

Career and Technical Education in Texas

- At the secondary level, CTE is delivered through comprehensive high schools; magnet schools, which offer specialized curriculum that fully integrates core academic instruction with specific career training; career academies within comprehensive high schools, which are small, personalized learning communities that contextualize academic instruction with specific career training; and stand-alone career academies, which are career academies that function independent of a comprehensive high school.
- Postsecondary CTE is delivered through 57 community, state and technical colleges, with 79 campuses delivering CTE, including 10 Texas State Technical College campuses.
- Learn more at <http://tea.texas.gov/cte> and CTAT.org.

In school year 2016-2017, Texas served **1,337,230** CTE high school students and **227,732** CTE postsecondary students.

In Fiscal Year 2019, Texas received an estimated **\$111,415,531** in federal Perkins funding—\$6.15 million more than in 2018.

Exemplary CTE Programs in Texas

- [Dallas Independent School District](#) (ISD) is transitioning the majority of its campuses to the P-TECH (Pathways to Technology Early College High School) model. Students can choose a career pathway and gain academic, technical and workplace skills, with opportunities to earn industry certifications and up to 60 hours of free college credit or an associate’s degree within four to six years. Three area colleges are partnering with Dallas ISD to award postsecondary credit and credentials. In addition, many industry partners in the region help expose students to the world of work through site visits, job shadowing, career panels, guest speaking, mentorships and internships. Business partners include American Airlines, Southwest Airlines, Accenture, Amazon, AT&T, Bank of America, Baylor Scott and White, FedEx, City of Dallas, CISCO, IBM, Microsoft, Omni, Hyatt, State Fair of Texas and Wells Fargo, among many others.

The Dallas ISD transition is part of a statewide, collaborative effort among the Texas Education Agency (TEA), the Texas Workforce Commission and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to develop [P-TECH](#) programs that meet regional workforce and student needs. TEA is also developing similar, open-enrollment programs called [Industry Cluster Innovative Academies](#). Launched in 2017, Industry Cluster Innovative Academies partner with postsecondary institutions and local businesses to provide students with career pathways in advanced technologies and manufacturing; aerospace and defense; biotechnology and life sciences, including health care; energy; information and computer technology; and petroleum refining and chemical products. *(Information from Dallas ISD, TEA and CTAT)*

In school year 2016-2017:

- **97** percent of Texas CTE high school students graduated
- **95** percent met performance goals for mathematics and **93** percent for reading/language arts
- **91** percent of Texas CTE postsecondary students met performance goals for technical skills

Data from the U.S. Department of Education Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education