

COLLEGE AND CAREER ACCELERATOR



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The Issue

- CTE availability
 - CTE has increased to 8.3 million high school students from 7.5 million nationwide (2020-2021) according to the US Department of Education
- AP classes/exam funding



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Dropouts (Grades 7-12) vs. School Year (2002-2023)



Dropouts (Grades 7-12) vs. School Year (2013-2023)



★ The vertical lines indicate the last decade

- Positive dropout trends from the past two decades are reversing



Its Importance

- Higher classroom engagement
- Diversified pathways after high school
 - Specialized positions
- Better job options after graduation
 - Industry Credentials
- College readiness and advancement



The Student Experience

- Not widely known about
- CTE availability isn't equally distributed
- High cost barrier for AP exams (AP exams cost \$98 per test; a huge barrier for those economically disadvantaged)
- Costs for some CTE classes and materials



Recommendations for College and Career Accelerator Programs



EXPAND ACCESS TO CTE COURSES

Industry Credentialing

Health Sciences and
STEM Academies



EXPAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND HIGH SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS



GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS



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AP EXAM FEE SUBSIDIES

34 states provided partial funding for AP Exams for low-income students with 6 states that fully funded AP Exams for all low-income students



USE SURPLUS FUNDS

Ex:
General Fund Revenue Surplus (totaling \$5.1 billion in 2023)
Reserve Fund from past surpluses



