

# EXPLORE



**CAREER &  
TECHNICAL  
EDUCATION**

Career Connected Learning  
for All Students

## TOP 10 REASONS YOU SHOULD CONSIDER CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

1. Career Exploration
2. College Credit
3. College and Career Readiness
4. Work-Based Learning
5. Business Partnerships
6. State-of-the-Art Technology
7. Career/Technical Student Organizations
8. Industry Certifications
9. Academic Integration
10. Hands-on Learning

I believe our schools succeed when all Illinois students graduate with skills and knowledge in core subjects, as well as clarity and confidence in where those capacities can take them. The ISBE Career Guide can assist students in answering questions about their futures by connecting learning experiences to high-skill, high-wage, and in-demand career opportunities. I hope the information in this guide will assist students in discovering and preparing to take their next successful steps toward long-term personal and professional fulfillment. Whether you are a student, a parent, or a school counselor, I encourage you to explore this guide and to become familiar with the career opportunities right here in our great state.

Sincerely,

Dr. Carmen I. Ayala, Illinois State Superintendent of Education



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