

## Benefits of an ACE Program

ACE provides opportunities to build strong relationships with the business community through site visits, advisory committees, job shadows, student jobs, etc.

ACE students can earn credit towards graduation for their work experiences.

ACE programs meet the Tier 2 level of the *Response to Intervention* model, providing support to students who are at-risk and who require support to make adequate progress.

Colorado state data shows that 92.5% of ACE graduates are employed or are continuing their education!

## Alternative Cooperative Education

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## Career and Technical Education for High-Risk and Special Populations



Students, along with their teacher Deb Hodson, from the Valley High School ACE program with their school-based business, Valley Perk.

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## What is ACE?

ACE is the only Career and Technical Education program designed specifically for high-risk and special populations students.

ACE addresses students' individual needs and works to transition students from high school to post-secondary education, training, and/or the workforce.

ACE exposes students to the 17 Colorado Career Clusters and teaches students the soft skills needed in all occupations.

## Who are ACE Students?

Students who are at high risk of dropping out of high school and/or not graduating from high school for various reasons.

Students with special education needs.

## What does ACE teach?

Pre-employment skills

Employment skills

21<sup>st</sup> Century skills

Independent living skills

Leadership skills

Financial literacy



Students from Brighton High School are working on a project with help from their teacher. The skits are to help their classmates observe behavior cues from co-workers.

The ACE curriculum is standards-based, and it is aligned with the Colorado State Academic Content Standards.

ACE students often have jobs outside of school, and they are evaluated at their work sites on a regular basis as a part of their grade.

ACE students may explore multiple career pathways through computer research, job shadows, guest speakers, and field trips.

## How is ACE funded?

ACE is funded through the federal Perkins Act of 2006. These funds are for Career and Technical Education. ACE is the "Special Populations" category.