



Career & Technical Education

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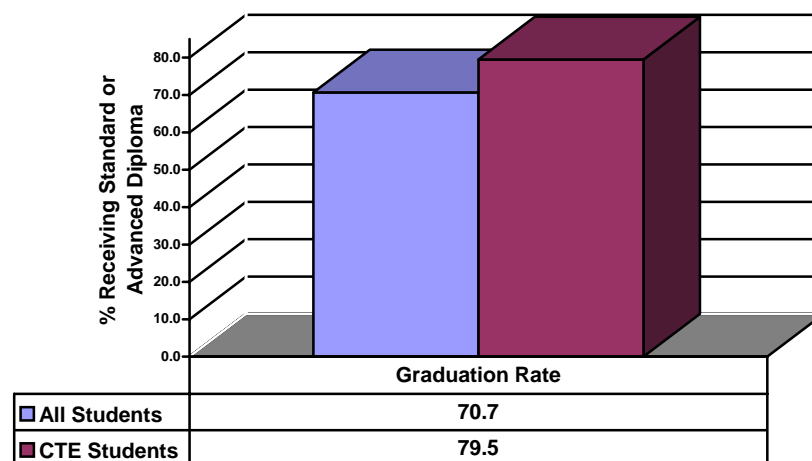
Career and Technical Education Students Graduate at Higher Rates

In addition to providing students with valuable occupational skills and facilitating employment and further education and training, Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs focus on academic skill attainment and improve the likelihood of students successfully completing secondary and postsecondary diplomas, credentials, and certificates.

Previous data from the 2002-03 school year indicates that the dropout rate for students participating in CTE programs in Nevada secondary schools is 1.7 percent, considerably lower than Nevada's overall high school dropout rate of 6 percent. The present findings indicate that, for the 2003 graduating class, Nevada's CTE students' graduation rate of 79.5 percent is higher than the overall graduation rate of 70.7 percent for all Nevada students.

The graduation rates here are restricted to students receiving standard or advanced diplomas. In addition to standard and advanced diplomas, students can complete high school with an adult diploma, adjusted diploma, or a certificate of attendance. CTE students also complete high school education in some fashion at a higher rate (90.1 percent) than the rate for all high school students (84 percent).

Nevada High School Standard or Advanced Diploma Graduation Rate for All Students and for CTE Students, Graduating Class of 2003



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