

AISD CTE Postsecondary Enrollment Executive Summary

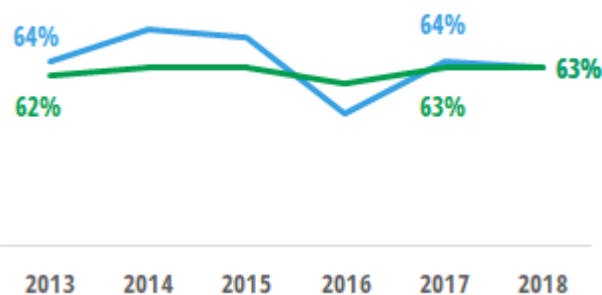
Graduating Classes of 2013 to 2018

This executive summary reports on college enrollment for graduates who earned industry-based certifications and were CTE concentrators in 2018. Among the 4,381 graduates, 1,715 (39%) earned industry certifications and 1,664 (38%) were CTE concentrators who completed a sequence of courses in a CTE pathway approved by Austin Independent School District (AISD) (Figure 1). More graduates earned industry certifications and were CTE concentrators in 2018 than in previous years.

CTE students enrolled at 2- and 4-year colleges at higher rates than did their counterparts who did not participate in CTE. Almost two-thirds (63%) of graduates who earned certifications enrolled in college. Similarly, the majority (63%) of graduates who were CTE concentrators enrolled in college. Greater percentages of CTE concentrators and certification earners enrolled in college, compared with those who were not CTE concentrators or certification earners.

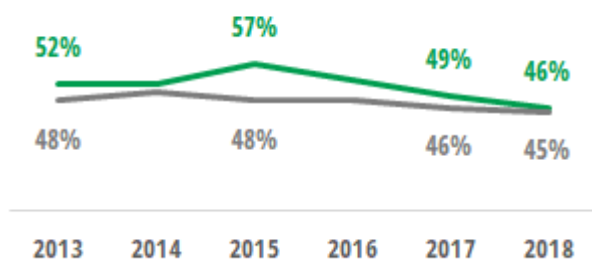
CTE prepares students for college, career, and life, and increases access and equity. More graduates who were CTE concentrators and economically disadvantaged enrolled in college, compared with those who were not CTE concentrators and economically disadvantaged (Figure 2).

Figure 1. Consistent with previous years, the majority of graduates who earned industry certifications as well as graduates who were CTE concentrators enrolled in college.



Source: AISD and National Student Clearinghouse, 2013–2018

Figure 2. CTE concentrators who were economically disadvantaged enrolled in college at a higher rate than non-CTE concentrators who were economically disadvantaged.



Source: AISD and National Student Clearinghouse, 2013–2018

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Career and Technical Education (CTE)

CTE provides students with the academic knowledge and technical skills they need to gain entry to high-skill, high-wage, and high-demand industries. CTE provides work-based experiences that combine hands-on learning with real-world scenarios so students are prepared to enter the workforce after they graduate high school.

CTE concentrator refers to a student who completed a sequence of CTE coursework with two or more CTE courses for three or more credits.

Industry certification refers to a credential earned through an assessment administered by a certifying agency and recognized by business and industry. Earning a certification allows students to demonstrate they have the skills and competencies needed in the job market.

Comprehensive postsecondary enrollment results for multiple school years can be accessed online: <https://www.austinisd.org/dre/district-campus-surveys>.