Career and Technical Education Improves Student Achievement in High School, College and Career

Parents play an important role in their children’s college and career success.

**ACADEMIC AND COLLEGE SUCCESS**

- **80%** of high school students taking both CTE and college prep courses meet college and career readiness goals, versus 63% who are college and career ready through college prep courses alone.1
- **600,000** high school students enroll in dual-credit CTE courses to earn college credit.2

**CAREER PLANNING**

- 6 out of 10 students plan to pursue a career related to the CTE area they’re exploring in high school.3
- Students enrolled in CTE courses are significantly more likely to develop problem-solving, project completion, research, communication, time management and critical thinking skills during high school.4

**EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS**

- **36%** of STEM jobs require postsecondary credentials that CTE students can obtain within two years of high school graduation.5
- **$11,000**

**SCHOOL AND JOB SATISFACTION**

- **81%** of high school dropouts say relevant, real-world learning opportunities, like CTE, would have kept them in school.7
- Graduates are twice as likely to be engaged at work if they had a meaningful internship or job while in college.8

**My career tech class has enabled me to do something I love and opened my eyes to possibilities that are ahead.** – Kelsey McClure9

1 Southern Regional Education Board, 2 Thomas et al. 2013, National Center for Education Statistics, 3 NRCCUA® and ACTE 2016, 4 Lekes et al. 2007, National Research Center for CTE, 6 Rothwell 2013, Brookings Institution, 6 Schneider 2013, College Measures, 7 Bridgeland et al. 2006, Civic Enterprises, 8 Gallup-Purdue Index report, 9 Ohio Department of Education Career-Technical Education Success Stories, 10 Ibid.