

CTE (Career & Technical Education) Programs Are the Future

Breaking stigma around vocational programs

Vocational schools have gotten looked over for years when they are setting students up for success. As a vocational student when I was making my decision to go to a vocational high school or stay at a traditional high school I heard the same two comments. People said “ You're throwing your life away.” and “You're not going to get into college.” When in reality it is the complete opposite. According to the National Center of Educational Statistics, “77% of school districts include on-the-job training in their CTE programs”. The majority of CTE programs are already helping students get hands-on experience in their field while still in high school. At a traditional high school approximately 62% of students graduate and apply to college while 82% of students graduating from CTE either apply to college or enter the workforce. As a vocational student graduating in the spring, my choice in high school has not affected my college acceptance. If anything it puts me ahead of other applicants due to my field experience. Overall CTE programs are the future of education.