

# OHIO CAREER-TECHNICAL EDUCATION

## Preparing Students for College and Careers

### What is Ohio career tech?

Typically, Ohio career tech refers to high school juniors and seniors enrolled in programs leading to careers in such areas as engineering, construction, health and agriculture. Emphasis is on workforce development to meet the needs of Ohio's top industries. There are 120,357 career tech students – 22 percent of all grade 9-12 students in the state.

**But Ohio career tech is much more.** Career tech students, as early as Grade 7, can be enrolled in career field programs. Career tech also is in these programs:

- 20,767 in Career-Based Intervention;
- 144,477 students in Family and Consumer Sciences; and
- 2,894 students in the Graduation, Reality And Dual-role Skills, or GRADS, program for pregnant and parenting teens.

Some of these students are in more than one program such as a student in Career-Based Intervention also enrolled in a full-time career program. About 1 in 5 students are served as Students With Disabilities.

### Why is Ohio career tech important?

Ohio career tech maximizes student learning success with real-work knowledge and skills.

Ohio career tech is a value-added education. It includes challenging academic and technical content and has strong relationships with business/industry and higher education. In addition to meeting Ohio Core graduation requirements, students take 450 to 900 hours of career-focused coursework.

**What proves the value-added statement about Ohio career tech?** Here are three pieces of data about students who have concentrated their studies in career-technical education.



### Where can you find Ohio career tech?

All Ohio students have access to career tech. Every Ohio public school district and community school belongs to a Career-Technical Planning District, which provides this programming to students. There are 91 such districts with about half of the students taking courses in career tech center schools with the other half taking courses offered in the student's high school. Career Connections, also known as career development, occurs as early as elementary grades with an ideal model showing this smooth transition through high school.

### Enrollment by Career Field



The FY2012 data above reflect some duplicate numbers as some students take classes in more than one career field.