

West-MEC Counselor News SEPTEMBER 2010



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WELCOME TO WEST-MEC

West-MEC is a public high school district dedicated to providing innovative Career and Technical Education programs that prepare students to enter the workforce and pursue continuing education.

Our unique school district offers students the opportunity to choose a variety of career related courses on their high school campuses. We also offer central programs, which are located at learning sites supported by business and industry and post-secondary institutions. More than 25,000 students from 40 high schools across almost 4,300 square miles are currently enrolled in West-MEC Career and Technical Education programs.



MEET OUR CAREER LIAISONS

The West-MEC Counseling Department looks forward to working with our member district counselors this year.

Meet the Counselors:
Marilynn Babyar | [click here](#)
Career Liaison Director

Speranta Klees | [click here](#)
Career Liaison

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

West-MEC offers a series of Professional Development courses and workshops for Arizona educators and counselors. All participants will receive certificates documenting their hours for recertification. Check out the PD offerings that benefit counselors as well as other educators in your building. Here are a few that may interest you:

- _SMARTboard Training
- _Using 2.0 Technology
- _Using Technology in the Classroom

For more information about these workshops and/or to view additional offerings, please click here: [professional development](#)

Coming Soon! Be on the lookout for an e-mail survey to help us design PD opportunities exclusively for counselors.

CTE - DID YOU KNOW?

One out of three high school students take one or more CTE courses in high school.

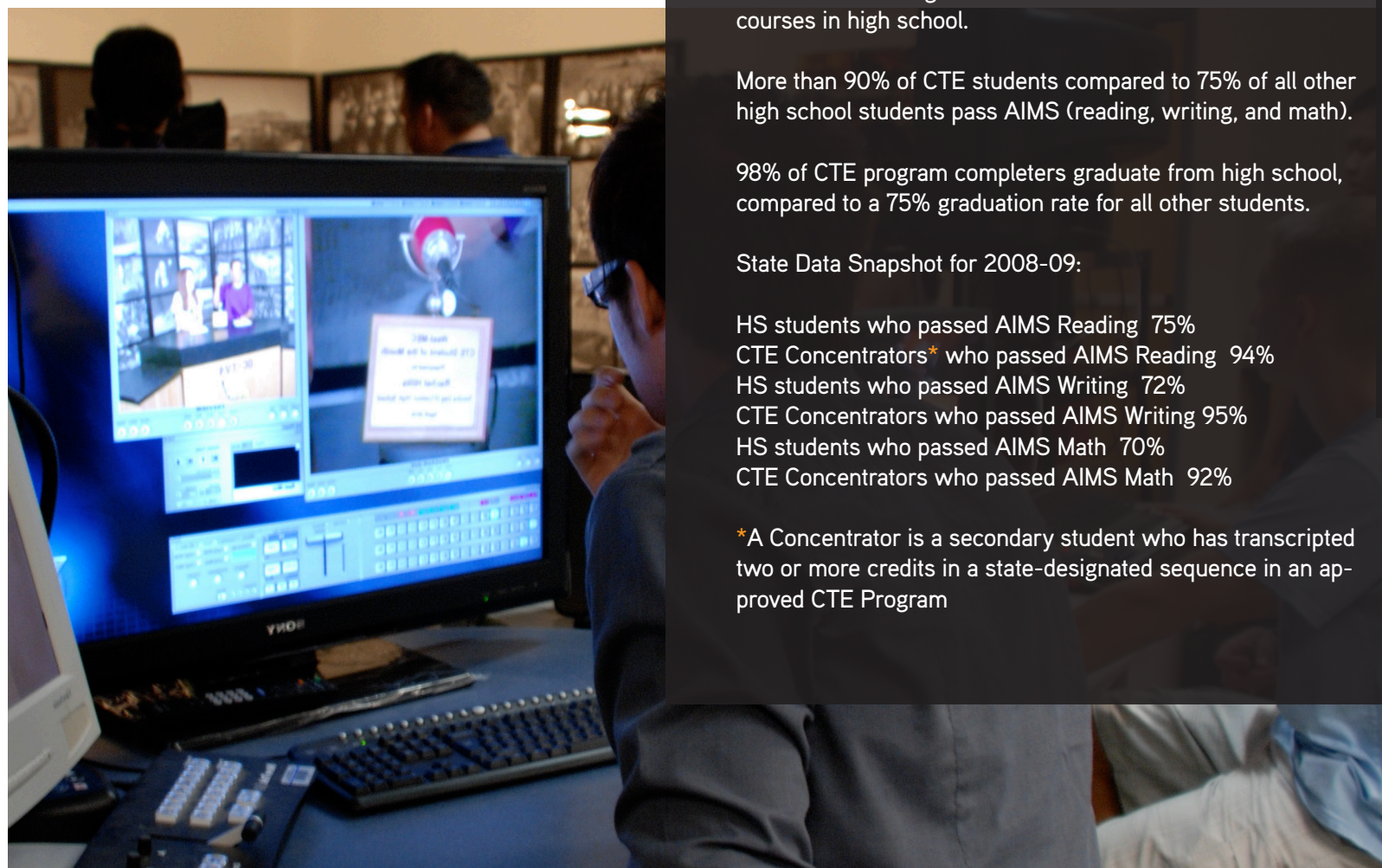
More than 90% of CTE students compared to 75% of all other high school students pass AIMS (reading, writing, and math).

98% of CTE program completers graduate from high school, compared to a 75% graduation rate for all other students.

State Data Snapshot for 2008-09:

HS students who passed AIMS Reading 75%
CTE Concentrators* who passed AIMS Reading 94%
HS students who passed AIMS Writing 72%
CTE Concentrators who passed AIMS Writing 95%
HS students who passed AIMS Math 70%
CTE Concentrators who passed AIMS Math 92%

*A Concentrator is a secondary student who has transcribed two or more credits in a state-designated sequence in an approved CTE Program



UPCOMING EVENTS

COUNSELOR PRESENTATIONS

September 23	Glendale District	8:00am to 10:00am
September 24	Deer Valley District	12:30pm to 2:30pm
September 27	Dysart District	1:00pm to 2:00pm
September 29	Agua Fria District	8:00am to 10:00am
October 5	Saddle Mountain District	7:30pm to 9:00am
October 5	Buckeye District	1:00pm to 2:15pm
October 7	Peoria District	3:00pm to 3:15pm*

* Meet and greet, followed by individual school appointments