Minnesota public schools help build Minnesota's talent pipeline

A DEED study linked public high-school graduate records with Minnesota employment records five years later.

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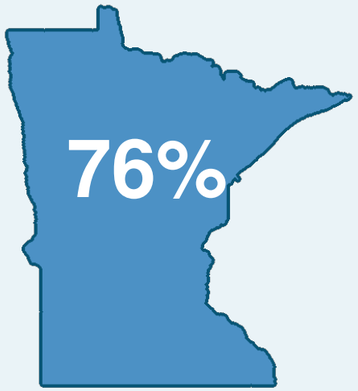
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PUBLIC-SCHOOL GRADUATES

Classes of 2010-2016 studied

PUBLIC EDUCATION

TO MINNESOTA EMPLOYMENT



76% of 2010-2016 public-school graduates were Minnesota wage earners five years later.

Career-connected learning can strengthen the local pipeline

Related DEED analysis found stronger regional workforce retention associated with CTE and work-based learning.

CTE CONCENTRATORS

More likely to work in the same region five years after high school.

WORK-BASED LEARNING

Internships and on-the-job training were associated with stronger local retention.

LOCAL ALIGNMENT

CTE offerings often reflected regional needs, from trades and health care to technology.

Study exclusions included GED completers, graduates older than 20, students receiving special education services in grades 11-12 and students without complete grades 10-12 course records.

Source: Minnesota DEED, “High School Career and Technical Education as a Workforce Development and Retention Strategy,” June 2022. Data: SLEDS and Minnesota UI wage records.