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Career-Technical Education



*The graduation rate for Ohio career-technical students is 98%**



*Of the students enrolled in career-technical programs, 50% go on to post-secondary education**



*62% of CTE students are employed or go on to advanced training after graduation**

What is Career-Technical Education?

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.

High school career-technical education programs include courses that align rigorous content with challenging academic and technical content standards to prepare students for college and careers. High school programs are delivered through CTPDs (Career-Technical Planning Districts) that include city, local and joint vocational school districts (career centers). Adult programs are delivered through Ohio's Technical Centers, a network of adult workforce education and training centers statewide.

Career-Technical Education Make Economic Sense for Ohio and 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 or get a head start on post-secondary education.

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, Shale Gas, Advanced Energy and Technology, and Aerospace and Aviation, as well as traditional programs like Agriculture, Construction, Service Trades and Health Services. **Most career-technical programs offer industry certifications and/or college credit.**

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 include college credit that transfers to a community college or other higher learning institution upon graduation.**

ADULT STUDENTS who take advantage of educational opportunities offered through their local, publicly funded Ohio Technical Centers 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 credentials. **Working with OhioMeansJobs, programs provide displaced workers and job seekers with new skills, increasing their income and stimulating Ohio's economy.** Adult students have more opportunity than ever to gain credit for their education using Ohio Department of Higher Education initiatives such as **CT²** and the **One-Year Option** without repeating courses toward an associate's degree. Adult centers also work with ABE to ensure Ohioans have the basic skills needed for program entrance.

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 2013, 98% of career-technical students graduated from high school, 60% went on to employment or advanced training, and at least 50% enrolled in post-secondary education.*** This high graduation rate and high post-secondary enrollment rate will help further Ohio's goal of educational attainment for all Ohioans, more students enrolled 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 performance standards of the same or greater rigor 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 program 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 BOTH their career and educational 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 programs 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 18% of career-tech students have one or more disability.*

Approximately 20,000* 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 relevance 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 Family and Consumer Sciences programs, with almost 128,000* students enrolled in FCS courses. The GRADS (Graduation, Reality And Dual-Role Skills) program 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. Almost 3,000 Ohio high school students were served through the GRADS program in 2013*

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 Fact Sheet 1/2015 FY2013 data

Career-Technical Education Impacts Ohio Agriculture, Business, and Industry

Career-technical education maintains Ohio's agricultural, business, and industrial heritage by educating the next generation of Ohio citizens.

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, Perkins' 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 2,200 career-technical educators who serve students every day, through career centers, city and compact, community schools or adult education programs in Ohio.