Why Is Career and Technical Education (CTE) Important for Employment Success for Students With Disabilities?

College and Career Readiness Gaps Persist for Students With Disabilities

Persons with a disability are less likely to graduate on-time, attend college or be employed compared to those without a disability. The disparity in employment between those with or without a disability continues for those who attend college.

Lower on-time high school graduation rate

- 62% Students with a disability
- 81% Students overall


Less likely to hold a bachelor’s degree

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Lower employment rates: working-age

- 28% People with a disability
- 73% People without a disability


Lower employment rates: bachelor’s degree

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CTE Participation Improves College and Career Readiness Outcomes

Students with a disability who are CTE concentrators* have better outcomes.

- 3% fewer unexcused absences
- 5% more likely to graduate high school on time
- 20% more likely to be employed after graduation

*CTE concentrator is a student who has taken at least four courses of CTE in high school.

Sources: