Career and Technical Education in Minnesota

- At the secondary level, career and technical education is delivered through comprehensive high schools, cooperatives and centers.
- At the postsecondary level, Minnesota uses technical and community colleges to deliver career and technical education.

In school year 2016-2017, Minnesota served 110,632 CTE high school students and 59,159 CTE postsecondary students.

Exemplary CTE Programs in Minnesota

- The Saint Paul Public Schools (SPPS) Youth Career Connect (YCC) project has career-focused, smaller-learning-community academies at two high schools: the Academy of Finance (AOF) at Como Park Senior High School and the Academy of Information Technology (AOIT) at Humboldt Secondary School. Students in the academies have received specific, cohort-based Finance or IT classes; core classes with Finance or IT integrated into the content; intensive support though career-focused academic counseling; coordinated wraparound services; and work-based learning experiences connected to career goals with business partners and Advisory Board members. Students in the academies have the opportunity to earn up to 16 college credits and participate in career visits and work, internship and/or job shadowing opportunities. Students in the AOF have the opportunity to earn a business certificate from Saint Paul College. Since the inception of the academies in Fall 2014, 600+ students have received individualized career/academic counseling; 500+ students have participated in career visits, work experiences and job shadows; and approximately 120 students have participated in internship experiences. Partnerships with business and industry are vital to the success of the academies. Volunteers provide countless hours in schools and host students in their businesses throughout the program. Learn more about a recent AOF event in which business partners assisted in preparing students with career development skills at http://kstp.com/news/como-park-high-school-students-strengthen-career-development-skills-with-junior-achievement-program/4672980. (Information from SPPS)

In Fiscal Year 2019, Minnesota received an estimated $18,708,704 in federal Perkins funding—about $1 million more than in 2018 and down from $19.4 million in 2010, before Tech Prep was defunded.

In school year 2016-2017:
- 91.5 percent of Minnesota CTE high school students graduated within four years
- 72 percent met performance goals for technical skills
- 84 percent of Minnesota CTE postsecondary students met performance goals for technical skills
- 86 percent went on to the workforce, the military or an apprenticeship

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