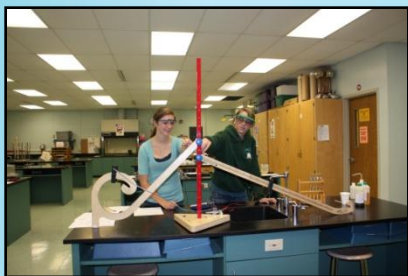




*The graduation rate for Ohio career-technical workforce students is 95%.**



*Of the students enrolled in career-technical programs, thousands are enrolled in advanced math or advanced science courses.**



*Approximately one in four of Ohio high school students are enrolled in career-technical education programs. At least 60% are high school juniors and seniors.**

How Career-Technical Education Works

In Ohio, students of all ages – high school and adult – have the opportunity to pursue their educational and career passions through career-technical and adult education programs offered in every region of the state. There are 57 Adult Workforce Centers, 49 Joint Vocational Career Centers, 42 Comprehensive/Compact and 48 Community schools in Ohio that offer technical or career-focused programs. So that each Ohio high school student has the opportunity to enroll in career-technical programs, the state is divided into CTPDs (Career-Technical Planning Districts).

Career-Technical Education Makes Economic Sense – for Ohio and for Students

Career-technical programs are the most cost-effective way for students to gain the skills they need to compete in today's challenging workforce.

OHIO: Ohio benefits economically through the relationship many career-technical programs have with local business and industry. ***Customized training programs at many schools create partnerships between industry and educators that benefit both the local employer and students.*** Attracting more business to Ohio means more opportunities for the next generation of Ohioans to remain in Ohio in order to fulfill their career goals. Career-technical programs include growing industries such as BioScience/BioProducts, Advanced Energy and Technology, and Aerospace and Aviation, as well as traditional programs like Agriculture, Construction, Service Trades and Health Services. ***Many career-technical programs offer industry certifications and/or college credit.***

STUDENTS: ***High school students get a head start and graduate from a career-technical program equipped with choices:*** continue their education with knowledge in their chosen field, start their career, or do both at the same time. ***Some programs even include college credit that transfers to a community college or other higher learning institution upon graduation, and career-technical programs are working to make the transition of credit seamless.***

ADULT STUDENTS who take advantage of educational opportunities offered through their local, publicly funded career center increase their marketability in the workforce. Often, a career-technical program is the most cost effective option for adult students to gain new skills and knowledge. ***New skills mean new opportunities for displaced workers in today's economy while providing the workforce that businesses considering locating in Ohio desire.*** Adult career-technical programs also work with ABLE (Adult Basic and Literacy Education) to ensure Ohioans have the basic skills needed to enter an educational program. ***As adult programs offered at career centers become more closely aligned with community colleges through the Ohio Board of Regents, more progress will be made allowing adult students to transfer credits earned – and more importantly knowledge gained – from one institution to another.***

Questions?

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Career-Technical Education Promotes Academics

All career-technical high school students are academically prepared to continue their education if they choose. **In 2009, 95% of career-technical workforce students graduated from high school and 53% enrolled in post-secondary education.*** This high graduation rate and high post-secondary enrollment rate will help further the goal of enrolling 230,000 more students in higher education and keeping Ohio's talent in Ohio.

Career-technical education includes academic learning, and all career-technical high school graduates must meet the same performance standards required of all Ohio high school graduates.

Decades ago, career-technical programs were considered an alternative to college. Students who enrolled in a career-technical center or joint vocational school were generally not planning to enter college. **Today, career-technical education is a choice that students make in order to move more quickly toward their career goals.** Unfortunately, the image of career-technical education has not kept pace with reality. Today's parents of high school students remember yesterday's image of vocational education and often don't understand the benefits career-technical education offers today's learners.

As programs of choice, career-technical education must constantly keep up with trends in industry and education in order to remain competitive.

Career Technical Education Serves Students

All career-technical students benefit from project based, hands-on and innovative teaching methods and experiences. Career-technical education programs also serve students with disabilities and students at risk of dropping out of high school.

Approximately 27,000* Ohio youths are enrolled in a career-technical Career-Based Intervention Program. The goal of this program is to work with at-risk students and show them the relevancy of education to their future in order to keep them enrolled in high school. There are countless students who credit the program with saving them from a future of uncertainty if they had chosen to leave high school before graduating.

Career-technical education also encompasses Ohio's GRADS (Graduation, Reality And Dual-role Skills) program that enables teenage parents (both male and female) to remain in school while teaching them how to be successful in their new role as parent and student. More than 5,000 Ohio high school students were served through the GRADS program in 2009.*

Students with disabilities are also served through career-technical education and receive attention and programming to help them meet their full potential.

Visit your local career center or career-technical program offered in your school district and see for yourself how career-technical education works for Ohio's students and Ohio's economy!

*Source: Ohio Department of Education, Office of Career-Technical Education, Ohio Career-Technical Education FY2009 Fact Sheet.

Career Technical Education Impacts Ohio Agriculture and Industry

Help Ohio maintain our agricultural and industrial heritage by supporting the education of our future farmers and skilled workforce.

Weighted Funding:

Additional funding is needed to purchase the equipment and supplies career-technical programs need. Because programs are centered around providing students real-world experience, the most up-to-date equipment and supplies are necessary. Investing in state of the art, industry standard equipment means graduates are able to enter the workforce with the skills and knowledge they need to be competitive in today's environment.

Perkins Funding:

On the Federal level, Perkin's funding is necessary to maintain the current level of services provided by Ohio's career programs, as well as ensure that future programs are fully funded and able to maintain the innovative, project-based and experiential education that is the hallmark of career-technical education.

Ohio ACTE represents 2,300 career-technical educators who serve students every day, through career centers, city and community schools or adult education programs in Ohio.