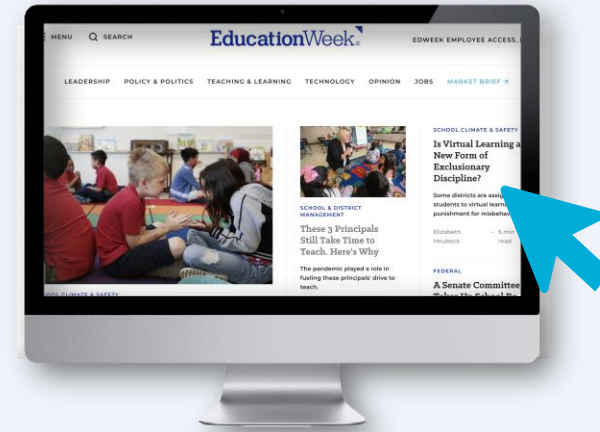
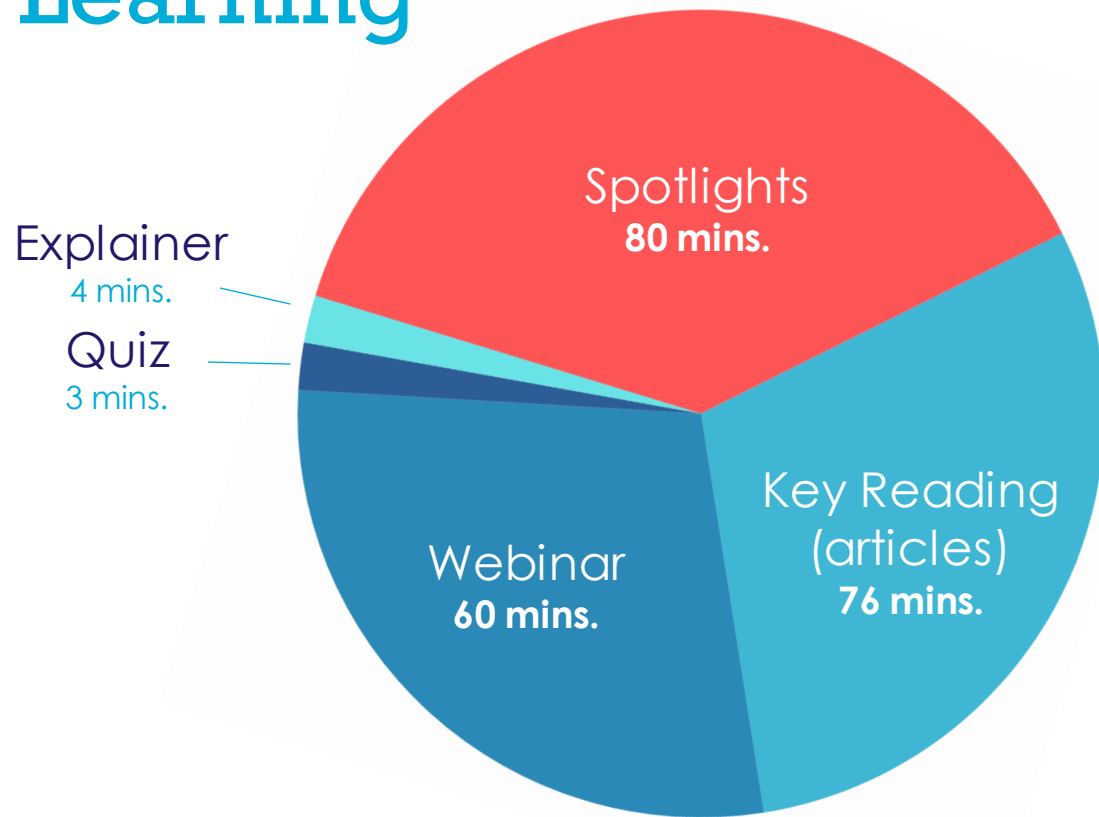


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College and Workforce Readiness

A Look at College and Workforce Readiness

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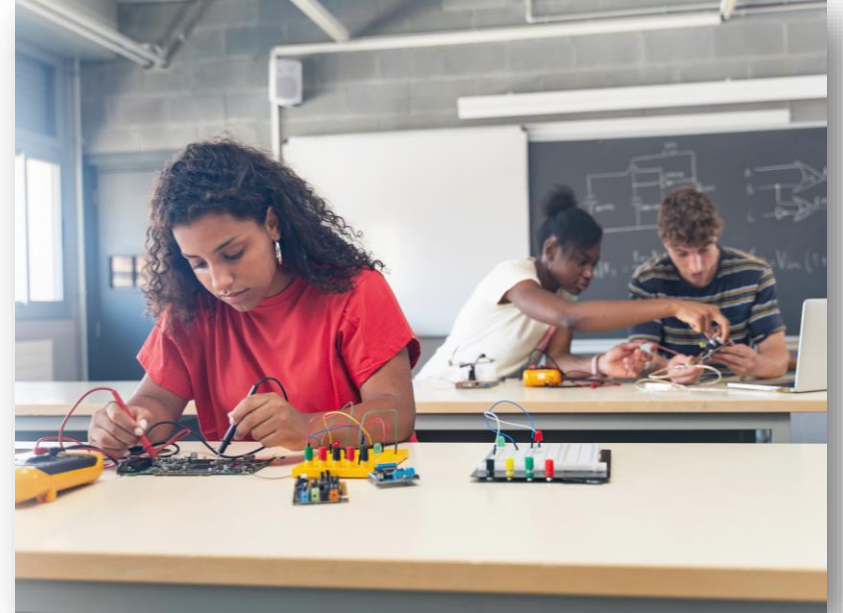
What is Career and Technical Education, Anyway?

Career and technical education (CTE) has emerged as a distinct pathway to higher education, preparing students for the workforce. It includes programs in fields traditionally associated with **associate and bachelor degrees** in engineering and business.

The article reveals that in 2016 to 2017, **8.3 million high school students**, nearly half of the U.S. high school population, took **CTE courses**. While once considered mostly for boys, **nearly half of CTE students are now female**. However, gender-based patterns persist in specific subject areas.

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Spotlight

Spotlight on Career Readiness for STEM

The Education Week Spotlight on **Career Readiness in STEM** features a curated collection of articles handpicked by our editors.

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Spotlight on Career-Readiness & Real-World Skills

The **Education Week Spotlight on Career-Readiness & Real-World Skills** is a collection of articles on student interest for in-demand jobs, the biggest challenges schools face in preparing students for the workforce, the benefits of youth apprenticeships, how aptitude tests can help students with career planning, and more.

By setting students up for **success beyond the classroom** early in their academic career, they can mentally and physically prepare for the real world. Learning and skill development are tools that can be used to **build confidence and self-esteem** in the lives of students.

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Understanding the Critical Link Between Student Mental Health and the Future of Work

For years, employers have made it clear that **soft skills are critical to workforce development**, yet in recent months, there has been rallying against the teaching of social-emotional skills. This pushback goes against **research that demonstrates that students perform the best when they feel secure and emotionally stable**. It also ignores the trauma and stress that many young people continue to experience.

In view of the resistance to SEL, how should school and district leaders best promote the kind of learning that will serve their students well beyond their K-12 years?

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How Much Do You Know About Career Readiness?

Test your understanding of the factors that prepare students for careers!

By exploring **fundamental career readiness concepts**, participants can identify their current comprehension of these topics and recognize areas that may require further exploration.

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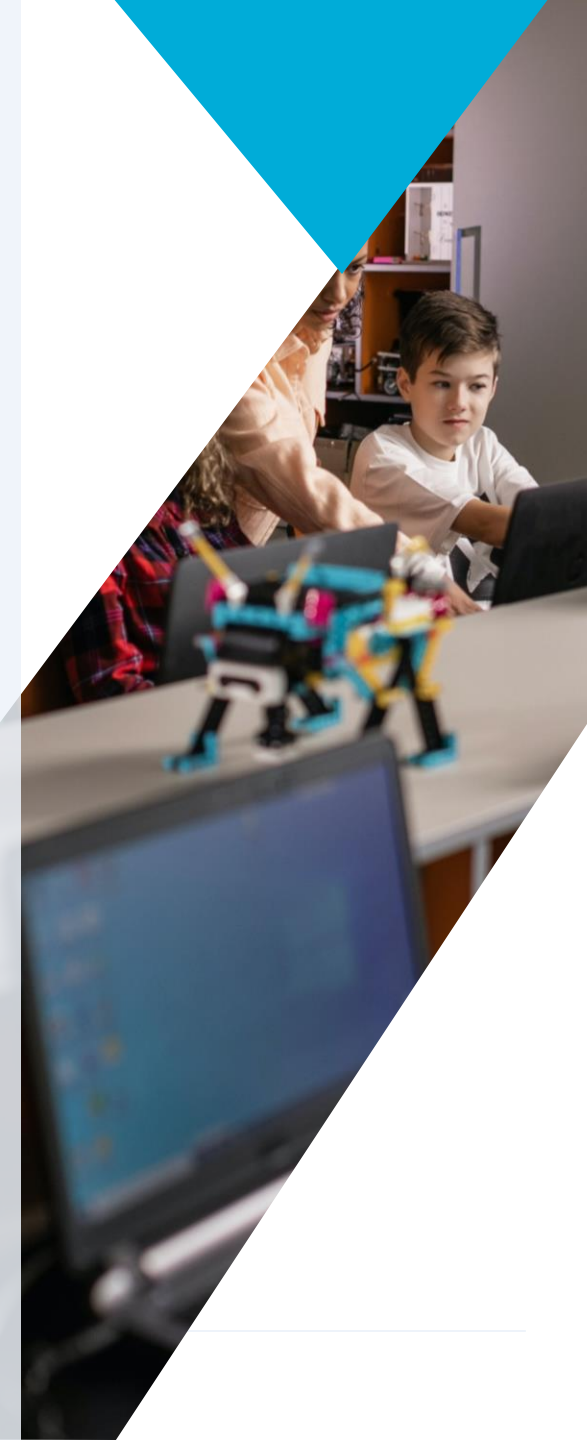
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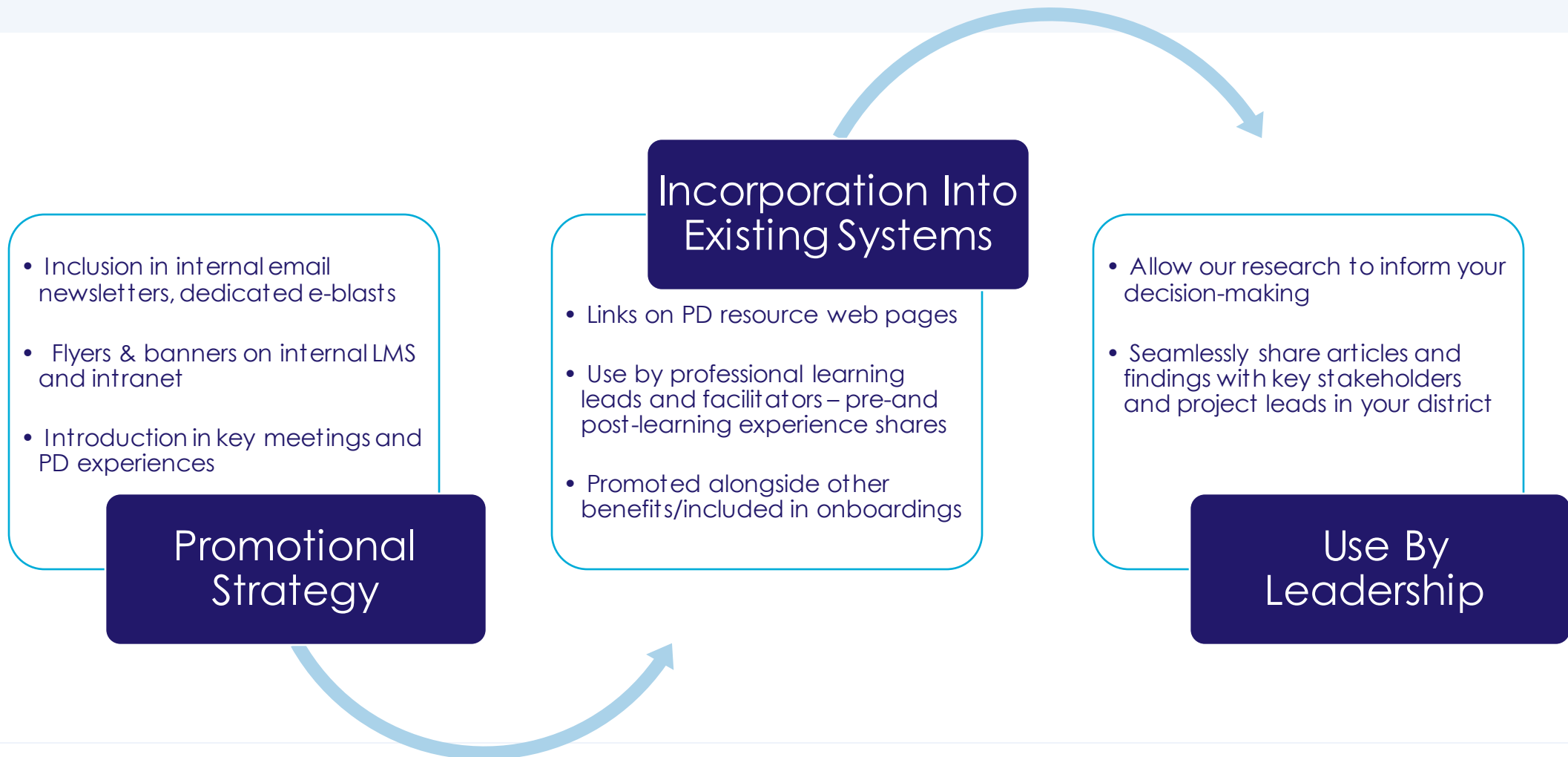
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