



# Career & Technical Education

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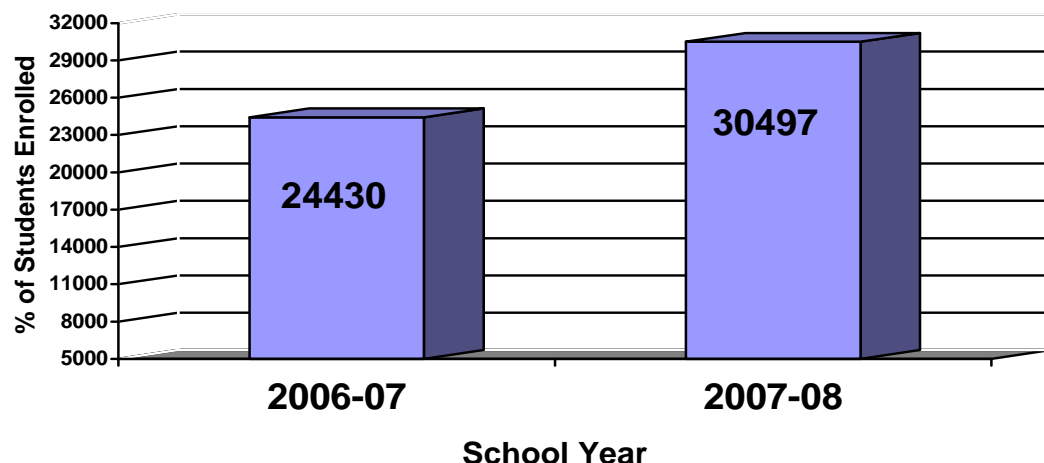
### Nevada CTE Students Prepare for Postsecondary Education and Careers: 20% Increase in Secondary Students Enrolled in Tech Prep Programs

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 all CTE 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. CTE students 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 College of Southern Nevada, Great Basin College, Truckee Meadows Community College, and Western Nevada College.

*Participation in Nevada's secondary Tech Prep courses increased 20 percent from 24,430 students in the 2006-07 school year to 30,497 in the 2007-08 school year.*

Number of High School Students Enrolled in Nevada Tech Prep Programs  
School Years 2006-07 & 2007-08



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