



Career & Technical Education

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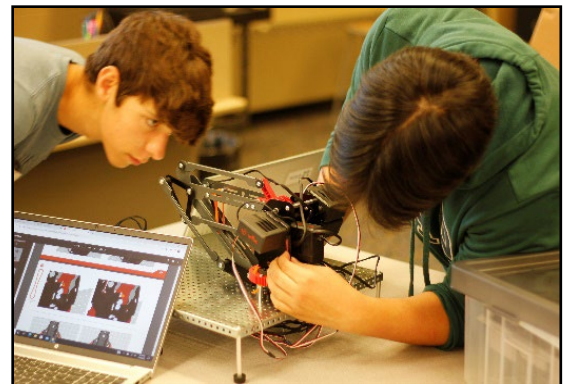
Empowering and Preparing Tomorrow's Workforce

CTE Month – Celebrating Career and Technical Education



As we celebrate Career and Technical Education Month, it's essential to highlight the transformative impact that CTE programs have on empowering our students. Whether college, work, military, or apprenticeships, CTE students develop self-awareness as they explore and gain confidence to make career decisions after high school. Check out [Fargo Public School's CTE Programs at a Glance video](#).

CTE plays a pivotal role in preparing students with the mindset, skills, and knowledge needed to explore passion areas and envision their future. In an era of rapid technological advancements, global interdependence, and entrepreneurship, helping students make connections between what they learn in school to life beyond the classroom creates relevance and can save time and money for next steps after graduation.



CTE Month 2024 - "Preparing Tomorrow's Workforce"

The North Dakota Department of CTE unveiled this year's CTE Month theme, "Preparing Tomorrow's Workforce." With low unemployment and unfilled jobs in North Dakota ([ND Job Service](#)), the need for a skilled workforce continues to grow and employers are seeing their future in our high schools. As the job market becomes increasingly competitive and specialized, CTE programs play a crucial role in addressing workforce gaps and preparing students for careers in high-demand industries. CTE can bridge the gap between educational attainment and workforce needs, contributing to economic growth in North Dakota, community stability, and living wages for families.



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Career Awareness and Impact!

FPS is proud to support CTE through its middle school and high school programs including automotive technology, business education, construction technology, family and consumer sciences, health sciences, graphic communication, information technology, marketing education, manufacturing, technology and engineering, and welding. FPS students may also access shared programs through the Cass County CTE Center including agriculture education, aviation, diesel technology, and welding.

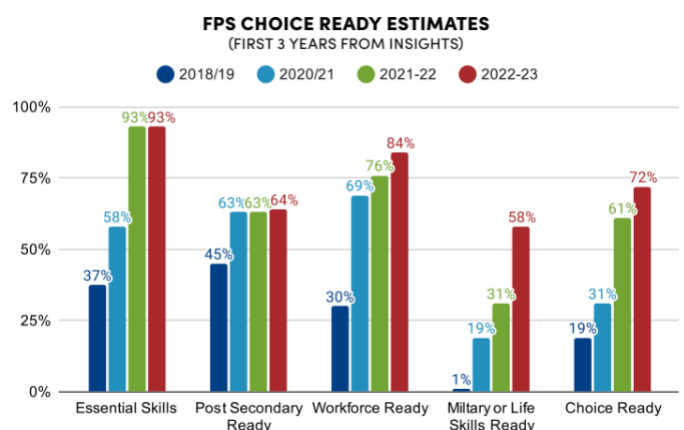
- In 2022-23, more than 2,789 students participated in CTE courses, with 5,337 completing one or more CTE courses ([FPS Annual Report 2022-2023, pp. 26-27](#))
- In 2020-21, FPS student CTE concentrators, enrolled in two or more CTE courses in a pathway of study graduated at a rate of 98.1% compared to 81% for non-concentrators.

Diverse CTE pathways help students to develop technical skills in computer programming, healthcare, robotics, culinary, construction, social media marketing, welding, automotive, graphics design and more. Professional, transferable skills like responsibility, communication, teamwork, and problem-solving apply to all career fields and ensure students become well-rounded employees.

During CTE month, instructors and students are proud to share their classroom stories, curriculum activities, and student accomplishments. In February, watch for high school promotions, media segments, open house events, project showcases, and CTSO student leadership announcements.

Career Planning and Choice Ready!

Career advisors and counselors guide student in their planning, using interest inventories and career guidance tools. [Career Pathway](#) activities, field trips, college visits, and projects help students explore, learn more, or select another career door. CTE also supports students with [Choice Ready – Work Ready](#) goals, growing from 76% to 84% in 2022-23. As students plan for their high school courses and future, we urge them to consider CTE as a credible option to discover potential career opportunities. Free



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exploration while in high school can save students time and money in their career journey after graduation.

As we celebrate CTE Month, let us recognize the invaluable contribution of CTE educators and the programs that are preparing tomorrow's workforce. Fostering a blend of academic knowledge, technical skills, and professional skills, CTE programs empower students to embark on a career journeys and contribute meaningfully to the professional world. The investment in CTE is an investment in the future prosperity of individuals, communities, and the nation as a whole. Thank you for sharing our story and your CTE support!

