

Benefits to Participating in College Tech Prep

1. Benefits to College Tech Prep Teachers

- Support from College Tech Prep consortium staff contributes to: curricula and faculty development, funding to support program implementation, marketing, and collaborative partnerships for grants
- Student interest in learning is high because instruction is based on contextual teaching and inquiry based classroom activities, providing students with meaningful, real-world learning experiences; the way students learn best
- Increased interdisciplinary collaboration and sharing of teacher's expertise, capacities, resources, and objectives result in better communication between faculty at the high school, college and business

2. Benefits to Students

- Aspirations are raised for students in the academic middle (including traditionally non-college-bound, minority, and at-risk students)
- Students develop skills in critical thinking, problem solving, and team building
- Students develop advanced technical and academic skills through experiences in cooperative learning, hands-on activities, and contextual teaching, which makes learning more meaningful
- Students are more self confident and have a more positive vision of their future
- Students receive a secondary/post-secondary education that culminates in an associate degree or baccalaureate degree
- Students receive extra college planning assistance
- Students participate in college visits and take college assessments
- Students have the opportunity to get a head start on a college degree by earning college credits while still in high school
- Students are more likely to enter college programs directly from high school and also remain in college

3. Benefits to Career Technology Planning Districts/High Schools

- Curricula and faculty development
- Funding to support program implementation, marketing and collaborative partnerships for grants
- Expanded opportunities for students in the academic middle

4. Benefits to Colleges

- Curricula and faculty development
- Opportunities for partnering in educational reform and workforce development
- Opportunities to heighten awareness of college programs with high school students and staff, leading to increased enrollment of traditional college-aged students
- In addition to technical skills, College Tech Prep students receive academic preparation for college which improves their program completion rates

5. Benefits to Business/Industry

- Increased profitability due to reduced training costs because entry-level applicants in technical areas exhibit increased workplace readiness
- Opportunity to recruit promising employees through internship and cooperative education, due to linkages with specific technical programs
- Opportunities to directly influence the secondary and college curriculum of their future employee base
- Increased appreciation and understanding of each other's capacities, resources, and objectives, due to better communication between faculty at the high school and college levels and with business