

KEY DEFINITIONS

Career and Technical Education - organized educational activities that offer a sequence of courses that provides individuals with rigorous academic content and relevant technical knowledge and skills needed to prepare for further education and careers in current or emerging professions.

Special Populations include:

- individuals with disabilities;
- individuals from economically disadvantaged families, including low-income youth and adults;
- individuals preparing for non-traditional fields;
- single parents, including single pregnant women;
- out-of-workforce individuals;
- English learners;
- homeless individuals;
- youth who are in, or have aged out of, the foster care system;
- youth with a parent who is a member of the armed forces and is on active duty.

Non-traditional Fields - occupations or fields of work, such as careers in computer science, technology, and other current and emerging high skill occupations, for which individuals from one gender comprise less than 25 percent of the individuals employed in each such occupation or field of work.

Out-of-workforce Individual - a displaced homemaker, an individual who has worked primarily without remuneration to care for a home and family and for that reason has diminished marketable skills, or a parent whose youngest dependent child will become ineligible to receive assistance under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act not later than 2 years after the date on which the parent applies for assistance under such title and is unemployed or underemployed and is experiencing difficulty in obtaining or upgrading employment.

English Learner - a secondary school student who is an English learner, an adult or an out-of-school youth who has limited ability in speaking, reading, writing, or understanding the English language and whose native language is a language other than English, or who lives in a family environment in which a language other than English is the dominant language.

Individual with a Disability - an individual with any physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of such individual, has a record of such an impairment, or is being regarded as having such an impairment.