



WE ARE STEM & CTE in the Middle Grades

Workforce and Education Alliance for Realizing Equity in STEM and CTE (WE ARE STEM & CTE) in the Middle Grades

FAQ

What is WE ARE STEM & CTE In the Middle Grades?

We are STEM and CTE (The Workforce and Education Alliance to Realize Equity in STEM and CTE) in the Middle Grades is an [NSF INCLUDES planning grant](#) that will bring together national, state, and community leaders in STEM and CTE to form a national alliance using collective impact to change our education systems and increase participation in STEM and CTE from underrepresented populations.

What is Collective Impact?

[Collective Impact](#) is a collaboration model for large-scale systems change. It requires the commitment of a group of cross-sector actors to a common agenda for solving a complex social problem. In this case, the challenge is how to broaden participation for underserved students, including Black, Indigenous, People of Color, and individuals with disabilities and individuals from low-income backgrounds.

What do we hope to accomplish and when?

Using the [collective impact pillars](#) as workgroups, each workgroup will contribute information on their focus for the NSF INCLUDES Alliance Proposal that will be submitted in January 2022. Workgroup plans and descriptions can be found [here](#).

Who is leading this work?

NAPE serves as the backbone organization, Principal Investigator and convener for the WE ARE STEM & CTE in the Middle Grades NSF INCLUDES planning grant. The mission of the [National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity \(NAPE\)](#) is to build educators' capacity to implement effective solutions for increasing student access, educational equity, and workforce diversity.

NAPE also leads alongside four CO-PI's for this grant: [Butler Tech of Ohio](#), [California Department of Education](#), [South Carolina Department of Education](#), and [Utah Stem action Center](#).

How can I be involved?

We invite any organization who is positioned to and invested in broadening participation in STEM and CTE in the middle grades, to consider becoming a partner and joining a workgroup. Simply visit our website and click on the "[Get Involved: Become a Partner](#)" button and you will immediately be presented with the list of workgroups from which to choose. Once you choose a workgroup, you will receive an [email from a workgroup chair](#) with next steps. To learn more about levels of engagement, [click here](#).



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