



Excel in Career Technical Education Initiative (SB-155)

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In 2012, a plan was launched to enhance career technical education in Kansas and better prepare high school students for college and careers. Under the Excel in Career Technical Education Initiative, Kansas high school students qualify for state-funded college tuition in approved technical courses offered by Kansas technical and community colleges. Postsecondary career technical education has experienced significant growth in the number of students participating in Excel in CTE courses since the program's inception.

PARTICIPATION

	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
Participating Headcount	3,475	3,870	6,101	8,440	10,275	10,023	10,600	11,690	13,675	13,934	12,529
College Credit Hours Generated	28,000	28,161	44,087	62,195	76,756	79,488	85,150	92,092	105,084	109,226	98,681
Credentials Earned		548	711	1,419	1,682	1,224	1,459	1,420	1,803	1,631	981

Source: KBOR KHEDS AY Collection 2010-2021; KSDE Credential Production

RESULTS

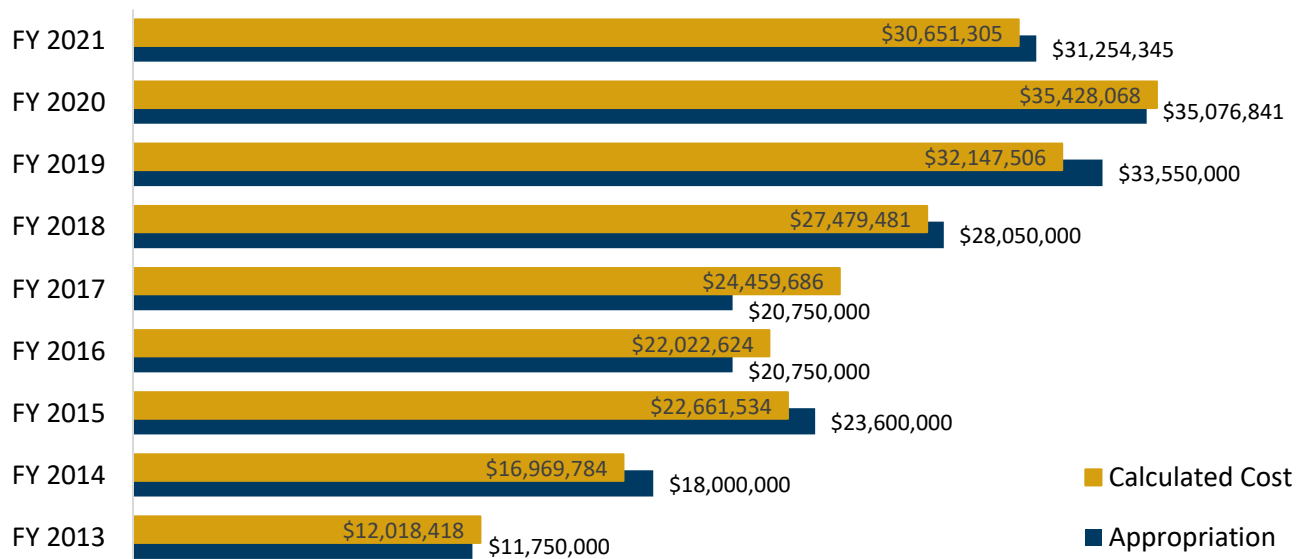
- Approximately 30% of participants complete a college-level certificate/degree in high school
- Nearly two-thirds of Excel in CTE students enroll in college and go on to earn more credits/degrees than traditional CTE students
- Excel in CTE credits lead to higher employment and higher wages of approximately \$3,500 per year
- Excel in CTE give high school students a “head start” on college
- Excel in CTE provides talent for Kansas businesses

Source: Donna K. Ginther, Director, Center for Science, Technology & Economic Policy at the Institute for Policy & Social Research (2016)

STATE FUNDING

State funding for student tuition has not always been adequate to cover costs as enrollments grew. Colleges are prohibited from charging tuition to the high school students, so they absorb that cost from other sources.

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Appropriation vs Calculated Cost



Total Costs does not include reductions to institutions due to allotment, proration, or performance agreements.