Career and Technical Education

Merit College Preparatory Academy

Mountainland Region

2020-2021 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.

229
Students enrolled in CTE courses

90%
Graduation rate for students who are CTE concentrators

Compared to Merit College Preparatory Academy graduation rate of 82.9%

16%*
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.

14.8%*
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.

90%
of CTE concentrators graduate in 4 years.

- Caucasian: 100%
- Students with disabilities: 100%
- Students from low-income families: 85.7%
- Hispanic: 75%
- Asian: 0%
- Black: 0%
- Native American: 0%
- Pacific Islander: 0%

77.7%
of students who concentrated in a CTE Pathway placed in postsecondary education, advanced training, military service, or employment.

(October 1-December 31, 2019-2020)

CREDENTIALS OF VALUE
PORTABLE. STACKABLE. TRANSFERABLE. THIRD-PARTY. DRIVEN BY EMPLOYERS.

28**
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.

1*
Third-Party*** certification earned

TOP CERTIFICATION:
TestOut PC Pro

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

** COVID-19 impacted certifications earned

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.

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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
- Business Information Management
- Programming & Software Development
- Engineering
- Graphic Design & Communication
- Web Development
- Health Science

1,110 students regionwide participated in WBL activities, including internships, apprenticeships, and workplace readiness training.

WBL provides opportunities for students to learn a variety of skills through **rigorous academic preparation** with **hands-on career development experiences**.

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

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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).

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.

68 students participated in College and Career Awareness

CTE Concurrent Enrollment (CE) credits earned
18 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.

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

Data Represents Secondary Education
Source of Data: Utah State Board of Education

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