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School Finance**

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Career Technical  
Education Initiative  
(SB 155)**

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## Education

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#### Career Technical Education (CTE) in Kansas

A new innovative plan to enhance career technical education in Kansas was launched in 2012 with SB 155. It is designed to better prepare high school students for college and careers. Beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, Kansas high school students could qualify for free college tuition in approved technical courses offered at Kansas technical and community colleges. The program also provides the school districts with a \$1,000 incentive for each high school student who graduates from that district with an industry-recognized credential in a high-need occupation.

A list of those occupations that are included on the qualifying credential incentive list can be found on the Kansas Board of Regents website. The list includes, but is not limited to, the following occupations:

- Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers;
- Computer support specialists;
- Automotive service technicians and mechanics;
- Carpenters;
- Welders;
- Electricians;
- Plumbers and pipefitters;
- Sheet metal workers; and
- Heating, air-conditioning, and refrigeration mechanics and installers.

#### Participation

Postsecondary career technical education has grown significantly in the number of students participating in the program. This has resulted in a growth of college credit hours generated and credentials earned by students in high school since the inception of the initiative in 2012. Following is a table from the Board of Regents website on the success of the program.

	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014
Participating Headcount	3,475	3,870	6,101	8,208
College Credit Hours Generated	28,000	28,161	44,087	60,799
Credentials Earned	--	548	711	1,419

**National Recognition**

The Career Technical Education Initiative received national recognition as one of the “Top Ten Innovations to Watch” from the Brookings Institute in 2013. Also that year, Martin Kollman of the Kansas State Department of Education and Lisa Beck of the Kansas Board of Regents published the article “Free CTE College Tuition and Certification Funding: KS SB 155 at Work”. It was published in the September issue of Techniques, a national monthly magazine published by the Association for Career and Technical Education.

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