

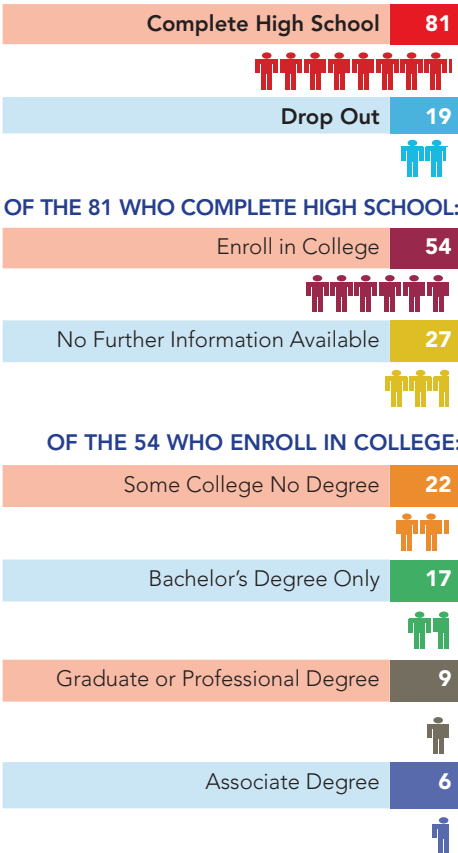
Are You Ready?

✓ DIPLOMA

EVERY 12 SECONDS
one U.S. student drops out of school.

— Big Picture Learning Dropout Calculator
<http://www.bigpicture.org/>

WHAT HAPPENS TO 100 INCOMING 9TH-GRADERS?



— National Research Center for Career and Technical Education

Nearly 50% of dropouts said they “left school because their classes were boring and not relevant to their lives or career aspirations.”

— *The Silent Epidemic*, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

✓ JOB

Illinois projects 30,000 manufacturing jobs available each year for the next 15 years.

— Illinois Manufacturers' Association



715,000 current job openings nationally in Trade, Transportation, and Utilities



600,000 current job openings nationally in Health Care and Social Assistance



243,000 current job openings nationally in Manufacturing

— Association for Career and Technical Education

For more information about all occupations — U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics go to <http://www.bls.gov.ooh/>



Are You Ready?



CAREER

CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION
CERTIFICATE HOLDERS
HAVE SKILL SETS
THAT TRANSLATE TO JOBS.

Certificates available for HS students to pursue include:

	CNA	CPHT	Medical Assistant	EMS Responder
	MSSC	AutoCAD	A+	ASE
	MOS	C++	Adobe ACA	Apple Certified Pro
	FSSMC	AAFCS Pre-Prof	ECE Credential 1	ProStart NCoA
	Crop Advisor	Master Gardener	Landscape Technician	Animal Quality Assurance

—National Association of State Directors of CTE Consortium

631
companies

in 15 states have signed letters supporting the ACT® National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC).

— National CRC Advocates

137 of these
companies
are in Illinois



COLLEGE

Career & Technical Education (CTE) builds **Common Core State Standards** skills.



CTE assessments are **industry authentic**.

Decades of research have shown us **students with four or more CTE courses** and high school math through Algebra II **are far more likely to persevere to college and obtain a degree.**

— High Schools That Work

Be Career & College Ready

For more information and resources about CTE, and to access an electronic document of this infographic, go to <http://tinyurl.com/qbholyk> or use the QR code.



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