


Career and Technical Education

Merit College Preparatory Academy

Mountainland Region

2021-2022 AT-A-GLANCE

Career and Technical Education provides all students access to high-quality, rigorous career-focused programs that result in attainment of credentials with labor market value.

 CTE Learning that works for Utah

227

Students enrolled in CTE courses

71.4%

Graduation rate for students who are CTE **concentrators**

100%

Graduation rate for students who are CTE **completers**

Compared to Merit College Preparatory Academy graduation rate of

81.1%



71.4%

of CTE concentrators graduate in 4 years.

Students w/ disabilities	83.3%
Hispanic	80%
Caucasian	77%
Students from low-income families	66.6%
Asian	0%
Black	0%
Native American	0%
Pacific Islander	0%

39%*

of students **concentrated** in a CTE Career Pathway. A **concentrator** is a student who has completed specific requirements in a single CTE program of study.

4%*

of students regionwide **completed** a CTE Career Pathway. A **completer** is a student who has completed specific course requirements and earned 3.0 credits in a single CTE program of study.

* Perkins V strengthens the requirements for a student to become a concentrator and completer. Percentages have decreased over prior years as a result of the new Perkins V definitions.



65.7%

of students regionwide who concentrated in a CTE Pathway placed in postsecondary education, advanced training, military service, or employment.

(October 1-December 31, 2020-2021)



CREDENTIALS OF VALUE

PORTABLE. STACKABLE. TRANSFERABLE. THIRD-PARTY. DRIVEN BY EMPLOYERS.

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CTE Skill Certifications earned



Skill Certifications are aligned with standards and objectives set by the state of Utah. Certifications are earned based on students' knowledge and performance.

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Third-Party** certification earned

TOP CERTIFICATION:
AP Computer Science Principles



** business, trade association, or other industry group.

Top Pathways

Students completing a CTE Career Pathway are recognized by the state of Utah and their high school by receiving a CTE Secondary Pathway Completer Recognition Award.

CTE Career Pathways with the Highest Completer Rates

- Broadcasting & Digital Media
- Information Technology Systems
- Web Development
- Architectural Design (CAD)
- Programming & Software Development
- Engineering
- Welding & Machining
- Food Science, Dietetics & Nutrition
- Graphic Design & Communication

Work-Based Learning (WBL)

is an instructional strategy that prepares students for success in careers through direct involvement with business/ industry and community professionals.



Work-Based Learning

Benefits to students participating in WBL:

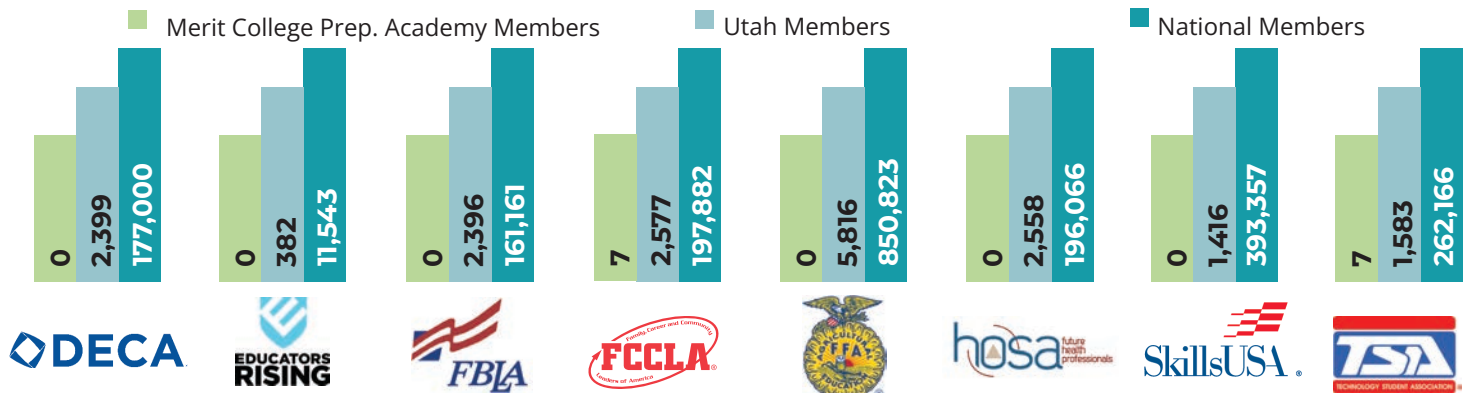
- Awareness of career options and skills required.
- Development of technical knowledge and skills.
- Practical application of academic, technical knowledge, and skills.
- Demonstration of workplace skills.

Utah WBL K-12 includes guest speakers, career fairs, job shadows, field studies, school-based enterprises, internships, and apprenticeships.



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students are members of a Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO).



Students who participate in school organizations in 10th grade have higher grade point averages and are more likely to be enrolled in college at 21 years of age than other students (ctsos.org).

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students participated in

College & Career Awareness

College and Career Awareness is a middle school course designed to increase awareness of college and career pathways. Students explore high school, college, and career options based on individual **interests**, **abilities**, and **skills**. Students investigate high-skill and/or in-demand jobs in the Utah labor market, while developing workplace skills.

Utah CTE classes are open to all qualified students without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age.

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CTE Concurrent Enrollment (CE) credits earned

Students have opportunities to earn CE credits in CTE courses. CE provides prepared high school students with a challenging and rigorous college-level experience. Students in the program receive both college and high school credit.

