

P-TECH Strategic Priorities

2023-2024

Priority #1, Benchmark #1: Hiring

This year has been a challenge for hiring. Our IHE hired both our Electro-Mechanical Technology teacher/professor and our Auto Tech teacher/professor at the end of July this past year. While we have replaced our Auto Tech teacher/professor, the transition has been a little challenging. We haven't been able to replace our Electro-Mechanical Technology teacher at all, which is a problem in recruiting, but also in maintaining the students we already have. Additionally, next year, we will lose our final two founding teachers - one is moving to another state, and the other earned her masters and will be teaching dual credit. We will need to not only fill these positions, but find candidates who will work the model, engage with students, teach their subject matter, and fit the chemistry of the team we have already built.

Priority #2, Benchmark #4: Master Schedule

Our master schedule worked better this year for seniors. We ensured that they would not be missing large parts of core classes if they had to travel back to the high school campus from the college campus. Another plus was that we were able to work a freshmen level CLC into the school day, eliminating the need to meet after school. However, we need to now work on scheduling a sophomore CLC during the school day and work to schedule classes in a way that all level classes. At the moment, some freshmen classes are large while others are quite small. We think that if we align pathway classes in the same period, we might be able to achieve more leveled classes.

Priority #3, Benchmark #4: TSIA

Mastering the TSIA test continues to be an area of growth for us. Students have to be able to read and write at the college level more quickly than their non-P-TECH peers in order to successfully complete their associate's degrees. The P-TECH team plans to offer targeted tutorials through targeted grouping in advisory this Spring and more opportunities to test during the school day. As a campus, we have purchased Mastery Prep books to use with our students, and we use the free study app provided by Accuplacer. We also anticipate using the new prep material in EdReady as soon as we get login information; students who have more gaps will use this program to ensure mastery before testing again. Additionally, students transitioning into ninth grade begin with a two-week Summer Bridge program which includes TSIA prep and college readiness. As a staff, we will continue to attend TSIA training sessions through College Board and our consultant, Tracey Hurst.