

# ED POLICY BRIEF



## Pathway to Postsecondary Success | Part 7

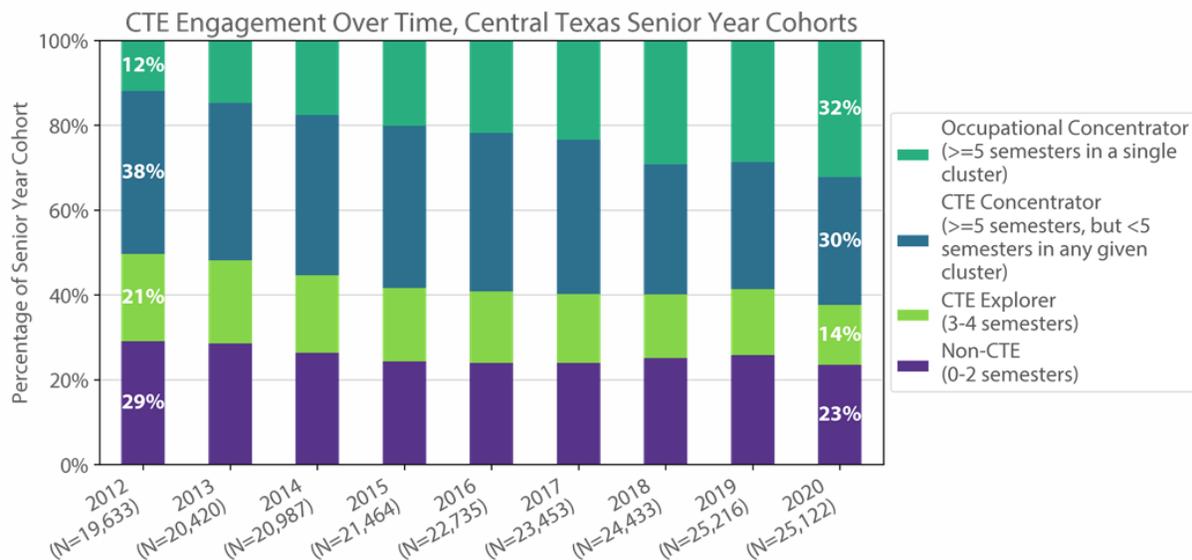
### WHO WE ARE

E3 Alliance is a data-driven education collaborative based in Central Texas and now expanding work across the state. Our goal is to increase global competitiveness, economic vitality, and overall quality of life by aligning education systems to fulfill every student’s potential.

### WHAT WE KNOW

This next legislative session brings great responsibility and opportunity to transform our education systems to ensure our students achieve postsecondary credentials that lead to better workforce outcomes for Texas. High school courses in Dual Credit, Career & Technical Education (CTE), and Industry-based Certifications (IBC) can play a pivotal role with the help of state legislators.

## Largest Change Over Time Occurs in the Two Concentrator Levels



## THE PROBLEM

- Only 49% of students from the class of 2020 enrolled in a postsecondary pathway after high school (two- or four-year college or another credentialed program).
- The odds of Central Texas high school students enrolling in postsecondary were about two times greater for those who took 5+ semesters of CTE compared to those who took less than 5 semesters of CTE.
- The odds of Central Texas high school students enrolling in postsecondary were over two and a half times greater for those who received an IBC in the Health Science cluster.

## WHY IT IS IMPORTANT

- Young adults without a postsecondary credential of any kind have only a 12% chance of earning a living wage six years after high school graduation.
- The odds of enrolling in postsecondary were over four times greater for students who took 7+ Core Dual Credit hours compared to those who did not.
- By 2030, 62% of jobs will require postsecondary credentials.



# 12%

Young adults without a postsecondary credential within six years of leaving high school have just a 12% chance of earning a living wage.

## THE SOLUTION

- Fully support and align with the [legislative recommendations](#) from the Texas Commission on Community College Finance (TxCCCF).
- Enact into law [TxCCCF legislative recommendations](#) to address our state's skilled workforce shortage, support our businesses, and ensure more Texans earn a self-sustaining wage.

## RESOURCES TO LEARN AND SHARE

Whether you attended or missed the learning opportunity at the Capitol on The Role of Dual Credit in Postsecondary Success for Texas Students, visit our [website](#) for the presentation and other important resources, including comprehensive, groundbreaking research on high school pathways to prosperity.

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Please visit our [Education Profile](#) for more education trends and outcomes in Texas and be sure to follow us on Twitter for regular updates about our policy agenda.

Thank you for your dedication to every student in Texas, and we look forward to working with you during the 88th Legislative Session. Please contact [Jennifer Cavazos Saenz](#) for data or policy inquiries.