

# CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION



Career and Technical Education (CTE) provides students of all ages with the academic and technical skills, knowledge and training necessary to succeed in future careers and to become lifelong learners. In total, about 12.5 million high school and college students are enrolled in CTE across the nation.

CTE programs provide students with opportunities to acquire the competencies required in today's workplace such as critical thinking, collaboration, problem solving, innovation, teamwork, and communication.

Often times when individuals think about CTE, they think of scientists and engineers. However, what doesn't come to mind are the numerous high wage, high skilled, high demand careers for which CTE is preparing students.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook, many of the fastest-growing jobs through 2022 will be in CTE fields, including health care, the skilled trades, IT and marketing. Many of the highest-paid jobs are also in fields for which CTE prepares students, including health care, architecture, IT and marketing.

## **CTE Prepares Students for the Growing Class of Middle-skills Jobs**

Middle-skill jobs, that require education and training beyond high school but less than a bachelor degree, are a significant part of the economy and are expected to grow. One of the many benefits of CTE programs is that they prepare students not only to contribute to our national economy, but also to contribute to industries vital to state, local and regional economies.

If you are an employer interested in learning more about CTE or Skilled Trades training/funding opportunities contact your local Michigan Works Office and ask about Business Services.

Students and parents may learn more about CTE opportunities by contacting the following:

- Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District at 231.796.3543
- Newaygo County RESA at 231.924.0381
- West Shore Educational Service District at 231.757.3716



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