

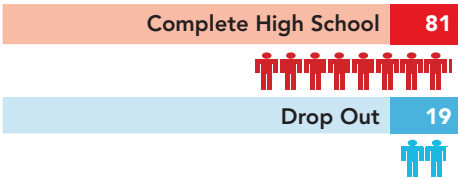
# Are You Ready?

## ✓ DIPLOMA

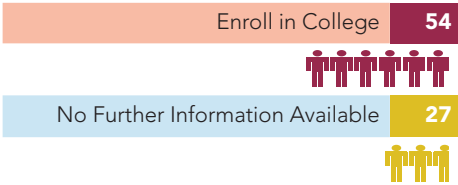
**EVERY 12 SECONDS**  
one U.S. student drops out of school.

— Big Picture Learning Dropout Calculator  
<http://www.bigpicture.org/>

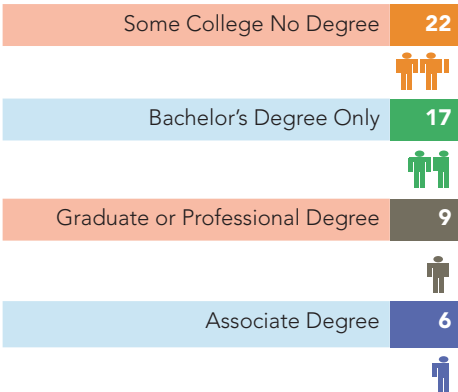
### WHAT HAPPENS TO 100 INCOMING 9TH-GRADERS?



#### OF THE 81 WHO COMPLETE HIGH SCHOOL:



#### OF THE 54 WHO ENROLL IN COLLEGE:



— National Research Center for Career and Technical Education

## ✓ JOB

Illinois projects **30,000** manufacturing jobs available each year for the next 15 years.

— Illinois Manufacturers' Association



**715,000** current job openings nationally in Trade, Transportation, and Utilities



**600,000** current job openings nationally in Health Care and Social Assistance



**243,000** current job openings nationally in Manufacturing

— Association for Career and Technical Education

For more information about all occupations — U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics go to <http://www.bls.gov.ooh/>

**Nearly 50% of dropouts said** they “left school because their classes were boring and not relevant to their lives or career aspirations.”

— *The Silent Epidemic*, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation



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## CAREER

CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION  
**CERTIFICATE HOLDERS**  
HAVE SKILL SETS  
THAT TRANSLATE TO JOBS.

Certificates available for HS students to pursue include:

	CNA	CPHT	Medical Assistant	EMS Responder
	MSSC	AutoCAD	A+	ASE
	MOS	C++	Adobe ACA	Apple Certified Pro
	FSSMC	AAFCS Pre-Prof	ECE Credential 1	ProStart NCoA
	Crop Advisor	Master Gardener	Landscape Technician	Animal Quality Assurance

—National Association of State Directors of CTE Consortium

**631**  
**companies**

in 15 states have signed letters supporting the ACT® National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC).

— National CRC Advocates

**137** of these  
**companies**  
are in Illinois



## COLLEGE

Career & Technical Education (CTE) builds **Common Core State Standards** skills.



CTE assessments are **industry authentic**.

Decades of research have shown us **students with four or more CTE courses** and high school math through Algebra II **are far more likely to persevere to college and obtain a degree.**

— High Schools That Work

## Be Career & College Ready

For more information and resources about CTE, and to access an electronic document of this infographic, go to <http://tinyurl.com/qbholyk> or use the QR code.



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