Career and Technical Education in Alabama

- At the Secondary level, CTE programs are delivered through comprehensive high schools as well as 59 Technical Centers.
- At the postsecondary level, CTE is delivered through Alabama’s community colleges, and through extensive workforce development initiatives, including the Alabama Industrial Training Institute and the Alabama Technology Network.

Exemplary CTE Programs in Alabama

- “This partnership with the state means that all parties are working together, focusing efforts where needed and working efficiently.”
  - Allen Harris, President of Bailey-Harris Construction

The Academy of Craft Training is a public/private partnership between the construction industry and the State of Alabama’s K-12 education system. Our mission is to recruit, educate and guide high school students for educational and employment opportunities in the construction industry. Approximately 30 percent of students who graduate from high school don’t attend college and have neither academic nor job skills. Our goal is to help these students get the education and skills they need to be entry-level, skilled workers in the construction industry. For the 2016-2017 school year, 16 Birmingham metro area high schools sent students to the simulated workplace at the Alabama Workforce Training Center to receive NCCER construction-related training in building construction, masonry, HVAC/plumbing, welding and electrical. This training program is a model that can be scaled up or down as needed in other areas of the state. (Information from the Alabama State Department of Education)

In school year 2016-2017:

- 90 percent of Alabama CTE high school students graduated
- 93 percent of Alabama CTE high school students met performance goals for technical skills
- 94 percent went on to postsecondary education, the workforce or the military
- 94 percent of Alabama CTE postsecondary students met performance goals for technical skills

In Fiscal Year 2019, Alabama received an estimated $21,368,333 in federal Perkins funding—$1.2 million more than in 2018.