

# CTE in South Dakota



Career and technical education (CTE) programs equip students with the skills and experience necessary to pursue careers in key South Dakota industries such as:



bioscience



cybersecurity



manufacturing



value-added  
agriculture

In 2024, 93% of South Dakota secondary CTE concentrators pursued postsecondary education, joined the military or the Peace Corps, or entered the workforce immediately after graduation.

Many students are already enrolled in CTE in South Dakota, developing technical, academic and employability skills and engaging in work-based learning experiences with industry partners.

During the 2023-24 school year, South Dakota had:

**26,950**

secondary CTE participants

**6,316**

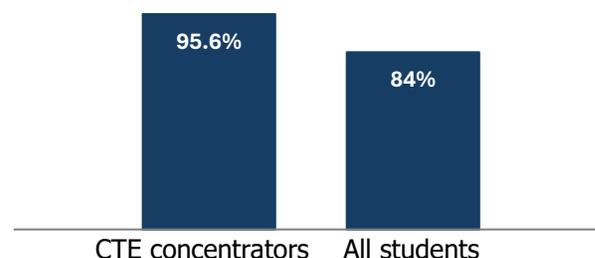
postsecondary CTE participants

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.

FY 25 Federal Perkins CTE  
Funding for South Dakota

**\$6,020,921**

Four-year graduation rate in South  
Dakota (2023-24)



Supporting CTE programs across South Dakota ensures that students have access to rigorous and industry-relevant coursework in high-skill, high-wage and in-demand fields.

**3,447**

Postsecondary certificates and associate degrees in CTE fields awarded to South Dakota students (2023-24)

**CTE: Good for Students, Good for Businesses, Good for Communities**