

Career and Technical Education in Arizona

- At the secondary level, CTE is delivered through comprehensive high schools, charter schools or through the 14 Joint Technical Education Districts (JTEDs), which include over 215 high school sites. JTEDs are formed when two or more school districts, with the approval of local voters and the state Department of Education, come together to form a new district that can deliver a higher level of career and technical education to students it serves than the individual districts could provide on their own.
- At the postsecondary level, CTE is delivered through 10 community college districts. Each community college district is fully autonomous with its own governing board and is funded individually by the state and with Perkins funds.
- Learn more at ACTEAZ.org.

In school year 2014-2015, Arizona served **98,069** high school students and **118,822** postsecondary students.

In Fiscal Year 2015, Arizona received **\$25,325,281**—\$400,000 more than in 2014 and \$1.6 million less than in 2010.

Exemplary CTE Programs in Arizona

- The [Marana Unified School District Dental Assisting program](#) was developed in partnership with the Marana Health Center, which provided the classroom space and funded the development of the program's state-of-the-art dental clinic. In its fifth year, a growing number of students from district high schools attend the program. They receive the same instruction and clinical experience as students attending a community college or trade school program but pay only \$100. Students host free clinics providing cleanings and x-rays to community members, and many students complete internships at the Marana Healthcare Dental Clinic, located in the same building. The program has a 100% pass rate on the Dental Assisting National Board Radiation Health and Safety certification exam, and 86% of the graduates are placed in dental assisting positions following graduation. *(Information from ACTEAZ)*
- Exciting things are happening in the [Mesa Public Schools Education Professions Program](#). Over 350 students are enrolled in this two-year program in four Mesa high schools. Students go to nearby elementary and junior high schools two days a week to teach lessons, and students also prepare and present lessons to their peers in high school as well as to the preschools located on each campus. In addition to dual enrollment options with Mesa Community College, the Education Professions Program has established AIM2Teach, a partnership among Arizona State University, Mesa Community College and Mesa Public Schools to address the teacher shortage in Arizona. Students have dual/concurrent enrollment opportunities, as well as occasions to visit the college campuses during the school year and take part in Future Educators Summer Camps. They are given scholarship opportunities and can be part of the ASU Collegiate Scholars Academy. *(Information from ACTEAZ)*

In school year 2014-2015:

- **98** percent of Arizona CTE high school students graduated
- **87** percent met performance goals for mathematics
- **96** percent met performance goals for reading/language arts
- **91** percent of Arizona CTE postsecondary students met performance goals for technical skills