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WHAT DO FUNDING STREAMS LOOK LIKE FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION CENTERS?

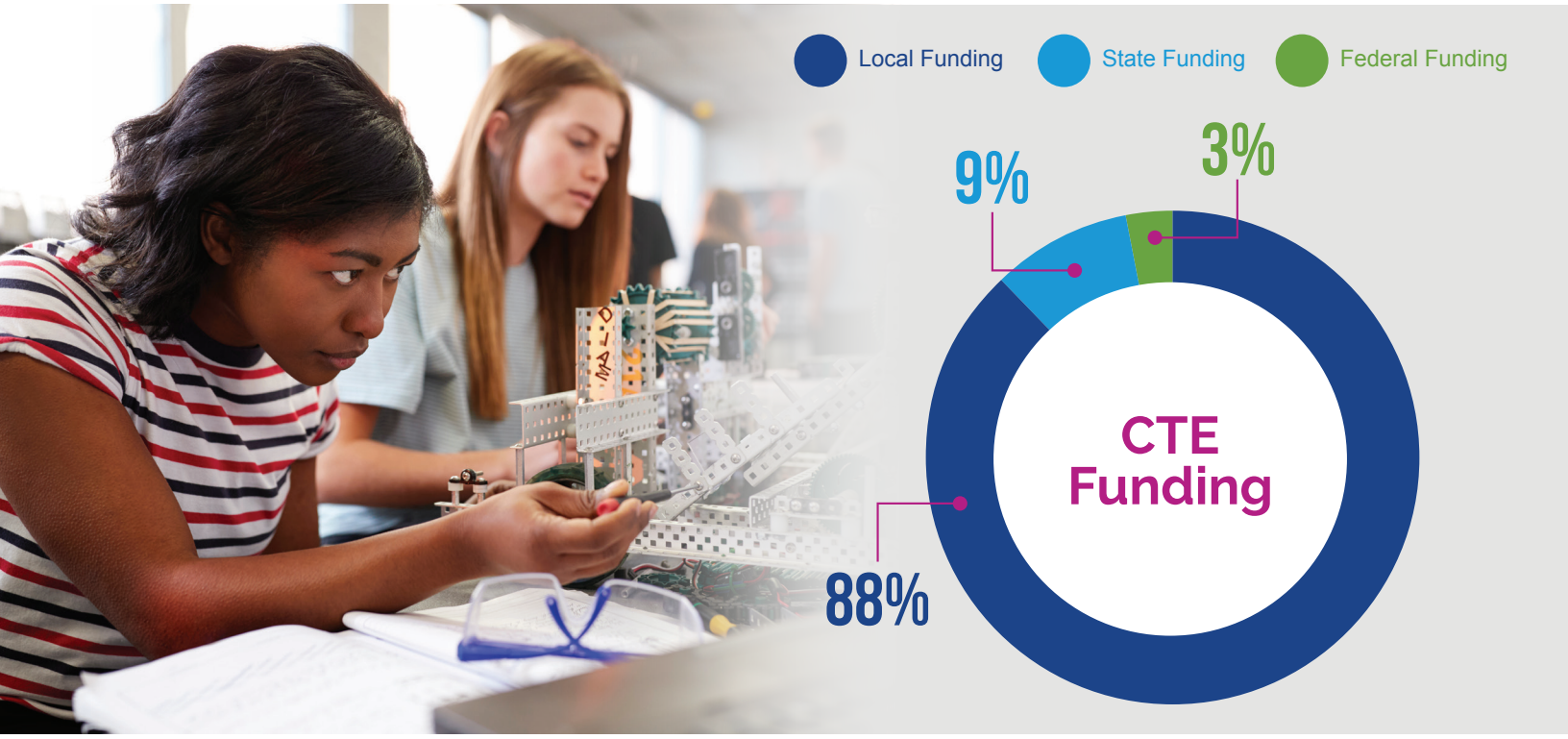
A Funding Flow Chart Depicting Federal, State, and Local Funding Sources

Career and technical education (CTE) provides a unique combination of academic, technical, and hands-on skill-building that prepares students to either immediately enter the workforce or better define career plans to enter post-secondary education.

Funding for CTE is complex, with several streams from federal, state and local funding. Funding sources vary. The following visual shows if funding flows directly to centers or passes through the Department of Education. The primary source of funding (88%) is provided directly from local districts through contracts that each individual district negotiates with the center.

Unfortunately, not all students who are interested in CTE can participate due to the costs for participation.

With minimal federal and state investments in the basic education funding (BEF) and career and technical education subsidy (CTES) lines, districts are required to pay a majority of the costs for student participation; this can lead to districts limiting the opportunity for students to attend Career and Technical Centers. To ensure that all interested students can participate in CTE, policymakers must include a funding increase for the BEF and CTES lines in the state budget.



FEDERAL FUNDING

- Provided through Carl D. Perkins Funding, with the legislation first enacted in 1984
- Funding for Pennsylvania in 2022-23 = $49 M
- Total federal funding for 2022 = $1.495 B
- Reauthorized as "Perkins V" in 2018 and went into effect July 1, 2019; due for reauthorization again in 2024

*****3% of overall funds for CTE in Pennsylvania*****

STATE FUNDING

- Primarily provided via the Career and Technical Education Subsidy Appropriation - $105 M in 2022-23
- Some additional funds for equipment provided via the Career and Technical Education Equipment Grant - $5.55 M in 2022-23

*****9% of overall funds for CTE in Pennsylvania*****

FUNDING SUBSIDY

BASIC EDUCATION

LOCAL FUNDING

- In addition to receiving basic education funding dollars from the state, Local Education Agencies (LEAs) largely depend on their local tax base for education funding via property tax rates
- Amount of funding directed to local CTC varies from LEA to LEA depending on its specific budget

*****88% of overall funds for CTE in Pennsylvania*****

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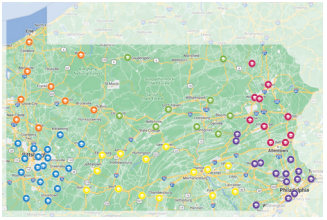
LOCAL CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION CENTERS:

Across Pennsylvania, there are 84 career and technical education centers: 12 are comprehensive centers (offer both the technical education and academic education in one location) and 72 occupational centers (offer technical education and training while the student receives academic education at their home public school district/high school)



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