

# cte 2011:

*Learning Today, Earning Tomorrow*

**G**uiding Texas prisoners toward productive, industry-certified, free world employment is the challenge of Career and Technical Education (CTE) teachers in the Windham School District. CTE teachers statewide are recognized in February for their efforts to help offenders learn valuable job skills – and avoid returning to prison. These educators are certified by the Texas Education Agency and also hold appropriate industry certification for their trade, making them some of the most highly certified vocational instructors in Texas.

Last school year, Windham CTE provided vocational training in more than 30 trades to 10,835 offenders. WSD offers diversified fields of study for a diversified population, including automotive specialization, landscaping, business computer systems, construction carpentry, plant maintenance, and many others. Last year more than 5,000 certificates were earned by offenders participating in WSD programs.

CTE students are significantly more likely to develop problem-solving, project completion, math, work-related, communication, time management, and critical thinking skills.

## Today's CTE provides students:

- *employability skills, from job-related skills to workplace ethics*
- *second-chance education and training, and*
- *education for additional training and degrees.*

## Thank you

**to the WSD CTE teachers and support personnel for making these programs a foundation for successful futures.**

