

Career and Technical Education in New Mexico

- At the secondary level, CTE is delivered through comprehensive high schools, state- and district-authorized charter schools, Early College high schools and structured workforce readiness programs that provide CTE programs to students.
- At the postsecondary level, CTE is delivered through both the state's community colleges and four-year institutions that offer associate degrees. Each system offers face-to-face, online and distance learning opportunities.
- Learn more at http://ped.state.nm.us/ped/CCR_perkins.html and NMACTE.com.

In school year 2015-2016, New Mexico served **64,290** CTE high school students and **58,173** CTE postsecondary students.

In Fiscal Year 2016, New Mexico received **\$8,017,422** in federal Perkins funding—about \$81,000 less than in 2015 and almost \$1.3 million less than in 2010.

Exemplary CTE Programs in New Mexico

- The [*Bridge of Southern New Mexico*](#) is an innovative, business-led collaborative uniting the Las Cruces, Gadsden and Hatch school districts; Doña Ana Community College, New Mexico State University and the Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine; and business, economic development and government leaders to literally bridge the skill and knowledge gaps between education and career readiness for students. A key element is CTE pathways, including a connected sequence of courses and dual credit opportunities. The collaborative helped develop Arrowhead Park Early College High School, the first early college high school in the state, which has achieved an almost 100-percent graduation rate every year since it opened in 2009-2010, with a student body mostly comprised of first-generation college-goers, low-income students and students of color. Industry partners include El Paso Electric, which has invested \$65,000 in The Bridge, as well as Pioneer Banks of Las Cruces, Adventure Travel & Cruise Center and a variety of local Chambers of Commerce and economic development alliances. In just six years, The Bridge has increased graduation rates across the county by 20 percent and boosted the local economy by \$55 million. (*Information from The Bridge of Southern New Mexico*)

In school year 2015-2016:

- **88** percent of New Mexico CTE high school students graduated
- **93** percent met performance goals for technical skills
- **98** percent of New Mexico CTE postsecondary students met performance goals for technical skills