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Perkins/CTE Overview

- Perkins is a formula-based grant administered by the US Department of Education and awarded to every state. In Montana, 30% of the funding goes directly to post-secondary CTE efforts, 60% is administered by the Office of Public Instruction for secondary CTE, and 10% is administered by OCHE for strengthening career pathways, with a focus on increasing CTE dual enrollment and work-based learning opportunities.
- In the 2015-2016 school year, Perkins served 5,081 secondary students and 10,417 postsecondary students in Montana with grant funding totaling \$5,163,542. Perkins funding is given to twelve colleges in Montana, including three tribal colleges.
- Perkins funding has been used to purchase or supplement the cost of major equipment vital for training students on technology current with industry trends for CTE programs such as X-Ray Phantoms and Portable Electric Relativity Control Learning Systems for City College, a Gas Chromatography-Mass Spectrometer for Flathead Valley Community College, a Redbird TD2 Flight Simulator for Gallatin College, and an Orbital Welder for Helena College.
- Perkins and Pathways-receiving campuses continue to host high-impact, student centered events such as: MSUN's TekNoXpo, Gallatin College's Manufacturing Day, Helena College's Women in Gear, Great Falls College's Trades Rodeo, Flathead Valley Community College's Night at the Broussard Center.
- Montana is moving toward a statewide career pathways model that allows for a focus on work-based learning opportunities, dual credit, and transitions from secondary to postsecondary to employment. Priority pathways include health sciences, IT, welding, education, and hospitality.

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY ~ Campuses at Billings, Bozeman, Great Falls, and Havre

THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA ~ Campuses at Butte, Dillon, Helena, and Missoula

Dawson Community College (Glendive) ~ Flathead Valley Community College (Kalispell) ~ Miles Community College (Miles City)