

CTE in South Dakota



36% of South Dakota jobs will require education beyond high school but less than a bachelor's degree by 2031. Career and technical education (CTE) programs prepare students for these jobs in key South Dakota industries such as:

- manufacturing
- livestock development
- bioscience
- cybersecurity



In 2023, more than 2,360 South Dakota high school CTE concentrators participated in a Capstone Experience course aligned to their career interests and incorporating industry mentorship.

Many students are already enrolled in CTE in South Dakota, developing technical, academic and employability skills and engaging in work-based experiences with industry partners. During the 2022-23 school year, South Dakota had:

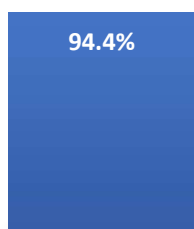
26,824

secondary CTE participants

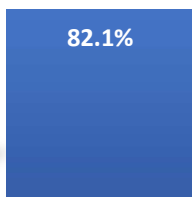
5,935

postsecondary 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.



CTE Concentrators



All Students

Four-year cohort graduation rate in South Dakota (2021-22)

3,497

sub-baccalaureate credentials in CTE fields awarded to South Dakota students (2022-23)

FY 25 Federal Perkins CTE Funding for South Dakota

\$6,020,921

More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across South Dakota to ensure that all 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