



STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



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State Superintendent of Education

September 20, 2023

MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Eric G. Mackey *EGM*
State Superintendent of Education

SUBJECT: Career and Technical Education Middle Grades Innovation Grant

In support of the educational initiatives of the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE), the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Middle Grades Innovative Grant is an opportunity for schools to establish, expand, start-up, and/or reinvent CTE experiences for students enrolled in Grades 5-8. The CTE in middle grades has the power to expose students to college and career options and equip them with the transferable skills they need to plan for and succeed in high school and beyond. Middle grades CTE adds relevancy to students' learning experiences by exposing them to real-world options and connecting academics to career and college opportunities.

The ALSDE is accepting proposals from local education agencies for funding to expand CTE in middle grades. The deadline to submit the CTE Middle Grades Innovation Grant application is Tuesday, October 31, 2023, at 11:59 p.m.

Follow the instructions on the [Alabama State Department of Education Career and Technical Education Grant Portal](#) to create an account and apply.

Virtual technical assistance will be available on October 4, 2023. You may register by [clicking here](#).

FY 2024 CTE Middle Grades Innovation Grant Deadlines	
Step 1: Letter of Intent (LOI)	Deadline
The LOI is a mandatory requirement and must be submitted on or before the deadline as the first step in the grant application process.	October 13, 2023, by 11:59 p.m.
Step 2: Grant Application	Deadline
Once the LOI is reviewed and approved, the user will be given access to the full grant application.	October 31, 2023, by 11:59 p.m.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mark McGhee by telephone at 334-694-4760 or by email at mark.mcghee@alsde.edu.

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