

# Applications Open for Technical High School Admissions

## Seeking Students Ready to Build Connecticut's Workforce Pipeline



As the Executive Director of the Connecticut Technical Education and Career System (CTECS), I am thrilled to announce that applications for admissions are now open for grade 9 and 10 students looking to pursue a trade education starting in the fall of 2024. This represents an exciting opportunity for young individuals across Connecticut to embark on a path that can transform their lives and shape the future of our workforce.

Critical to achieving CTECS vision of becoming the primary pipeline for Connecticut's skilled labor workforce is admitting students who have a genuine interest in pursuing a trade education. CTECS offers 31 different trade programs across our 17 high schools.

***Connecticut's businesses and industries are constantly evolving, and they require a skilled workforce to remain competitive. By ensuring that admitted students have a genuine interest in trade education, we are laying the foundation for a workforce that is aligned with the demands of the job market.***

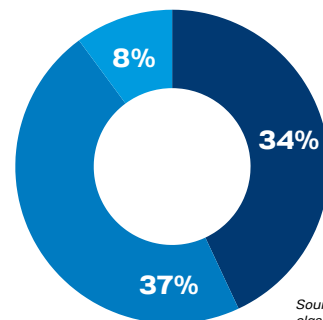
Additionally, like many other states, Connecticut faces a significant skills gap in various industries. Admitting students with a true interest in trade education is a strategic step in addressing this gap. By preparing students for careers in the trades, we are ensuring a steady supply of skilled workers that Connecticut employers desperately need.

Perhaps the most notable outcome of admitting students who are genuinely interested in a trade education is that they are more likely to excel in their studies, leading to better long-term success and careers they are passionate about.

I encourage all interested individuals to apply and embark on a journey that will not only lead to personal fulfillment but also contribute to Connecticut's economic prosperity. Together, we are building a stronger and more skilled workforce.

Learn more and apply at [cttech.org/admissions](https://cttech.org/admissions).

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Source: CTECS  
class of 2023  
exit survey

**34%** of graduates went to work in their chosen trade.

**37%** of graduates went to a 2-year, 4-year or technical school.

**8%** of graduates continued their education at a 2-year, 4-year or technical school while also working in their trade.

*Of those continuing their education, 31% were studying a major related to their chosen trade.*



### Listen Now: How Tech High Schools are Adapting to Meet Employer Needs

In a world rapidly transformed by technological advancements and evolving industries, education must adapt to meet the demands of the workforce. In this podcast, we speak with Senator Jan Hochadel about how CTECS programs are evolving to fulfill employer needs, and why partnership and innovation are the keys to success. Listen at [cttech.org/podcast](https://cttech.org/podcast).