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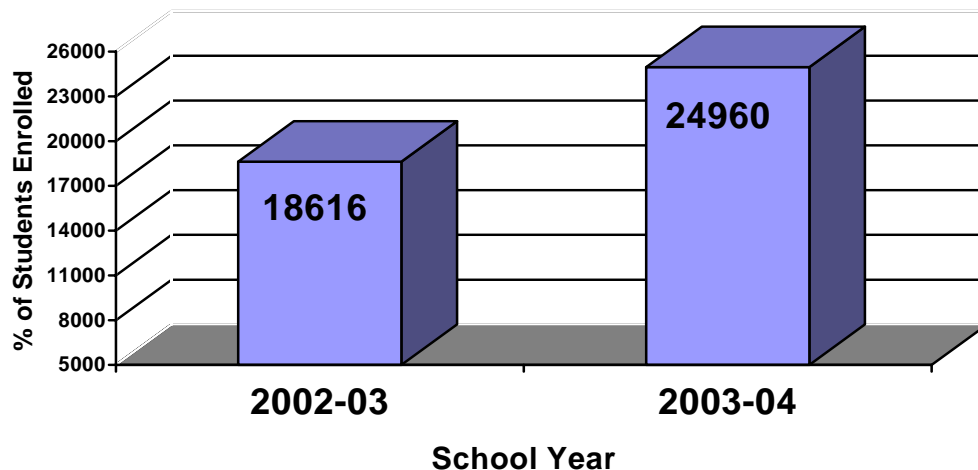
Nevada CTE Students Prepare for Postsecondary Education and Careers: 34% Increase in Secondary Students Enrolled in Tech Prep Programs

Nevada's Tech Prep programs illustrate one way that Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs serve the needs of Nevada high school students in attaining academic and occupational skills and the successful completion of secondary and postsecondary diplomas, credentials, and certificates.

Tech Prep programs provide junior and senior high school students with a way to start a college technical major while still in high school and an opportunity to earn up to 15 college credits for successful completion of the Tech Prep courses taken. In a Tech Prep program, students begin their course of study in high school and can continue the later stages in college culminating in a postsecondary degree or technical certificate in the career field. Juniors or seniors that earn a grade of A or B in articulated high school Tech Prep courses are eligible to receive college credits for those courses. Nevada colleges participating in Tech Prep programs are Community College of Southern Nevada, Great Basin College, Truckee Meadows Community College, and Western Nevada Community College.

Participation in Nevada's secondary Tech Prep courses increased 34 percent from 18,616 students in the 2002-03 school year to 24,960 students in the 2003-04 school year, compared to the nine percent increase in the overall number of juniors and seniors in Nevada public schools.

Number of High School Students Enrolled in Nevada Tech Prep Programs
School Years 2002-03 & 2003-2004



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