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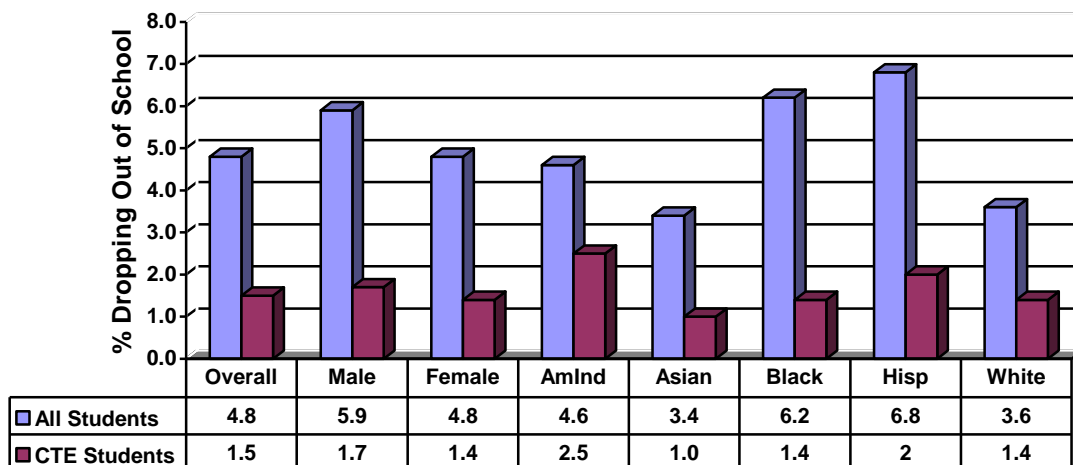
Lower Dropout Rates for Career and Technical Education Students in the 2006-2007 School Year

Dropout rates are traditionally low for high school students who participate in Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs. In the 2004-05 and 2005-06 school years, Nevada's CTE students' dropout rate was stable at 1.6 percent. Although it is difficult to reduce such a small rate, the dropout rate for Nevada's CTE students fell slightly below 1.5 percent in the 2006-07 school year. The overall high school students' dropout rate in Nevada was slightly over 4.8 percent in the same school year. Nevada's dropout rate is influenced by the low CTE students' rate since nearly half of the public high school students (48 percent) participate in CTE programs, suggesting a considerably high dropout rate for non-CTE students.

The impact of CTE programs on lower dropout rates among minority students, especially black, Hispanic, and American Indian students, continued in the 2006-07 data. The figure below also illustrates gender dropout rates for CTE high school students.

The data shows that the dropout rate in each category of CTE students is lower than the corresponding rate for all students in the same category. Further, no dropout rate in any of the general population categories fell below the highest dropout rate for CTE students (2.5 percent for American Indian CTE students).

Nevada High School Dropout Rates by Gender and Demographic Category for CTE Students and for All Students, School Year 2006-07



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