

Central Sierra Regional Occupational Program (ROP)

Career Technical Education

What is CTE?

Career Technical Education (CTE) is part of the California public school system. CTE's primary focus is to prepare students to successfully meet the ever-changing nature of today's technical workplace and the need to fill high-demand jobs with highly skilled applicants. CTE is a central component to the broader educational program. The El Dorado Union High School District's program is aligned with the state's Career Technical Education curriculum model and is organized according to 15 industry sectors. Courses are integrated within the regular high school academic curriculum, providing students with a broad exposure to an industry sector, with course concentrations and advanced training provided through ROP "capstone" courses. Students interested in a technical career pathway can opt for a number of CTE and ROP courses in one or more industry sectors to gain the necessary technical skills and competencies needed for entry-level jobs, apprenticeships, or transitioning to postsecondary education. Career exploration is central to CTE. The CTE program emphasizes the importance of engaging students in the learning process and providing the support services necessary to ensure student success. Many CTE and ROP courses offer multiple career pathways. In addition, a number of ROP courses are responsive to current industry standards and practices by offering state and/or industry recognized certifications. ROP courses are also open to secondary students, with priority enrollment given to students in grades 12 and 11.

What is ROP?

The Regional Occupational Program (ROP) is a part of the California public school system. El Dorado Union High School District's Regional Occupational Program is a key component of the Career Technical Education program providing course concentrations and advanced training through its "capstone" courses.

The primary mission of the El Dorado Section of CSROP is to serve high school students, with the following vision:

- Provide instructors who have worked in the industry and who bring relevance, rigor, and real-world applications to the classroom.
- Provide a dynamic and seamless learning experience resulting in mastery of career, technical and academic knowledge and skills necessary to become productive contributing members of society.
- Prepare a diverse population for further education, employment and occupational changes.
- Provide training or retraining to learn new skills or adapt to new technology.

Who teaches ROP?

CSROP instructors hold a Designated Subject Credential issued by the California Department of Education. A CSROP instructor must have worked in the related occupational field for at least 5 years.

Who can take ROP?

High school students 16 years of age or older are eligible to participate in CSROP programs. However, enrollment is limited, and first priority is given to high school seniors, then second priority to high school juniors. High school students enroll through their school counselor. CTE/ROP courses are free to High School students.

Training & Community Job Sites

All ROP students will receive training in either an ROP classroom lab setting and/or at an actual community job site. Both sites provide the student with hands-on job training.

There are two types of Community agreements:

- Community Classroom (CC): under this agreement the student is not paid while training.
- Cooperative Vocational Education (CVE): under this agreement the student is paid while training.

ROP programs are located on high school campuses, college campuses and in business. These locations are considered host sites and their rules and regulations must be followed by all ROP students.

Programs, Locations, and Enrollment

High school students should see their guidance counselor at their respective school site or go to the CSROP website and click on course offerings, locations, and times. Go to the EDUHSD website (www.eduhsd.net) and click on the "Schools/Programs" link to find the CTE/ROP website. You may also call (530) 622-5081, x7233 for more information. Career counseling and guidance is available to those who have career and/or job-related questions or special needs.