



CTE Dual Enrollment Highlights

- One-Two-Free offers two dual enrollment courses, or up to six credits, through the MUS to all eligible students for FREE.
- The number of students enrolling in at least one CTE dual enrollment course has grown 16% per year since 2016-2017 with a 22% increase in 2022-2023.
- The share of dual enrollment students enrolling in CTE coursework has increased each year, reaching an all-time high of 44% in the 2022-2023 academic year.

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TWO
FREE.** ONE SYSTEM.
TWO COURSES.
FREE ACCESS TO
HIGHER EDUCATION.

Historic Growth in CTE Dual Enrollment

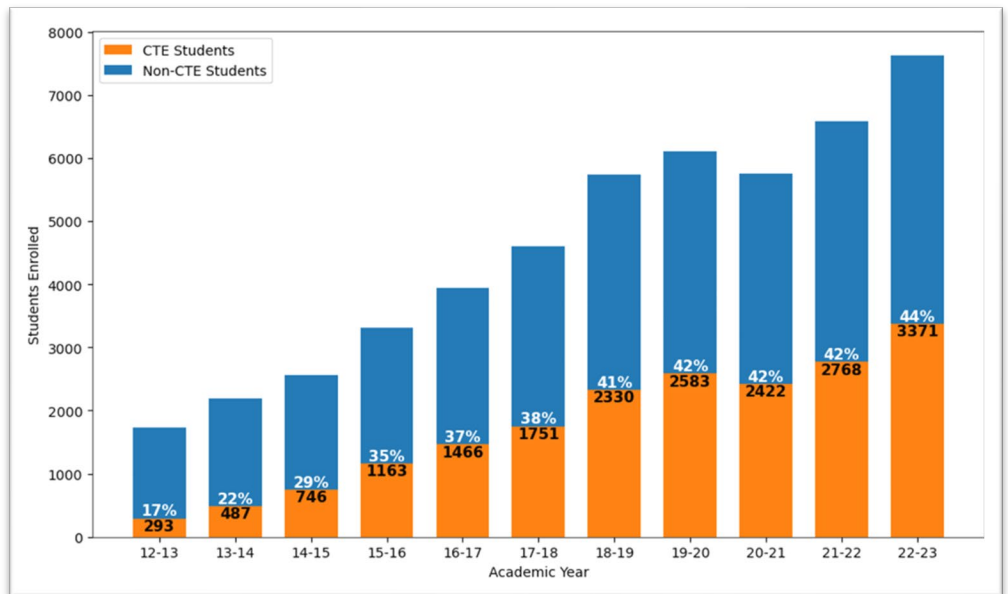
**MONTANA CTE DUAL ENROLLMENT
INCREASED 10X IN A DECADE**

\$3,000+

Average student savings from taking six dual enrollment credits

1 in 3

Enrolled MT high school students received college credit in the '22-23 school year



Montana's Future at Work Grant Program

- Montana's Future at Work (FAW) helps high school students earn a workforce credential through dual enrollment prior to HS graduation.
- Through eight FAW grants to Montana postsecondary campuses in 2023-2024, 144 students earned workforce ready credentials, including 60 completing the Accelerate MT Job Site ready curriculum, which introduces them to the construction trades.



MUS Strategic Plan

- Strategic Plan Objective 1.4.3 – Increase early access to higher education through dual enrollment.



Highlights

- In partnership with a national workforce innovator, Education Design Lab, Montana's twelve public two-year colleges have launched the ***Year-to-Career Initiative***. Colleges, employers, learners, and local stakeholders are collaboratively designing skills-focused micro-pathway programs to meet the state's growing workforce needs.
- Participating institutions will establish **12-20 micro-pathways** –stackable credentials that can be flexibly earned in less than a year. These programs will put learners both on the path to an associate degree or to immediate employment in high demand fields across the state.
- Pathways now launched in certified medical assisting, HVAC, and dental assisting, with many further pathways in development, including welding and EMT.
- Salish Kootenai College has now joined the *Year-to-Career* effort, and other tribal colleges may join soon.

Vision and Framework

Year-to-Career will design and market pathways that provide career-connected, workforce education and training across Montana, streamlining students access to pathways that lead to industry recognized credentials and result in sustainable wage jobs.



MUS Strategic Plan

- Strategic Plan Objective 2.1.1 – Increase degrees and certificates awarded in high demand occupational fields