



CSTEP FACT SHEET 2009

Current Funding for CSTEP is \$8 million
Proposed 50% cut in funding for CSTEP to \$4 million.

Over 70% of CSTEP graduates pursue professional degree programs of study in STEM and CSTEP targeted fields.

CSTEP graduated 11,167 students from independent, SUNY, CUNY and two-year community colleges from 1986 to 2006.

CSTEP programs have served 73,969 students since its creation by the Legislature in 1986.

There are currently fifty-one (51) programs throughout New York State.

There are approximately 5,700 students currently enrolled in CSTEP programs.

Along with the pre-college STEP programs, CSTEP and STEP serve about 9,500 students annually.

Mission

The mission of CSTEP is to increase minority and disadvantaged student representation in STEM and licensed fields in New York State.

What Does the CSTEP Program Do?

For twenty-two years, CSTEP programs have provided academic enrichment and support, mentoring, academic and career counseling, internships and research opportunities, standardized test preparation and career activities and services.

Importance of CSTEP in current economy

Most of these graduates live in New York State and work in high paying STEM and licensed fields that contribute to our tax base. STEM and licensed professionals will assist our state and nation in overcoming the economic crisis before us.
STEM fields are vital to the economic recovery of our state and nation.

National Recognition of CSTEP

- CSTEP and STEP are nationally recognized programs that have made New York State a leader in preparing talented students for careers in STEM and licensed fields.
- CSTEP and STEP are the 2006 recipient of the National Science Foundation Presidential Medal of Excellence for Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring.
- CSTEP and STEP programs have been replicated in several states including Texas and New Jersey.
- CSTEP students have received recognition for their scholarly research and presentations and among our graduates are Rhodes Scholars and recipients of many other prestigious awards.
- For the period 1986 to 2007, 700 CSTEP students participated in research internships in national research facilities such as Brookhaven National Laboratory.

Preparing for the future

In the last two years, CSTEP and STEP have served an additional 89,000 non-STEP/CSTEP students in grades K-12 through our statewide CSTEP/STEP Day of Service. The annual Day of Service is a statewide CSTEP/STEP event whereby current CSTEP and STEP students and staff meet with non-STEP and CSTEP students to educate them regarding the benefits and challenges of pursuing careers in STEM and licensed fields.