

Michigan Pathway Opportunities

Pathway Opportunities: Michigan offers high school students multiple pathways, including dual enrollment and secondary career and technical education (CTE), that allow them to earn college credit and prepare for success beyond high school.



Dual Enrollment



College Credit

In Michigan, high school students may take up to **10 college courses** in total **at no cost to the student.**



Statewide Credit Transfer Policy

Michigan Transfer Agreement is a statewide framework that allows students to transfer a minimum of **30 credits** of general education coursework at all public colleges and universities.



State Funding

In Michigan, students can participate in dual enrollment **at no cost to the student.** However, the state does not have a dedicated dual enrollment budget; funding comes from the state's general K-12 education funds.



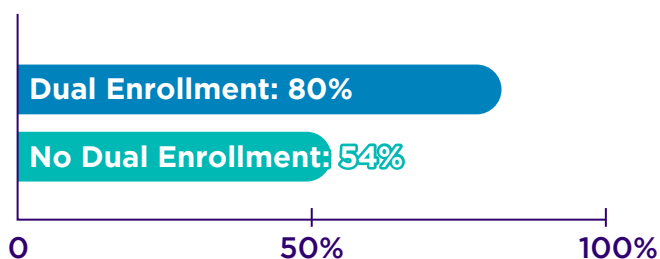
Participation

In Michigan, **7%** of high school students (**35,633 out of 485,333**) participated in dual enrollment in the 2023-24 school year.

High school graduates who participate in dual enrollment are more likely to pursue higher education. Among the Class of 2023, 80% of graduates who participated in dual enrollment attended college or university within a year of graduation, compared to 54% of graduates who did not participate.

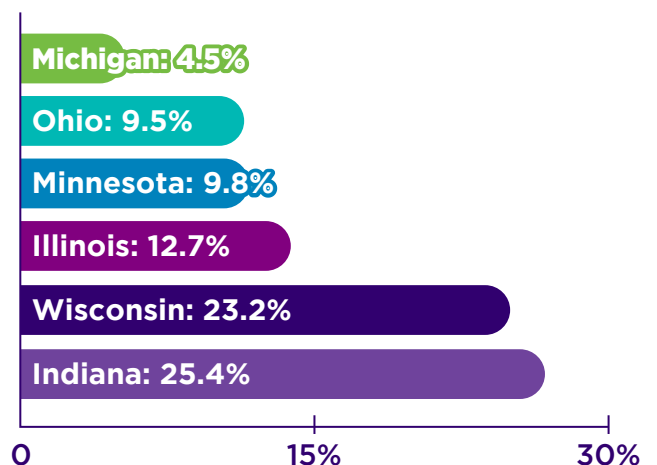
Michigan experienced notable growth in participation and success in Advanced Placement (AP) programs. However, despite the clear benefits of dual enrollment, the state has a low participation rate.

Dual Enrollment Significantly Increases College Enrollment in Michigan



Data source: MI School Data: College Opportunities for High School Students

Michigan Lags Behind Neighboring States in Dual Enrollment Participation



Data source: Community College Research Center's analysis of 2021-22 Civil Rights Data Collection data

Educators **Dual Enrollment:** In Michigan, dual enrollment courses are taught either by college instructors or by high school teachers who serve as adjunct instructors for the partnering higher education institutions.

CTE: In the 2022–23 fiscal year, Michigan made a one-time investment of \$555 million through CTE Teacher Recruitment and Retention Grants to support the recruitment, retention, and professional development of CTE teachers.

Career and Technical Education



State Funding

In Michigan, students can participate in CTE **at no cost to the student**. The state uses **dedicated funding** to offset the higher cost of running secondary CTE programs by reimbursing school districts for up to 75% of the added cost and providing additional per-student funding.



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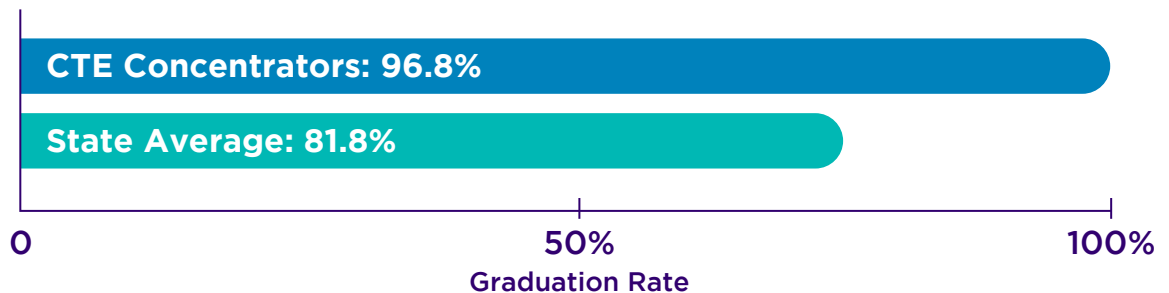
In Michigan, **23%** of high school students (**112,135 out of 485,333**) participated in CTE in the 2023–24 school year.



Top Three CTE Career Clusters with the most completers in the 2023–24 school year

1. Health science (16.3%)
2. Marketing, sales, and service (13.9%)
3. Information technology (10.0%)

CTE concentrators have a higher four-year high school graduation rate than the state average.



Data source: Michigan Career and Technical Education Facts 2023–24

Not Either-Or, But Both-And

Michigan allows students to simultaneously prepare for college and careers.

Thanks to Michigan's two dual enrollment laws, the Postsecondary Enrollment Options Act and the Career and Technical Preparation Act, **eligible students can take college-level academic and CTE courses**.

The state also encourages **CTE students to participate in other college acceleration programs**. In the 2023–24 school year, 29% of CTE students enrolled in AP, dual enrollment, Early Middle College, or International Baccalaureate.