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Engages our students...
- 12% of U.S. students dropout of school each year.
- 81% of student dropouts say real-world learning opportunities would have kept them in school.
- Students who take CTE courses have a decreased risk of dropping out.
- CTE program graduation rates are 90.18%. The national average is 74.9%.8

... which helps our economy.
- More than 75% of manufacturers report a skills shortage.9
- Student dropouts cost the U.S. economy over $50 billion in taxes annually.10

CTE TEACHES NEEDED SKILLS
CTE programs incorporate hands-on career skills with rigorous academic standards, that often feature education-industry partnerships.

CTE prepares students for high-wage, high-skill, high-demand careers.

2/3 of students report they are learning skills in their CTE courses that will help them to get a job in the future.11

Did you know?
The top 5 occupational interests of CTE students are:12
- Nursing/Health Care: 23%
- Engineering/Mechanical: 13%
- Medical Science: 11%
- Doctor/Physician: 10%
- Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement: 4%

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