The Oklahoma economy is experiencing a skills gap...  

55% of jobs in Oklahoma require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.  

47% of Oklahoma workers are trained at this level.  

Career and technical education (CTE) programs can fill these gaps, particularly in Oklahoma's key industries, like:  

- agribusiness  
- manufacturing  
- renewable and traditional energy  
- transportation and logistics  

Many students are already enrolled in CTE in Oklahoma, developing technical, academic and employability skills and engaging in work-based experiences with industry partners. During the 2019-20 school year, Oklahoma had:  

147,913 secondary CTE participants  
34,879 postsecondary/adult CTE participants  

These youth and adult learners in CTE programs are more engaged, graduate high school at higher rates, earn industry-recognized credentials, and have rewarding and family-sustaining careers.  

More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across Oklahoma to ensure that all learners, including historically underserved learners, have access to high-quality CTE programs in high-skill, high-wage and in-demand career fields.  

CTE: Good for Students, Good for Business, Good for Communities!  

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