Governor’s Investment in Vocational Education

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Statewide Need

- Nearly **40 percent** of TN counties are Distressed or At-Risk - least economically viable counties in the nation
- 250,000 jobs open in TN - many in **skilled trades**
- **Governor’s Investment in Vocation Education (GIVE)**
  - Address statewide needs with **local solutions**
  - Intentionally align **local education and workforce**
  - **Fill gaps in training** by increasing access to equipment, aligned pathways, and financial resources
  - Prepare Tennesseans for the **Future of Work**
Community Grants

Objectives

- High school to postsecondary programs resulting in credentials to fill critical workforce needs
- Collaborative, meaningful, structured WBL experiences
- Pathways to industry recognized, high-need certifications

Local Collaboratives

- Workforce/economic development agency
- State community or technical college
- Employers facing significant skills-gaps
- K-12 Career and Technical Education administrator
Community Grants

Year 1 Engagement

- $25.7 million across 28 projects
- 6,800 students in Work Based Learning
- 2,226 Industry Certifications earned
- 27 Teacher Externships
Community Grants

Industry Certifications
• 57 CompTIA
• 63 Mechanical Systems
• 585 Precision Measuring
• 23 Nurses Assistant
• 929 OSHA
• 35 Siemens

Work Based Learning Activities
• 1,261 Career Mentors
• 355 Clinical Experiences
• 701 Industry Tours
• 20 Internships/Apprenticeships
Dual Enrollment

Objectives

• Elevate career and technical education in high schools
• Increase high school student access to college coursework in high-need fields
• Target students not traditionally included in dual enrollment

High-Need Programs of Study

• Define in collaboration with TN Department of Labor and Economic and Community Development
• Results in postsecondary diploma, certificate or AAS
• 54 Occupations across 40 colleges
Dual Enrollment

Year 1 Participation

- **1,310 Students**
- 2,648 Courses
- 150 High Schools
- 38 Colleges
- 78 Counties
"To lead in agriculture, we have to lead in technology. It is exciting to see what TCAT Crump is doing. To see you can get diplomas in precision technology, crop production, and livestock management."

-TN Commissioner of Agriculture
“Our county is home to over 100 advanced manufacturers wanting support for their workforce – that’s what this camp is all about.”

-Hamblen County CTE Supervisor
"GIVE affords an opportunity to earn higher wages through real, college-level courses. It leverages our students’ desires to work in high demand career fields as soon as possible, beyond low-paying service industry jobs."

-MNPS EPSO Coordinator