

C-TEC Fast Facts

- C-TEC is asking for a 1 mill operating levy. How much will 1 mill cost? The same as one coffee and donut **per month**: \$2.50, or about \$30 **per year** (*calculation based on 100,000 home*).
- C-TEC is collecting the same operating millage that it collected in 1976.
- C-TEC has cut its budget by approximately \$2 million since the 2007-2008 school year.
- C-TEC is the number one career center in Ohio, based on high school graduation and OGT passage rates.
- Over 90% of all C-TEC secondary and adult graduates are working or continuing their education.
- C-TEC provides career-technical education for all ten school districts in Licking county.
- Effective 2010, 15 adult education programs provide the opportunity to earn college credits.
- C-TEC partners with 5 of the top 25 Central Ohio industrial parks, recruiting and retaining businesses/industry.
- C-TEC provides career development services for all (approx. 26,000) K-12 students in Licking County.
- C-TEC's Pre-employment Training Program (PET) has been replicated in 5 states and 40 communities.
- In 1973, our adult programs served 236 students; today, our adult education center serves over 4,000 adults per year.
- C-TEC provides conference, meeting, and event space for community events, meetings, and specialized training.
- C-TEC is funded differently than K – 12 school districts; one of our primary sources of state revenue is currently flat-funded, with no increases for enrollment or inflation.
- Federal funding and state grants that historically have funded C-TEC's support services have been reduced significantly or cut completely.
- Property tax collections in Licking County (a key source of C-TEC funding) are \$1.2 million below expectations, due to foreclosures and delinquencies.

- C-TEC serves a higher percentage of students with special needs than any other district in the county: 25% of the secondary students at C-TEC vs. an average of 14% of the student body at other Licking County schools.
- C-TEC administration and staff have taken two-week unpaid furloughs.
- C-TEC staff salaries remain frozen at 2008 levels.
- 100% of Automotive Collision students passed the S/P2 certification.
- 30% of Licking County Sophomores (614) apply to C-TEC.
- C-TEC Adult Ed serves nearly 4,000 adults each year with retraining needs, skill development and self improvement.
- Over 90% of C-TEC graduates are employed or are continuing their education.
- Over 50% of C-TEC high school graduates continue their education.
- C-TEC is #1 in Ohio among the 91 career-technical districts.
- 100% of C-TEC Criminal Justice students obtain their Ohio Peace Officers Training Academy Private Security credential.
- 27 of 30 C-TEC high school programs (90%) offer industry credentialing.
- 24 of 30 C-TEC high school programs (80%) provide an opportunity to earn college credits.
- C-TEC's graduation rate is 99.6%.
- 98% of Cosmetology students obtain their state cosmetology license.
- 100% of Clinical Care students pass the STNA credential.
- 100% of Computer Networking students pass the Microsoft Digital Literacy Certification.
- 92% of Automotive Tech students pass the AYES Exit Exam.

Performance

Each year, over 90% of C-TEC graduates are placed into employment or postsecondary education.

Each year, over 50% of C-TEC graduates go on to postsecondary education: associate or bachelor degree programs, registered apprenticeships, or military training.

Of the 91 career-technical districts in Ohio, C-TEC is number one in the state for high school graduation rates (99.4%) and OGT passage rates (96.6%) and technical assessments (66%). Ohio's high school graduation rate is currently 85%.

90% of C-TEC's programs offer students the opportunity to earn industry credentials, such as Microsoft Certified Network Administrator, ServSafe, ASE/NATEF, and Ohio Peace Officers Private Security. (27 of 30 programs)

80% of C-TEC's programs have articulation agreements with associate or bachelor degree programs at public and private colleges. (24 of 30 programs)

100% of C-TEC's Clinical Care students pass their state board test for nurse assisting (STNA) every year.

100% of C-TEC's Criminal Justice students earn the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy, 9-1-1 Communicator, and CPR/AED certification every year.

100% of C-TEC's Teaching Professions Academy students successfully complete a professional teaching portfolio every year.

Value

C-TEC's training programs provide exceptional value for high school and adult students.

Compare:

Train to be a licensed cosmetologist:

\$1,100 in fees for high school students at C-TEC (with a 98% 10 year passage rate for the state board exam)

--OR--

\$9,991 for C-TEC's adult ed cosmetology program (students can qualify for Pell Grants to cover tuition) --OR--

Pay \$15,000 - \$16,000 for the same training in Columbus, at private schools.

Train to be a computer networking administrator:

\$645 in fees for high school students at C-TEC (with 100% of all students earning A+ Certification and/or Microsoft Digital Literacy Certification) --OR--

\$6,872 for C-TEC Adult Ed training (with Microsoft Certified Systems Administrator certification) --OR--

Pay up to \$32,700 for a Columbus proprietary school for a computer networking certificate program.

Train to be an automotive repair technician:

\$900 for tools and uniforms for high school students at C-TEC (with 92% of auto tech students passing the AYES Exit Exam or 100% of auto collision students passing S/P2 certification) --OR--

\$7,121 for C-TEC Adult Ed training in Heavy Truck Mechanics (with ASE Certification) --OR--

Pay up to \$30,636 in tuition for a certificate program at a two-year proprietary school in Ohio.

Myths vs. Facts

Myth: *C-TEC needs to tighten its own budget before it asks for more money from the voters.*

Fact: We already have. As previously stated, we have cut over \$2 million since the 2007-08 school year. C-TEC cut over \$800,000 in personnel, and will cut an additional \$1.6 million in 2010 regardless of the levy results. Our faculty and staff have voluntarily taken pay freezes; full-time, non-teaching staff members have taken 10-day unpaid furloughs; staff members who are retiring are not being replaced; four administrative positions were cut prior to this year, and we will be cutting two additional administrative positions—regardless of the May levy outcome. If the May levy is unsuccessful, C-TEC will be cutting an additional \$1.7 million.

Myth: *C-TEC has a levy on the May ballot so that they can pay for their legal expenses.*

Fact: C-TEC has asked voters for a 1 mill operating levy three times in the last two years--*before* the legal judgment was issued in December. C-TEC is collecting the same operating millage that it collected in 1976. The 1 mill increase amounts to only \$30 *per year* for the owner of a \$100,000 home.

Myth: *C-TEC should have had some kind of insurance so that they wouldn't have to pay all that money from the lawsuit.*

Fact: C-TEC *does* have the appropriate insurance, but there is no insurance coverage for this type of lawsuit.

Myth: *An "operating levy" and a "construction levy" pay for the same things.*

Fact: A construction levy pays *ONLY* for the construction of new or remodeled facilities; an operating levy pays for the day-to-day expenses that every school has. Operating funds include: utilities, maintenance, textbooks, lab equipment, busing, substitute teachers, computer equipment, technology, teacher salaries and benefits, special education, library materials, administrative assistants, high school food service, and more. The operations budget is what keeps a school running—every day.

Myth: *C-TEC only serves Newark City Schools.*

Fact: C-TEC serves students from all school districts in Licking County: Granville, Heath, Johnstown, Lakewood, Licking Heights, Licking Valley, Northridge, North Fork, Southwest Licking, Newark Catholic, and Newark City.

Myth: C-TEC is the same as COTC.

Fact: C-TEC is the Career and Technology Education Centers of Licking County, serving secondary and adult students at satellite locations and at 150 Price Road in Newark. COTC is Central Ohio Technical College, connected to Ohio State University-Newark.

Myth: C-TEC is a vocational school for kids who aren't going to college.

Fact: C-TEC provides career-technical education for adult and secondary students who plan to enter the workforce, enlist in the military, complete a registered apprenticeship, and continue their studies in college. In fact, over 50% of our students go on to college each year, usually with articulated college credits from their C-TEC programs.

Myth: C-TEC doesn't serve any students in the western part of the county.

Fact: C-TEC serves students at Watkins, Licking Heights, Johnstown-Monroe, Northridge, and Lakewood through Foundations programs, K – 12 Career Development System, and career-technical programs.

Value to the Community

Glad to have a fire department and EMS services nearby? Do you rely on volunteer firefighters or EMTs to help out in case of an emergency? C-TEC is the county's primary training provider for Firefighters, Emergency Medical Technicians, and 9-1-1 Dispatchers.

Thinking about becoming a registered nurse? You'll have to get your nurse assisting credential first--and C-TEC is the county provider for STNA training.

Do you have a loved one in assisted living or skilled nursing care? C-TEC is the county's primary training provider for state certified nurse assistants---the staff who care for your loved ones in assisted living or nursing homes.

Is your furnace keeping you warm this winter? C-TEC is the county's primary training provider for HVAC technicians--the folks who fix your furnace (or air conditioner) when it breaks down.

Been to the dentist lately? If your dentist is in Licking County, chances are the dental assistant is a C-TEC graduate. We're the only training provider in the county for dental assistants, each of them earning the *Ohio Dental Assistant Radiographer License* before the end of their senior year.

Fender bender? Dead battery? C-TEC is the only training provider in the county for auto repair technicians, auto collision repair, diesel mechanics, and heavy truck mechanics. Our ASE/NATEF accredited programs ensure that our students receive the finest training available--at little cost to high school students and at a fraction of the cost of private schools for adult students.

Know someone who dropped out of high school and needs a GED to be successful? C-TEC is the county provider for GED and Adult Basic Literacy Education--at no cost to the students. Over 90% of our students who take adult education classes pass their GED test.

Do you know someone who has recently moved to the United States and has difficulty speaking English? C-TEC is Licking County's education provider for English Language Learners. We help people develop their English language skills while learning to adapt to American culture.

Who We Are

Q: What is Career-Technical Education?

A: Education programs and services that prepare youth and adults for a broad range of careers that require varying levels of education, from high school, apprenticeships and postsecondary certificates to college and university degrees.

Q. What does C-TEC offer?

A. We offer career-technical programs for K – 12 students and adults in a wide range of careers: business and marketing, arts and communication, health sciences, human services, information technology, engineering, architecture and construction, transportation and logistics, manufacturing, and public safety. We offer 30 workforce development programs at local high schools, the COTC/OSU-Newark campus, and at our secondary center on Price Road. We offer 11 full-time training programs for adult students, as well as Adult Basic Literacy Education, GED, English as a Second Language, continuing education, and customized training for local employers.

Q. Why are there Career and Technology Centers?

A. We serve youth and adult students through our three centers:

Secondary Center at 150 Price Road, where students travel from their home schools to attend one of 23 full-time programs. Students graduate from their home high school, but earn high school credits during their junior and senior years at C-TEC's secondary center.

Satellite Center, offering Foundations and seven workforce development programs at multiple sites throughout the county. These include Computer Information Systems at Lakewood High School and COTC, Engineering and Computerized Accounting at COTC, Theatre Arts Academy at Weathervane Playhouse, Visual Communications through Art at Granville High School, and Electronic Media Arts at Newark High School. The Satellite Center also provides Foundations programs in Information Technology, Health Sciences, and Industrial and Engineering at Watkins Memorial High School, Northridge High School, Johnstown-Monroe High School, Heath High School, and Lakewood High School.

Adult Workforce Development Center at 150 Price Road offers full-time and part-time technical training for adults who want to upgrade their skills or prepare for a new career. C-TEC's Adult Workforce Development Center offers 11 full-time training programs for adult students, as well as Adult Basic Literacy Education, GED, English as a Second Language, continuing education, and customized training for local employers.

Q. How is career-technical education different from vocational education?

A. Career-technical education is broader and includes more challenging academics than traditional vocational education. Teaching a student how to build a shed is an example of vocational education; developing a

student's academic, technical and employability skills in a construction pathway is an example of career-technical education. Career-technical education *always* includes a pathway to continuing education—registered apprenticeships, certificate or associate degree programs, university-level programs—whereas vocational education focused on a very specific set of skills for a specific job.

Q. Is C-TEC a public or private school?

A. C-TEC is publicly funded through the Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio Board of Regents, and through local property taxes at the county level. C-TEC is also accredited through the North Central Association and therefore qualifies for Pell Grants and other public training dollars.

Q. Why doesn't every high school have career-technical education? Why do we have a county-level career-technical school?

A. Many high schools *do* provide career-technical education, such as agriculture, family and consumer sciences, or business programs. However, most career technical programs are extremely expensive to properly equip—consider the cost of building an automotive technology lab in every high school in the county at \$1 million each! Back in the 1960s, Governor James A. Rhodes recognized the need for all Ohio students to have access to career-technical education (*vocational education*, during that time period). He spearheaded legislation and funding to ensure that every student in Ohio would be able to attend a career-technical school within 50 miles of their home. This led to the development of county-level and regional career centers—a central location for students to participate in career-technical education and get a head start on their careers. In Ohio, there are 91 career-technical districts in 88 counties, and C-TEC is your career-technical district for Licking County.