



Career Technical Education

A Statewide Poll of Registered California Voters

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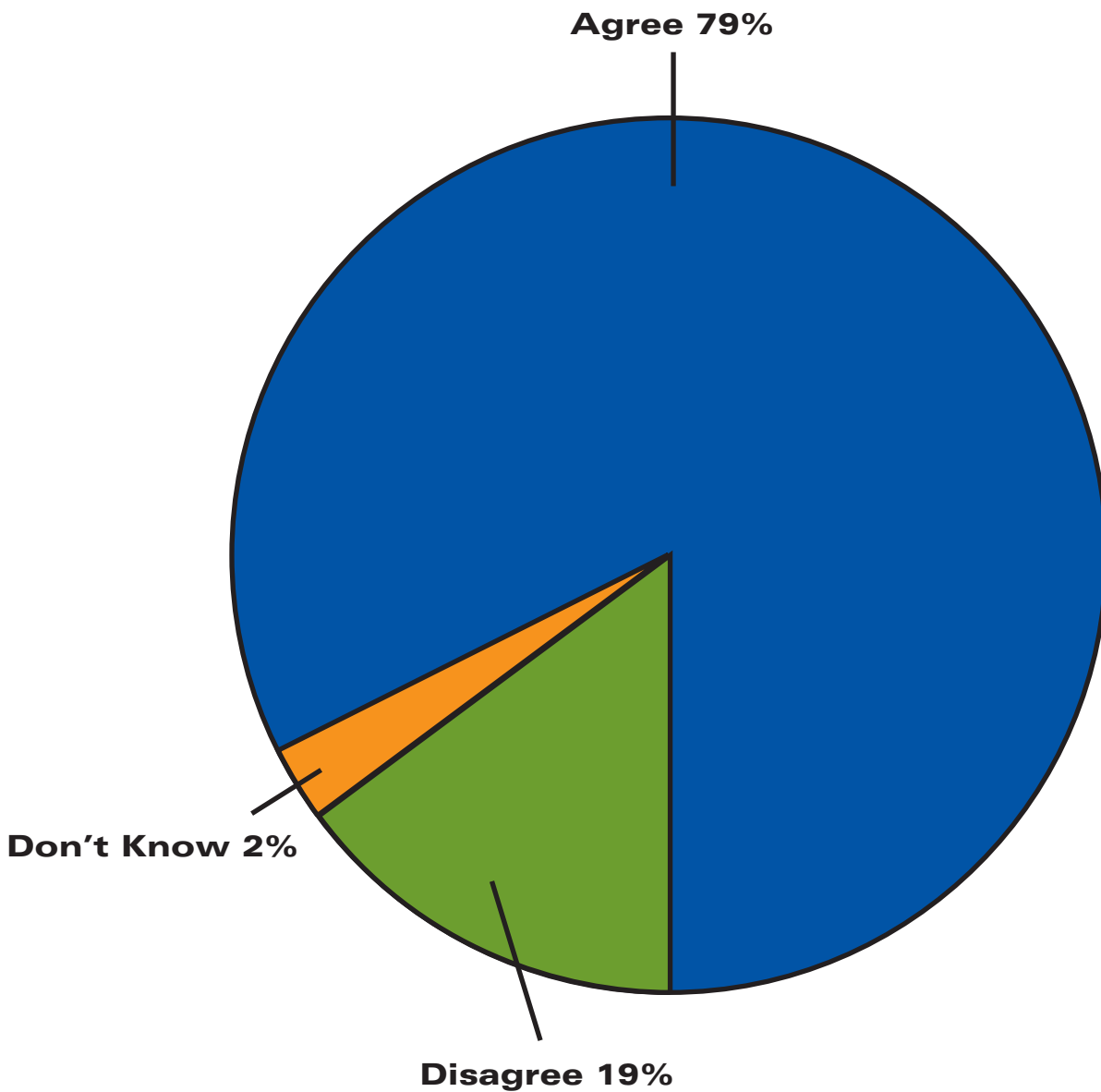
of Washington, D.C.

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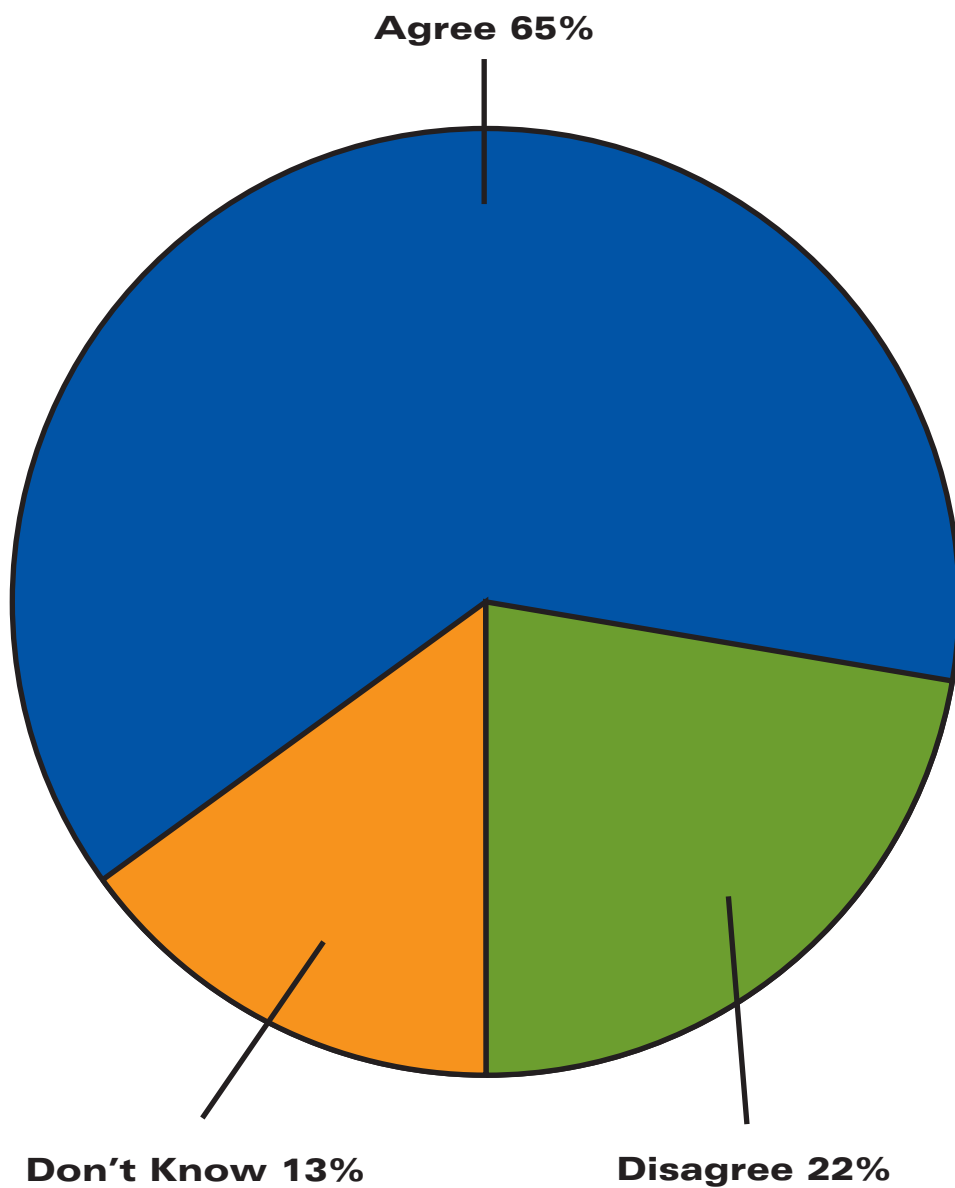


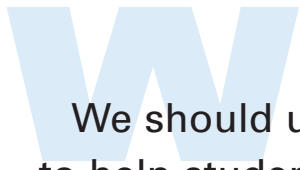
About 40% of high school drop-outs in California say they quit school because it wasn't relevant. Expanding vocational training and technical education would help make school more relevant for students so they are less likely to drop out.



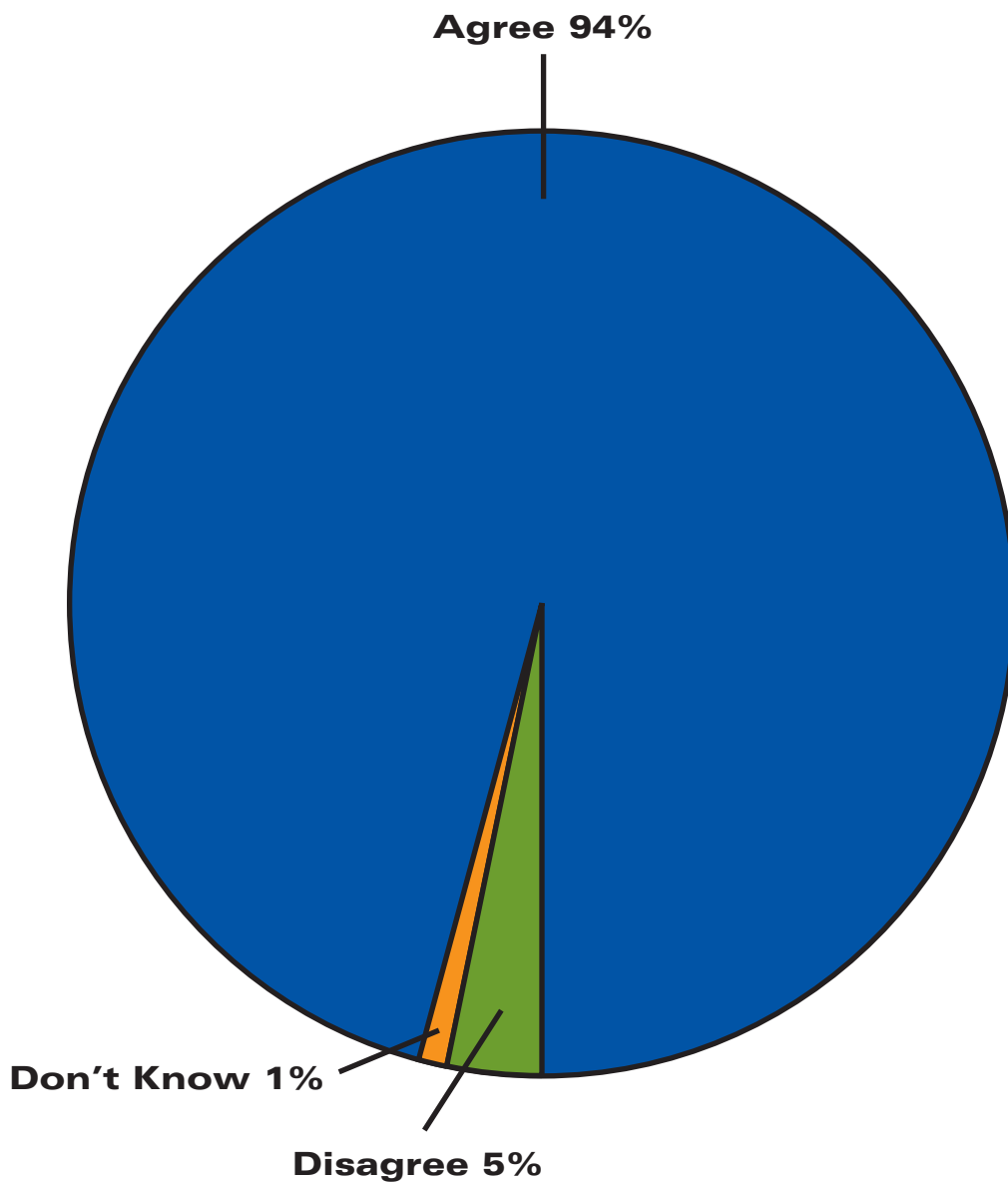


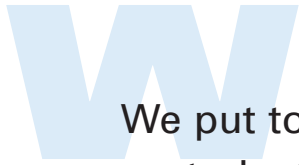
Many California employers say they have technical and manufacturing jobs paying \$60,000 to \$100,000 a year that don't require a college degree but they have trouble finding qualified workers with the special skills needed to perform these jobs.



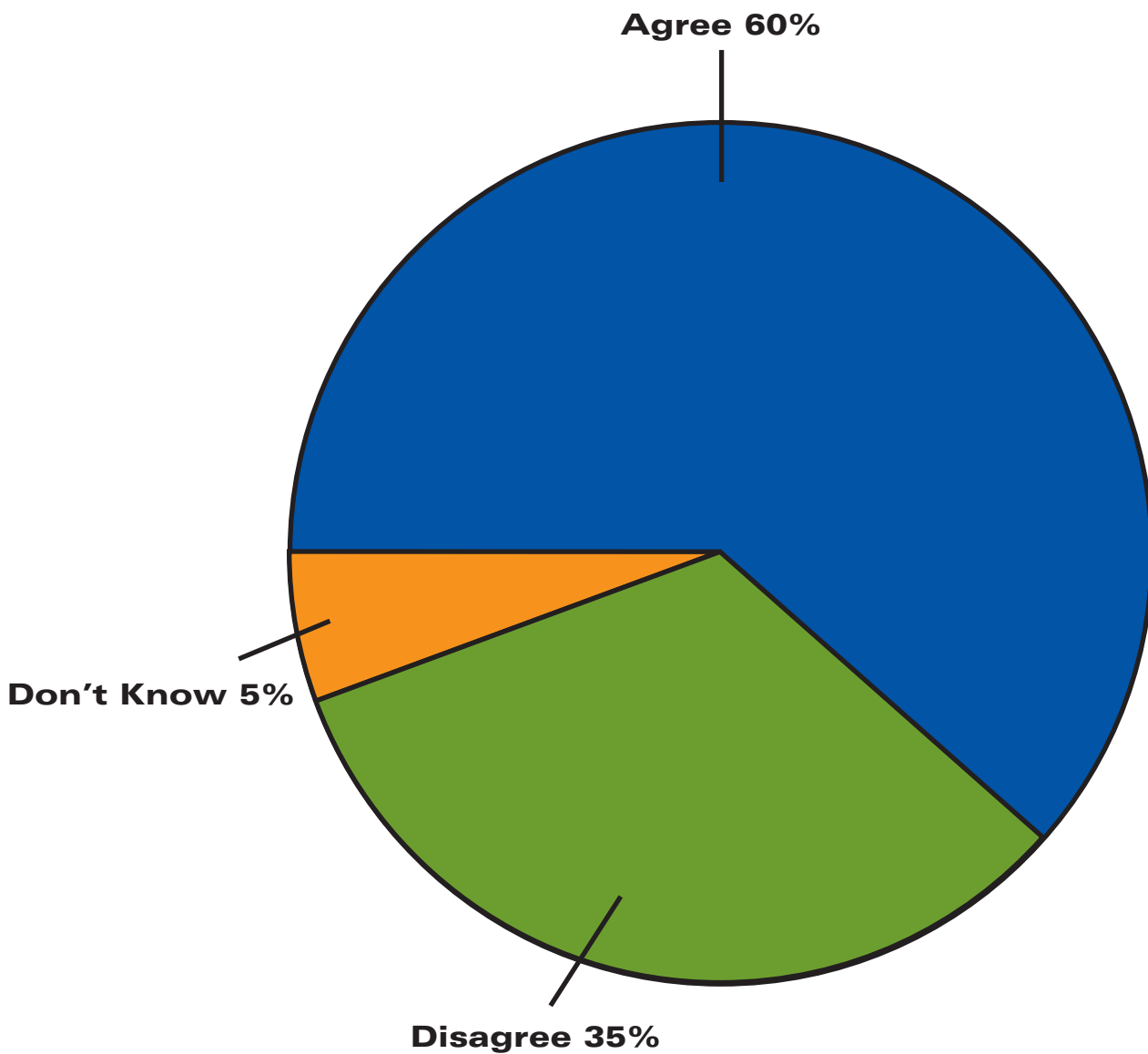


We should use more hands-on applied learning techniques to help students learn more basic skills like science and math. Hands-on applied learning techniques will give students the opportunity to apply basic skills in vocational education and technical training classes so they get hands-on experience and see how these skills can be applied in the real world.





We put too much emphasis on preparing high school students for college at the expense of vocational training and technical education.



Providing all high school students with a well-rounded education that includes vocational training and technical education, and rigorous academics like reading, writing and math would give them more opportunities after high school and help them succeed in life whether they choose college or not.

