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Career Technical Education (CTE) in Kansas

A new plan to enhance career technical education in Kansas was launched in 2012 with the enactment of SB 155. Its purpose is 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 in the state. The program also initially provided 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. The 2015 Legislature changed the incentive to a prorated amount not to exceed \$750,000 in total.

Occupations that are included on the qualifying credential incentive list can be found on the Kansas Board of Regents' website. The list currently 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.

Student Participation

Since the program's inception, the number of student participating in postsecondary career technical education has grown significantly. This has resulted in a growth of college credit hours generated and credentials earned by students in high school. The following is a table from the Board of Regents' website on the success of the program.

	<u>2010-2011</u>	<u>2011-2012</u>	<u>2012-2013</u>	<u>2013-2014</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>
Participating Headcount	3,475	3,870	6,101	8,208	10,390
College Credit Hours Generated	28,000	28,161	44,087	60,799	77,204
Credentials Earned	--	548	711	1,419	1,682

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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