

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION IN ARIZONA

Preparing Students. Empowering Communities.
Fueling the Workforce.

Did you know CTE = Student Achievement

CTE Students:

- > **English Language Arts:** CTE students scored 6% above non-CTE students
- > **Math:** CTE students scored 7% above non CTE students
- > **CTE students score higher on the ACT** and demonstrate marked improved academic achievement and employability.

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What You Do Matters

- John Mulcahy, ACTEAZ 2025
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96%

graduation rate for Arizona CTE concentrators –
that's 27% higher than non-CTE students

161,000+

secondary students enrolled in CTE

140,000+

postsecondary students engaged

CTE Leads to Career and College

- > 78% of students completing 2-3 CTE courses go on to college
- > CTE students are more likely to have a post-high school plan
- > 8 years post-graduation, CTE concentrators have a higher annual income than their non-CTE peers

How CTE Works & Why It's Effective

Economic mobility, workforce readiness, and stronger communities.

Why Arizona Leads in CTE

- > Dual enrollment opportunities
- > Exceptional high schools and community colleges
- > Nationally recognized teacher training
- > Committed educators and support staff
- > Support from ADE and ACTEAZ

What Arizona Families and Communities are saying:

82% support job/career skills classes, even if it reduces academic seat time.

86% believe schools should offer certifications for employment (PDK Poll).



Classroom Instruction

- > Career-connected, engaging, student-centered

Laboratory Instruction

- > Hands-on, safe, industry-aligned

Work-Based Learning

- > Internships, soft skills, community-connected

Leadership Development (CTSOs)

- > Leadership, service, and confidence building



CTE: A Solution That Works

36%

of Arizona jobs will require education beyond high school but less than a bachelor's degree by 2031. CTE programs prepare students for these jobs in key Arizona industries such as advanced manufacturing, bioscience and health care, and film and digital media.

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