



Career & Technical Education

COMMON MYTHS ABOUT CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

M: MYTH

R: REALITY

- M:** Career and Technical Education is designed for students who do not want to attend college.
- R:** Career and Technical Education programs support students at all academic levels. They provide a foundation of skills that enables graduates to be gainfully employed full-time and/or to pursue college.
- M:** Career and Technical Education is just a fancy new name for the old vocational education.
- R:** Unlike in the past where the sole focus was on preparing students for work, today's CTE is aligned with a college prep curriculum. It provides students with both academic and technical skills to pursue a variety of options after graduation to include apprenticeship programs, degree programs at two- and four-year colleges, private career schools, as well as industry-sponsored education and training.
- M:** Career and Technical Education locks students into career choices at an early age.
- R:** Students are not locked into career choices. The programs offer students an organized sequence of courses to explore a particular career field.
- M:** Students planning to go to a 4-year college will not benefit from participating in Career and Technical Education Programs.
- R:** In today's economy, a 4-year degree no longer guarantees success in life. Students must also have practical application skills in problem-solving, communication, team work, critical thinking and leveraging technology. CTE helps students to develop these skills.
- M:** Career and Technical Education programs only prepare students for non-professional careers in the trades.
- R:** The Career Academies/Programs of Study enable students to explore a variety of employment/career options in career fields from construction to engineering, from culinary arts to bio-medical science and from finance to teacher preparation. These programs enable students to make better decisions when choosing a career.

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