

Capital Leadership Training Program Overview

For California CTE and CTSO Student Leaders and Teachers

Day 1: Thursday, May 8, 2025

8:00 - 8:30 AM Meet at the Embassy Suites Sacramento

8:30-9:00 AM Capital Kickoff

Meet your speakers, trainers and facilitators! Get an overview of the awesome experience planned for the Capitol Leadership Experience. Connect with your fellow CTE students and teachers.

Walking tour to the Capitol Complex. Box lunch and refreshments will be provided at the Capitol for all participants!

10:00 am - 4:00 pm Topics for Teachers and Students

Why Study Government?

Go beyond the standard classroom answer (“civic duty”) and get into how big and prevalent government is in our lives, business, and industry and how it impacts each of us.

California—A Nation State

California is one of the world’s largest economies, democracies, consumers, producers, voters, and influencers. Understand the tremendous impact that local and state government can play in national and world affairs.

Partisan Divide

Why do we have a partisan divide (Red vs blue. Urban vs Rural. North vs South, and more)? And, why is that divide not what we are all led to believe.

Getting to Sacramento

Explore how elections (gubernatorial, legislative, etc.), appointees, employees make their way to Sacramento and the various paths to influence via state government.

Statewide and Legislative Elections

Speaker: Nanette Farag

The Legislature

Explore the operations and budgeting process of one of the largest and most influential organizations in the world (member offices, committee structure, lobbyists, press, and more).

What Legislators Do

Hannah Ackley, Chief of Staff to Assemblymember Diane Dixon

The Legislative Process – Lobbyist and Committee Consultant Panel

Katie Phillips, Assembly Republican Leader James Gallagher

David Creager, Legislative Advocate

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The Governor and Administration

The size and scope and impact of California's Chief Executive and State Administration?

Day 2: Friday, May 9, 2025

8:30 AM

Meet at the Embassy Suites Sacramento

9:-00-11:30am

Exercise Your Leadership Laboratory

Join former legislators and senior government staff officials in interactive team exchanges on issues, solutions, and opportunities for today and tomorrow..

Why is it so hard to solve?

Using problem solving, teamwork, and collaboration skills participants will work together to examine a federal/state issue, propose solutions, and examine how to make it work and what barriers may be faced. Explore the role of politics, passion, statesmanship, and reason.

The environment in which we govern

How the changing world will require a fundamental rethinking and reshaping of government and citizenship. Explore how technology and even your iPhone can tell you everything you need to know about what is going on today and what will happen tomorrow.

The challenges of tomorrow

Examining the issues to solve tomorrow and the leadership it will take for California to remain a world leader on many fronts.

What's your take?

Recapping the Capitol Leadership Experience, participant takeaways, and next steps on the CTE journey to become the leaders of the future.

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| 9:30 AM | Why Study Government?
The Partisan Divide
Speaker: JR |
| 10:00 AM | How Our Leaders Get Elected
Speaker: Nanette Farag |
| 10:30 AM | What Legislators and Office Staff DO
Speaker: Hannah Ackley |
| 11:00 AM | The Legislative Process
Speakers: Katie Phillips, David Creager, TBD (2) |