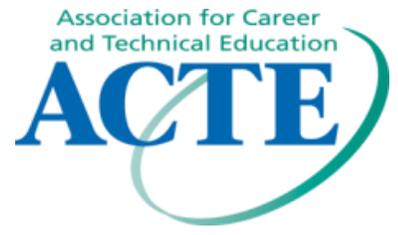


Connecticut Fact Sheet



CTE State Overview

At the secondary level, Connecticut delivers CTE through comprehensive high schools and through the Connecticut Technical High School System (CTHSS), which is a statewide system of 17 technical high schools, serving full-time high school students with comprehensive education and training and part-time adult students in apprenticeship and other programs. The state also has 19 Agriculture Science and Technology Education Centers.

At the postsecondary level, CTE is delivered through 12 community colleges.

Enrollment Data (OCTAE 2011-2012)

Secondary: 133,037
Postsecondary: 64,049

Student Performance (OCTAE 2011-2012)

83 percent of CTE high school students graduated

91 percent met performance goals for reading/language arts skills

91 percent of CTE postsecondary students met performance goals for technical skills

71 percent remained enrolled or transferred to another postsecondary institution

Perkins Funding (OCTAE)

Connecticut received \$8,596,623 for Fiscal Year 2013, \$800,000 less than in 2012 and \$2.2 million less than in 2010. Of funds distributed to local programs, 79 percent go to secondary recipients and 21 percent go to postsecondary recipients.

CTE Program Excellence

A thriving school focused on Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources is the **Regional Agricultural Science Technology School** in Bridgeport. Students at the school have access to specialized laboratories to study marine-related content and hands-on opportunities to conduct marine biology, chemistry and ecology experiments on the Long Island Sound. The school also runs a retail fish market that is open to the public and managed and operated by students. Students also benefit from articulated degree programs with two- and four-year colleges to get a head start on postsecondary education. In 2009-2010, the school ranked first on the state CTE assessment, with 29 of 31 concentrator students meeting the state goal. *(Profile adapted from the CTE Monthly newsletter)*

New Britain High School is the largest high school in the state, located in a diverse, urban area. Its principal has worked with local business leaders to determine the skills students need to be successful in the 21st century. Based on this, New Britain High School has updated their graduation requirements to ensure all students graduate college- and career-ready. Through this partnership, areas with significant opportunities for employment were also identified. One of the school's biggest accomplishments in this area has been the opening of a new **Academy for Health Professions**, which is a collaborative effort between the school, the city and the Hospital of Central Connecticut as well as the Hospital for Special Care. The academy, launched in 2010, helps to increase opportunities for students to pursue careers in health care through opportunities for certifications and postsecondary and workforce connections. National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) executive director JoAnn Bartoletti emphasized these options when announcing New Britain's principal as 2012 Principal of the Year: "Under Michael Foran's leadership, New Britain has become a model of rigorous, personalized learning and a turnaround success story." New Britain is continuing to expand its offerings and opened a finance academy in 2013. *(Profile adapted from the NASSP website)*