Career and Technical Education Improves Student Achievement in High School, College and Career

Parents play an important role in their children’s college and career success.

ACADEMIC AND COLLEGE SUCCESS

80% of high school students taking both CTE and college prep courses meet college and career readiness goals, versus 63% who are college and career ready through college prep courses alone.1

600,000 high school students enroll in dual-credit CTE courses to earn college credit.2

CAREER PLANNING

6 out of 10 students plan to pursue a career related to the CTE area they’re exploring in high school.3

Students enrolled in CTE courses are significantly more likely to develop problem-solving, project completion, research, communication, time management and critical thinking skills during high school.4

EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS

36% of STEM jobs require postsecondary credentials that CTE students can obtain within two years of high school graduation.5

Graduates with technical or applied science associate degrees can out-earn bachelor’s degree holders by $11,000.6

SCHOOL AND JOB SATISFACTION

81% of high school dropouts say relevant, real-world learning opportunities, like CTE, would have kept them in school.7

Graduates are twice as likely to be engaged at work if they had a meaningful internship or job while in college.8

I’m forever grateful to career tech. I have learned how to manage time and money, be more responsible and support myself while being reliable to other people. – Zachary Zigler9

My career tech class has enabled me to do something I love and opened my eyes to possibilities that are ahead. – Kelsey McClure10