Character of Education and Career & Technical Education

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Character of Education programs allow children and young adults to develop into well-rounded, empathetic individuals.

Character of education programs provide necessary social and emotional development for both students and teachers. Programs like Actions Civics Programs and Social Emotional Learning (SEL) programs have shown promise. These programs support healthy social-emotional development and are especially important for students from low-income backgrounds.

Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs have shown to help students prepare for college and careers after graduation.

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Character Education Programs	Career & Technical Programs
Action civics programs provide students with opportunities to participate in civic engagement. These programs aim to: – Learn & engage inside and outside the classroom – Base projects on student interest – Evaluate their own actions, barriers, and successes – Take on leadership roles and act **Social Emotional Learning** trains children, parents, and teachers. – Children develop empathy and problem-solving skills – Teaching strategies are matched to the child's temperament **Example Programs** – Teach it Plain and Simple (TIPS): resources for teaching – INSIGHTS: Social-emotional and academic intervention. – HighScope: Evaluation of an intervention for self-regulation skills.	Research has shown that students who are exposed to CTE programs are more likely to: - Graduate high school - Enroll in a two- year college - Be employed - Have higher wages Importantly, CTE programs show positive outcomes with at-risk groups of students like those from low income backgrounds and those with a disability. **Example Programs** – Connections Academy: online CTE programing. – Academies of Nashville: part of Metro Nashville Public Schools – Wilson Talent Center: CTE courses for juniors and seniors in Michigan. – Gilbert Public Schools CTE: courses for high schoolers in Gilbert, AZ. – Washington State CTE: statewide programs for middle and high school students. – Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006