsylvania's official commission charged with planning and coordinating the Commonwealth's commemoration, to offer use of the A250PA logo on diplomas for the Class of 2026!

To participate in this historic opportunity, local education agencies (LEAs) must register using the [\*\*A250PA Logo Request Form\*\*](#). Once registered, LEAs will gain access to a resource folder that contains several logos and supporting

materials that can be incorporated into graduation activities, including sample language for the commencement speech.

We hope the next generation of Pennsylvanians carry forward the values that define our country's 250th year: respect for our history, pride in our shared heritage, and the understanding that good citizenship begins with caring for your own community. We celebrate their achievements and the bright future they represent for Pennsylvania.

## NOCTI Required Forms

### Due May 15!

The following forms must be submitted to [testing@careertechpa.org](mailto:testing@careertechpa.org):

- [Test Materials and Disposal Form](#) (Click to be taken to the form)
- [NIMS Certification Form](#) (Click to be taken to the form)

## 2026-2027 Task List Revision

# IMPORTANT

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## Upcoming Events

MAY  
2026

**What:** Task List Opinion Survey

**Who:** Instructors (Secondary)

**Why:** This survey will gauge instructor satisfaction with their current task list, allowing us to identify and prioritize CIPs that may need more extensive revision.

SEPT.  
2026

**What:** Delphi Survey Round 1

**Who:** Instructors (Secondary and Postsecondary) and OAC members

**Why:** Participants rate each task in terms of relevance. They will also be able to submit comments.

OCT.  
2026

**What:** Delphi Survey Round 2

**Who:** Instructors (Secondary and Postsecondary) and OAC members

**Why:** Participants will receive field-average ratings, adjust their ratings, and rate their peers' comments.

NOV.  
2026

**What:** Task List Revision

**Who:** Instructors (Secondary and Postsecondary) and OAC members

**Why:** Webinars will be held for select focus groups on an as-needed basis. To conclude in December.

JAN.  
2027

**What:** Test Alignment

**Who:** Instructors (Secondary and Postsecondary) and OAC members - as needed

**Why:** The ERC will begin determining alignment between the updated task list and current NOCTI exam.

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Any changes in dates will be communicated to the field.  
See the reversed side for contact information.

# CIPS for Revision

<b>10.0399</b>	Graphic Communications, Other
<b>11.0901</b>	Computer Systems Networking & Telecommunications
<b>15.0303</b>	Electrical, Electronic & Communications Engineering Technology/Technician
<b>15.1301</b>	Drafting and Design Technology/Technician, General
<b>46.0399</b>	Electrical & Power Transmission Installers, Other
<b>47.0201</b>	Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation & Refrigeration Maintenance Technology/Technician
<b>47.0603</b>	Autobody/Collision & Repair Technology/Technician
<b>47.0604</b>	Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician
<b>48.0501</b>	Machine Tool Technology/Machinist
<b>50.0402</b>	Commercial & Advertising Art
<b>51.0801</b>	Medical/Clinical Assistant
<b>51.9999</b>	Health Professions & Related Clinical Sciences, Other
<b>52.0401</b>	Administrative Assistant & Secretarial Science, General
<b>52.1801</b>	Sales, Distribution and Marketing Operations, General

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## Legislation Updates

### AI Curriculum Resources

ERC staff attended PA House Education Committee meetings on AI in K-12 Education, hosted on-site at Pittsburgh Public Schools and Carnegie Mellon University.

As part of her testimony, Krista Damelio, Director of State Government Affairs at Code.org, mentioned a free online curriculum available on their website that teaches about AI with a basis in Computer Science. You can access those free resources at [Curriculum Catalog - Code.org](#).

You can watch the full recordings for the [linked] [April 21](#) and [April 22](#) hearings online.

## This Month's Trivia



### Did you know...

For over 15 years, Pottstown has enjoyed the Sly Fox Brock Fest, a family-friendly event, which features a sport like no other - goat racing! This May, spectators can watch Serendipitous Sassafras, Snoop Goat, Boots, and others show off their moves and help raise money for local charities.

Source: [Sly Fox](#)



### Did you know...

May 24 is one of two Fish-for-Free days in Pennsylvania. This allows anyone, regardless of PA residency, to go out and see what's biting without a license. All other fishing rules and regulations must be followed, however. For more information, click on the source link below.

Source: [PA Fish and Boat Commission](#)

## Learning Opportunity Spotlight



Join us for an engaging day, dedicated to environmental literacy and the PA STEELS standards.



**EVENT REGISTRATION**

[bit.ly/WPASummitReg](https://bit.ly/WPASummitReg)

The Learning Landscape summit will bring together educators and environmental professionals from across western PA for a high-energy day of learning, collaboration and inspiration.

**2026 WESTERN PA ENVIRONMENTAL LITERACY SUMMIT**

**FREE**



**June 11, 2026  
9AM-2:30PM**

Act 48 Eligible!

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