Career and Technical Education in Indiana

- At the secondary level, CTE is delivered through comprehensive high schools and area career centers, which provide high school students and adult learners with supplementary CTE programs.
- At the postsecondary level, CTE is delivered through the statewide community college system Ivy Tech, which has 14 regions that include 32 campuses, and through Vincennes University. CTE is also delivered through four-year degree programs in many additional career and technical education pathways at universities such as Ball State, Indiana State and Purdue.
- Learn more at IndianaACTE.org and doe.in.gov/cte.

Exemplary CTE Programs in Indiana

- In Indiana, secondary CTE programs are delivered through 50 Area CTE Districts, which are consortia comprised of school corporations collaborating to provide CTE programs of sufficient size, scope and quality to meet the needs of all their students. CTE Districts can include multiple school corporations or a single corporation with multiple secondary schools. A CTE District might have a career center that draws students from schools across the district, or it might be a cooperative with CTE programs housed in schools throughout the district. Collaboration among Districts maximizes pathways available to students. Half of Indiana’s secondary students enroll in one or more CTE courses each year, and about one-fourth of graduating seniors will qualify as CTE concentrators by completing a defined sequence of CTE pathway courses and earning dual/college credits or industry credentials. In addition, work-based learning enhances students’ preparation for success and helps them build career connections in the pathways they are pursuing by working alongside industry professionals at a variety of job sites. (Information from Indiana CTE)
- Vincennes University (VU) and Ivy Tech Community College, which has multiple operating regions across the state, offer a variety of CTE program pathways to meet the ever-changing needs of Indiana’s employers. A primary component of this programming is partnering with secondary schools and career centers to offer students a myriad of dual credit opportunities, where high school credit and college credit are earned simultaneously. The Statewide Transfer and Articulation Council has partnered with the Indiana Department of Education to provide a comprehensive crosswalk of high school and college courses. Posted at www.doe.in.gov/dualcredit, the crosswalk provides important information used by schools and colleges to assure consistency of course alignment across the state. Over 13,000 of the students graduating in 2016 who concentrated in CTE earned dual credit. Overall, students earned almost 110,000 dual credits in 2016, saving parents over $14 million in tuition costs alone. (Information from Indiana CTE)

In school year 2016-2017:
- 94.5 percent of Indiana CTE high school students graduated
- 88 percent met performance goals for mathematics and 80 percent for reading/language arts
- 87 percent met performance goals for technical skills
- 91 percent of Indiana CTE postsecondary students met performance goals for technical skills

In Fiscal Year 2019, Indiana received an estimated $28,482,759 in federal Perkins funding—almost $1.6 million more than in 2018.