

## Career and Technical Education in Idaho

- In Idaho, secondary CTE programs and services are provided through comprehensive high schools; professional-technical schools, which deliver high-end technical education programs that go beyond the scope of programs found in comprehensive high schools; and cooperative programs with technical colleges.
- Postsecondary and adult CTE programs and services are delivered through a statewide system of six technical colleges, which offer occupational programs on a full- or part-time basis, along with adult upgrading/retraining, customized training, instruction for apprentices and emergency-services training.
- Learn more at <https://cte.idaho.gov> and [CTEI.org](http://CTEI.org).

In school year 2016-2017, Idaho served **86,737** CTE high school students and **5,754** CTE postsecondary students.

In Fiscal Year 2019, Idaho received an estimated **\$7,589,397** in federal Perkins funding—about \$420,000 more than in 2018.

## Exemplary CTE Programs in Idaho

- Employment of medical assistants is expected to grow far faster than the average for all occupations through the year 2020. Through the [Medical Assistant program at College of Southern Idaho](#) in Twin Falls, students work in a simulated office setting performing administrative and clinical medical assisting duties. They also participate in a 10-month practicum in physicians' offices. The program has a history of strong community outreach and ongoing involvement from local, regional and national industry partners through an active technical advisory board. For the past five years, graduates have achieved an 80-percent first-time pass rate on the Certified Medical Assistant exam, compared to a national average of 64 percent. The program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs. (*Information from the College of Southern Idaho*)
- In 2017 [West Ada School District's Culinary Arts Program](#) received exemplary program recognition from the Idaho State Division of Career and Technical Education. The program, which opened in 2008, is part of the CTE Center–Renaissance Campus, where students attend specialized CTE magnet classes on a part-time basis. Students take three years of culinary classes at their home high schools and a senior-level capstone class at the CTE Center, where they run a café that is open to the public for lunch two days a week. Students also sharpen their skills through working with area chefs on special community culinary events. West Ada's culinary program received in 2014 a rare five-year national accreditation from the Secondary Committee of the American Culinary Federation Education Foundation Accrediting Commission. (*Information from [Career & Technical Educators of Idaho](#)*)

In school year 2016-2017:

- **98** percent of Idaho CTE high school students graduated
- **97** percent went on to postsecondary education, the workforce or the military
- **72** percent of Idaho CTE postsecondary students earned a credential, certificate or degree
- **93.5** percent went on to the workforce, the military or an apprenticeship

*Data from the U.S. Department of Education  
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