



Career and Technical Education

ISBE and the Governor have built an additional \$10 Million in to the FY '25 Budget for CTE. Career and Technical Education (CTE) is a critical component of the educational process and towards preparing students for success in careers and college.

CTE provides hands-on learning to meet the demands of today's job market



Empowers

Project based learning found in CTE teaches essential employability skills and answers the "Why do I need to know this" question common amongst our students. CTE builds self-esteem through "look what I can make & look what I can do" moments.



Prepares Our Future High Wage Workforce

Numerous studies point to CTE Students having higher earnings straight out of high school in addition to higher life-long earnings. Lifetime earnings increased by \$9 for every \$1 invested in secondary CTE. (Washington State data) CTE creates high wage tax payers.



Increases Graduation Rates

With studies showing the life-long societal cost of a student dropping out of school at \$292,000; increased graduation rates in Illinois students may account for Billions in savings over the course of decades. CTE answers the "why do I need to know this" question... which keeps students in school.



Lifts Up Minority Students

Illinois Students' Graduation rates increase substantially in our minority communities when they are CTE concentrators.

	Grad Rates All	Grad Rates CTE Concentrators
Black.	80.1%	94.2% (+14.1%)
Hispanic.	85.5%	94.8% (+9.3%)



Promoting Success at all levels

Participation in CTE increases the likelihood students will graduate from high school, have increased earnings, and have higher rates of full-time employment after high school. - U.S. Department of Education



Return On Investment

Numerous states have studied Career and Technical Education as a Return on Investment (excluding the drop-out component). Without exception, those studies show a positive economic benefit from increased CTE investment.

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