

Career and Technical Education in New Jersey

- At the secondary level, CTE is delivered through comprehensive high schools and county vocational-technical schools, which provide supplemental education and career training to high school students and adult learners.
- At the postsecondary level, CTE is delivered through the state's community colleges
- Learn more at www.nj.gov/education/cte, www.careertechnj.org and www.acteonline.org/NewJersey.

In school year 2015-2016, New Jersey served **80,460** CTE high school students, **113,297** CTE postsecondary students and **4,515** CTE adult students.

In Fiscal Year 2016, New Jersey received **\$22,444,922** in federal Perkins funding—almost \$98,000 more than in 2015 and about \$3.6 million less than in 2010.

Exemplary CTE Programs in New Jersey

- The [*agricultural science program at Allentown High School*](#) in Monmouth County prepares students for high-demand, high-wage careers and higher education related to agriculture, food and natural resources. Allentown's agriscience program incorporates the Curriculum for Agricultural Science Education (CASE), a rigorous national curriculum that integrates, emphasizes and enhances academics, STEM and technical skills with a focus on project-based learning and intensive professional development for educators. In addition to CASE-certified courses in Introduction to Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources; Principles of Agricultural Science—Animal; Principles of Agricultural Science—Plant; and Animal and Plant Biotechnology, Allentown students can also study agricultural mechanics; greenhouse, nursery and landscape management; veterinary and equine science; and aquaculture and wildlife science. Students gain hands-on experience by operating school greenhouses and, through strong business partnerships, pursue work-based learning opportunities at local nurseries, veterinary clinics and farms as well as in agribusiness/retail settings. Allentown has articulation agreements with Mercer County Community College and Rutgers University, and is working to expand articulation with other postsecondary institutions. The FFA chapter at Allentown is ranked in the top 10 percent of FFA chapters by the National FFA Organization. (*Information from "CTE: The Key to Economic Development in Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources"*)

In school year 2015-2016:

- **97** percent of New Jersey CTE high school students graduated
- **83** percent met performance goals for technical skills
- **92** percent of New Jersey CTE postsecondary students met performance goals for technical skills