



# MEETING TEXAS WORKFORCE NEEDS WITH EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

THE TEXAS JOB MARKET HAS ABUNDANT HIGH-WAGE OPPORTUNITIES THAT DO NOT REQUIRE COLLEGE DEGREES:

<b>ANNUAL JOB OPENINGS:</b> 158,000	<b>AVERAGE WAGE:</b> \$60,000	<b>AVERAGE TRAINING TIME:</b> <2 YEARS
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**BUT ONLY 13% OF TEXAS SCHOOL DISTRICTS OFFER CAREER AND TECHNICAL PROGRAMS THAT PREPARE STUDENTS FOR THESE JOBS.**

Instead, most school districts offer programs that are either low-wage or require a college degree such as:

- Animal Science
- Business Management
- Digital Communications
- Culinary Arts
- Health Therapeutics

## CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ALLOTMENT

Students only have access to programs of study chosen by school administrators. The state gives schools \$2.3 billion as a CTE allotment (in addition to other grants and funds), but schools are only required to spend 55% of the allotment on CTE, incentivizing schools to offer cheap CTE programs and pocket the rest.

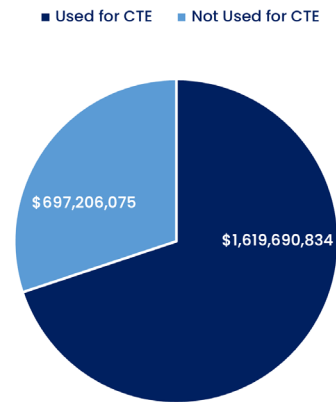
## UNTAPPED POTENTIAL

Community and technical colleges offer programs for high-wage, in demand jobs, and 92% of Texas students live within a 30-minute drive of a community or technical college.

## STUDENTS DESERVE ACCESS TO HIGH-QUALITY PROGRAMS

With an Educational Savings Account, students can use their ESA funds to enroll in a high-quality program at their local community or technical college and leave high school ready for a high-paying career.

CTE Allotment Usage In Texas ISDs, 2019



Areas of Texas Within a 30-Minute Drive of a Community College or Technical College

