

SGHS P-TECH Admission Policy and Enrollment Application

Campus and Program Overview

South Garland High School is a comprehensive high school that is partnering with Dallas College to offer a Pathways in Technology Early High School (P-TECH) program to incoming 9th graders who are least likely to attend college. The program starts their freshman year and continues through their four years of high school and features the following pathways: Automotive Technology, ElectroMechanical Technology, Welding, and Early Childhood Education. The program is designed to offer students the opportunity to earn up to 60 college credits at no cost. Students may earn an Associate's degree and/or industry based certifications while completing their high school graduation requirements. The courses are primarily housed at South Garland High School; however, all dual credit faculty are credentialed by Dallas College. Additionally, the ECHS embeds social/emotional supports throughout the program to support young learners who have the desire to take advanced coursework. Interested students should possess a high level of commitment, academic tenacity, and desire to do college-level work while in high school.

Admission Policy

All students interested in our particular career pathways and a rigorous and supportive dual credit experience that lead to earning a high school diploma concurrently with an Associate's degree are encouraged to apply. South Garland's P_TECH shall target, recruit, and enroll students who meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Are at risk of dropping out of school
- Are part of an underrepresented backgrounds
 - At-risk
 - low income
 - first-generation college attendees
- Are Emergent Bilingual students
- Are students receiving 504 or Special Education accommodations

However, students of all backgrounds are encouraged to apply. Garland ISD does not consider academic, discipline, state assessments or other criteria for the P-TECH selection process.

Student Eligibility Criteria

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) sets forth criteria for P-TECH programs that targets at-risk, low income, English language learners, and first generation students. As a result, the following criteria will be used in determining student eligibility for the South Garland P-TECH program:

- reside within the Garland ISD school zone
- be classified as a first-time, incoming 9th grader
- complete an application during the posted windows
- have the desire to take college-level coursework

Application Information

Enrollment in South Garland's P-TECH is by application only. Applications and admissions information will be available on Skyward to complete. Signed applications must be submitted by the GISD Magnet deadline to be considered.

Selection Process

The following outlines the application and selection process:

- Students will submit a completed magnet application in Skyward Family Access by the GISD Magnet deadline.
- Students and parent(s) will attend an P-TECH orientation meeting.
- If more eligible students apply than available seats, the South Garland P-TECH Selection Committee will use a blind weighted lottery that is in accordance with Outcome Based Measures in Benchmark 1 of the Early College High School Blueprint.
- Students will attend the P-TECH summer bridge program prior to the start of 9th grade.

Benefits of P-TECH

- Engage first-generation college attendees
- Provide dual credit at no cost to students
- Provide opportunities to earn industry certifications which make students highly employable after high school
- Offer courses that mirror a college setting, with academic counseling to help students develop the skills needed for post-high school success
- Increase college enrollment and success rates for all students
- Offers mentoring and priority hiring
- Strengthen connections between middle schools, high schools and higher education institutions to promote a culture of college readiness