



Oklahoma CareerTech

Oklahoma CareerTech serves 6th – 12th-grade students, adult learners and Oklahoma businesses with more than 500,000 enrollments statewide.

Over
7,800
companies utilized
CareerTech Training

Nearly
50%
9th – 12th-grade students
enrolled in CareerTech

*In addition, CareerTech served
over 35% of 6th - 8th graders*

Over
15,000
career certificates &
industry-recognized
credentials earned



Where CareerTech Operates

TECHNOLOGY CENTERS

29 locally controlled technology center districts operate 58 campuses that educate high school students, adults and provide industry-specific skills. These centers also partner with local businesses to train new employees and improve their existing employees' skills base.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS

CareerTech has more than 1,300 educators embedded at nearly 400 middle schools and high schools to provide hands-on learning, rigorous academics, STEM, leadership skills through organizations like FFA and opportunities to experience various careers.

ADULT BASIC EDUCATION

CareerTech provides educationally disadvantaged adults opportunities to earn their high school diploma, English language instruction and literacy, as well as civics education.

SKILLS CENTERS

CareerTech operates 16 centers in correctional facilities that help adult and juvenile offenders re-enter society with career training such as welding and cabinetmaking, as well as life skills.

STATE AGENCY

The Department of CareerTech provides leadership, resources, administration of program funding and accreditation for all CareerTech programs.

BUSINESS & INDUSTRY

CareerTech partners with Oklahoma employers to train new employees, existing employees, and assists companies locating to the state. CareerTech also provides training and resources for volunteer firefighters and short-term professional development for adults.

Statistics above represent FY 2017.

CareerTech Funding

LOCAL FUNDING

Technology centers receive, on average, 80% of their funding through ad valorem assessments approved by local taxpayers and other local funding. Local technology center funds support high school, adult, and business and industry programs. These dollars do not compete with K-12 schools as they are a separate millage assessment specifically for technology centers.

In general, Tech Centers operate on a “save and pay” philosophy. This philosophy allows for strategic planning, while avoiding costs associated with bonding, eliminates any distraction from our partner schools needing to utilize bond issues and being economically responsible with taxpayers’ investment. This explains why technology centers occasionally have larger building fund carryover balances as they prepare for future, identified capital needs.

STATE FUNDING

State funds support access to CareerTech programs and Department of CareerTech operations. Funds are allocated to local schools based upon program need and quality. **Since FY10, state general funds for CareerTech have decreased by \$46.1M (30%).**

FEDERAL FUNDING

Approximately \$27M of federal funding is available annually to support the CareerTech system. These funds are primarily used to support program quality and create post-secondary pathways for students.

CareerTech Student Organizations



SkillsUSA



Oklahoma DECA



Technology Student Association



National Technical Honor Society



Oklahoma FFA



Health Occupations Students of America



Family Career and Community Leaders of America



Business Professionals of America