

Plano ISD Career and Technical Education Summary 2007-08

Career and Technical Education (CTE) offers an opportunity for students to learn skills they may use in high school, in college, in a career after graduation and/or as a financial means to help further their education. CTE blends academics and career preparation to produce more well-rounded graduates ready for the opportunities of the world.

The Plano Independent School District has implemented Achieve Texas which is an education initiative/system designed to prepare all students for a lifetime of success through wise education choices. The initiative is based on



the belief that the curricula of the 21st century should combine *rigorous* academics with *relevant* Career and Technical Education which enables students to see the “usefulness” of what they are learning. The system facilitates a seamless transition (beginning in 8th grade) from secondary to postsecondary opportunities utilizing the sixteen federally defined Career Clusters. There are models (Plans of Study) within each Career Cluster that recommend the sequence of coursework based on a student’s interest or career goal. View these and additional career planning resources at <http://k-12.pisd.edu/cte>

Professional Certifications/ Licensures

Over 200 certifications/licensures were received by Plano ISD CTE students in 2007-08 in the following areas:

- Automotive Service Technician (ASE)
- Certified Nurse Aid (CNA)
- Certified Veterinary Assistant (CVA/TVMA)
- Emergency Medical Technician - Basic (EMT-B)
- ServSafe Certification (Culinary Arts)
- Texas State Floral Certification (TSF)

Tech Prep College Credits

College credit was awarded through Collin College Tech Prep to CTE students in:

- Accounting
- Culinary Arts
- Criminal Justice
- Drafting
- Early Childhood Education
- Internetworking
- Marketing Dynamics
- Office Systems Technology

CTSO Competition Advances for 2007-08

- 230+ advanced to State level competitions (not counting FFA contests)
- 50+ advanced to National level competitions
- 170+ entries in Ag Sciences competitions at various levels