Career and Technical Education in Delaware

- Delaware delivers secondary CTE through comprehensive high schools, comprehensive charter high schools and technical high schools. These technical high schools are designed to provide academic courses within the context of specific career fields.
- At the postsecondary level, CTE is delivered through the state’s community college system, Delaware Tech, and its public universities.
- Learn more at www.doe.k12.de.us/domain/176 and www.acteonline.org/Delaware.

In school year 2016-2017, Delaware served 29,896 CTE high school students and 10,257 CTE postsecondary students.

In Fiscal Year 2019, Delaware received an estimated $5,458,959 in federal Perkins funding—almost $350,000 more than in 2018.

Exemplary CTE Programs in Delaware

- Since its creation in 2014, Delaware’s Pathways to Prosperity initiative has grown exponentially. As of 2017, about 9,000 high school students were enrolled in pathways programs to develop skills for the workforce, participate in work-based learning, gain industry-recognized credentials and earn college credit at no cost. The state is on track to meet its goal of having half of Delaware high school students participating in career pathways by 2019. Business and community partners include Delaware Technical Community College, the United Way of Delaware and the Rodel Foundation. A recent case study highlights how Appoquinimink School District developed its pathways, including Advanced Placement courses, dual enrollment and work-based learning. In addition, some districts are starting pathways programs in middle school. (Information from Delaware.gov)

In school year 2016-2017:

- 99 percent of Delaware CTE high school students graduated
- 83 percent of Delaware CTE postsecondary students earned a credential, certificate or degree
- 88 percent went on to the workforce, the military or an apprenticeship

Data from the U.S. Department of Education Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education