



DALLAS ISD P-TECH & EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAMS



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WHAT IS a P-TECH?



- **P-TECH** stands for **Pathways in Technology Early College High School**. Dallas ISD has 26 designated P-TECH campuses.
- As part of the program, students can choose a career pathway and take courses that provide the academic, technical, and workplace skills that are attractive to employers.

WHAT IS ECHS



Upon graduation, early college high school students can earn their high school diploma and their associates degree (up to 60 college credit hours) free of charge.

Transportation, tuition, books and testing fees waived.

WHAT IS DALLAS ISD P-TECH/ ECHS/ COLLEGIATE Academy ?

- The Dallas ISD P-TECH/Early College High Schools/Collegiate Academies are high schools that provide students with the opportunity to earn dual credit, which is credit toward a high school diploma and college degree.
- Students attend 9th and 10th grade in the P-TECH/Early College High Schools/Collegiate Academy wing at the high school campus where they complete their basic courses and receive in-depth instruction to prepare them for college success. Beginning their junior year, students attend classes, tuition-free, on the campus of their community college partner. The district provides transportation to the partner community college campus.



DALLAS ISD:
P-TECH & EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL



P-TECH VS ECHS:

What is ECHS?

- Earn up to 60 hours of college credit
- Higher Education partners (Dallas College and UNT-Dallas)
- General Associate Degree pathways
- **Minimizes the time in high school while at the same time facilitates the transition to higher education.**
- **Opportunity to begin a career upon graduation or to continue further college education.**

What is P-TECH?

- Earn up to 60 hours of college credit
- Higher Education partners (Dallas College and UNT-Dallas)- Approximate cost of a two year university at Dallas College.
- Specific pathways to an Associate Degree aligned to workforce needs
- Industry Partners
- 68% U.S. jobs that will require a post-secondary education in the year 2020.
- Save on college tuition and books per student

Do students have to take an examination to enroll in college courses?

Students enrolled in college courses must meet Texas Success Initiative (TSI) requirements. This can be done by taking the TSI-Assessment (TSI-A) and earning passing scores in reading, writing, and math. Students must have passing scores in specific areas based on course prerequisites. A Summer Bridge Camp will be held to help students prepare for the Collegiate Academies, including preparation for the TSI-A.

Who can attend a Dallas ISD P-TECH/ECHS/Collegiate Academy?

The P-TECH/ECHS/Collegiate Academies are designed to serve ninth grade students who have the determination to attend college and are first-generation college students. However, they accept students with the will, focus, and drive to complete college coursework. Interested eighth grade students, who will be freshmen next year, can apply for the upcoming school year.



When will students start taking college level classes?

Students will begin taking college level classes as early their freshman year, then begin taking more classes as they progress through high school.

HOW DOES THE CURRICULUM WORK?

9th grade students **High school classes** + possibly **1-2 college courses**

10th grade students **High school classes** + Up to **2 college courses** per semester

11th and 12th grade students **College courses half day for 11th and all day for 12th, both semesters!**
(for those who successfully transition to Eastfield)

- ▶ Students will take **High School** classes and **College** courses at the same time.
- ▶ The college courses are **DUAL CREDIT**, meaning they will give you credit for both your high school diploma and your college degree.



Dual Credit Student Success

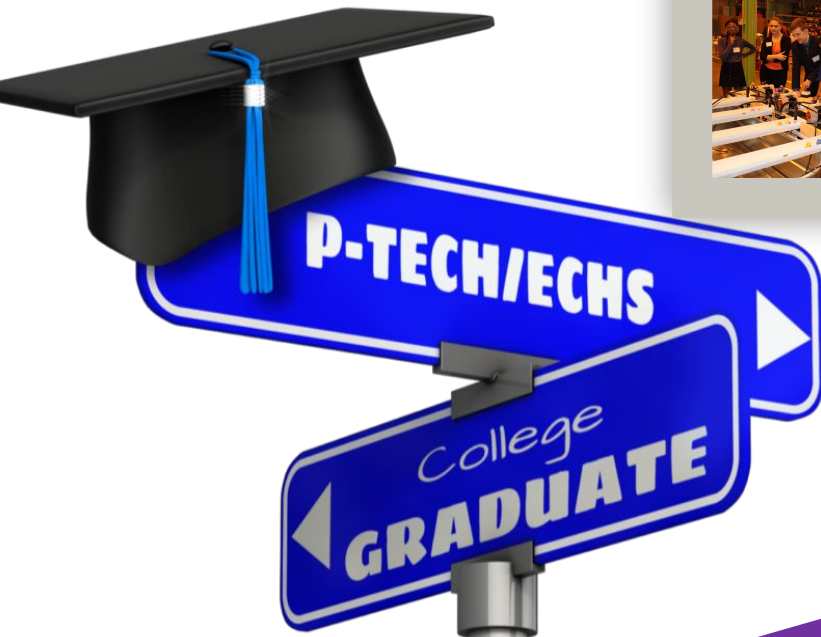
Received an A, B or C in the course

Slide: 6

73%

Successful completion of
courses with an
A, B or C





What is Expected?

- Enthusiasm/Knowledge
- Culture/Commitment
- Communication/Support and Completion

Planning for Your Day:

- Prioritize
- Organize
- Time Management
- Meeting Deadlines and Assignment Submissions

Communication:

- Emotional Intelligence
- Attitude-Delivery
- Effective Conversations
- Professors
- Campus Teachers
- Peers

ENDORSEMENT PERSONAL GRADUATION PLAN (EPGP)

Endorsement Personal Graduation Plan Selection Form

Student Name: _____ ID#: _____
 Middle School: _____ High School: _____

COUNSELOR USE ONLY:
 Enrollment START DATE: ____/____/____
 Endorsement Status: ☐ 1 Pursuing

Texas House Bill 5 mandates that all ninth grade students (beginning in the 2014-15 school year) select an Endorsement. Ultimately, it is the students' and parents/guardians' to decide on a graduation option that best meets a student's needs and maximizes opportunities after high school. Students must wait until they complete the 10th grade parent/guardian permission in writing to select the Foundation Plan, unless they meet other state-mandated criteria. Students and parents/guardians are responsible for monitoring the successful completion of courses required for graduation.

Endorsement:

☐ Arts and Humanities
☐ Business and Industry
☐ Multidisciplinary Studies
☐ Public Services
☐ STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)

After high school I plan to:
 (check all that apply)

☐ Enroll in Technical Training
☐ Enroll in Two-Year College
☐ Enroll in Four-Year College or Military Academy
☐ Enlist in the Military
☐ Work Full-Time (35+ hours/week)
☐ Work Part-Time
☐ Other: _____

REFER TO BACK FOR DETAILS

Discipline	FHSP DISTINGUISHED Credits	Foundation Plan + Endorsements (FHSP PLUS) Credits
English	4	4
Math	4	4
Science	4	4
Social Studies	3	3
Language Other Than English	2	2
Fine Arts	1	1
Physical Education	1	1
Health (Dallas ISD Local)	5	5
Electives	6.5	6.5
Total Credits for Graduation:	26	26

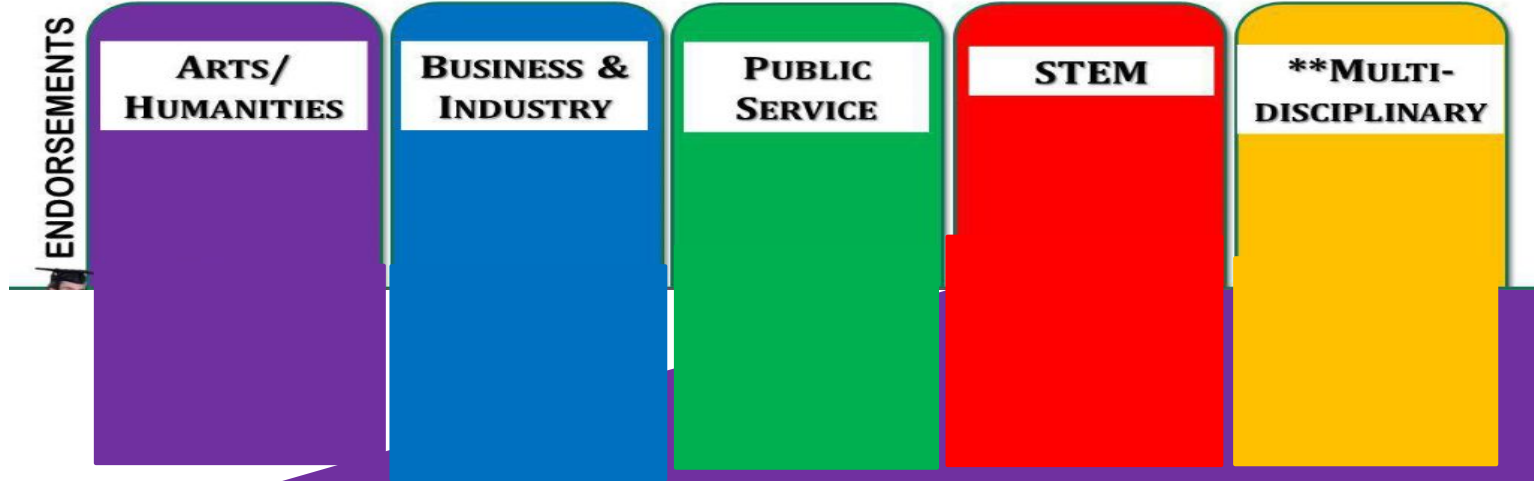
Discipline	9 th Grade Course Name	10 th Grade	11 th Grade	12 th Grade
English (4 credits total)	English I <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	English II	English III	Advanced English
Math (4 credits total)	Algebra I <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	Geometry	Algebra II	Advanced Math
Science (4 credits total)	Biology <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	Science	Science	Advanced Science
Social Studies (3 credits total)	World History OR World Geography		U.S. History	Government/Economics
LOTE (2 credits total)		LOTE	LOTE (if not completed prior)	
Fine Arts (1 credit total)			Fine Arts (if not completed prior)	
PE (1 credit total)			PE (if not completed prior)	
Health (Dallas ISD Local .5)			Health (if not completed prior)	
9 th Grade Elective/Other			See back for Endorsement options.	

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____ Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Counselor Signature: _____ Date: _____ Counselor Name: _____ NOTES: _____

5 ENDORSEMENTS

AREAS OF SPECIALIZED STUDY FOR HIGH SCHOOL. THEY ARE SIMILAR TO COLLEGE MAJORS

THE NEW PLAN FOR TEXAS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS



ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Students interested in the performing arts of music and theatre, as well as the visual arts, may find this endorsement suitable for them.

Possible career paths and interest areas include courses related to:

- ✓English Literature
- ✓History
- ✓Fine Arts.
- ✓Political Science
- ✓World Languages
- ✓Cultural Studies



5 endorsements HOME

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

Possible career paths and interest areas for the Business & Industry Endorsement may include:

- ✓ Database Management
- ✓ Information Technology
- ✓ Communications, Accounting
- ✓ Finance
- ✓ Marketing
- ✓ Graphic Design
- ✓ Architecture
- ✓ Construction
- ✓ Welding
- ✓ Logistics
- ✓ Automotive Technology
- ✓ Agricultural Science.



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PUBLIC SERVICES

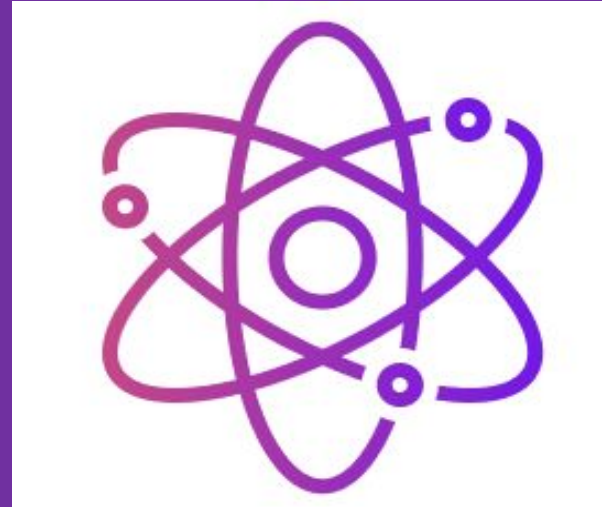
- ✓ Public services incorporates careers in human services, law enforcement and public safety, the military, culinary arts, and education.
- ✓ Human services careers include careers as a nurse, physician's assistant, hospital administrator, nutritionist, clergy, counselor, etc.
- ✓ Law Enforcement and Public Safety include careers such as mediator, law clerk, paralegal, detective, security guard, criminal investigator, bailiff, and fish and game warden.



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STEAM

- ✓ Students need to complete courses directly related to:
Environmental Science, Technology, Engineering, Advanced Mathematics, and Computer Science.
- ✓ May be the right pathway for a student interested in careers such as:
biochemist, bioengineer, civil engineer, pharmacist, nurse, psychiatrist, anesthesiologist, orthodontist, lab technician, scientist, medical assistant, and forensic science technician.



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MULTIDISCIPLINARY

All career pathways identified in all cluster and endorsement areas would fall into the multidisciplinary endorsement area.



How to Prepare your Solar Girl



SCHOOLS REQUIREMENTS

Scores	Other Requirements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Grade Point Average 75 or above in core subjects.<input type="checkbox"/> STAAR Scores (7th grade)<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Reading - 1583 or 36th percentile*✓ Math - 1583 or 36th percentile*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Most recent report/transcripts<input type="checkbox"/> Panel Interview<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent Attendance

*varies in all the schools

MOCK INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Tell me a little bit about yourself.
2. What are your strengths (as a student)?
3. What are your weaknesses (as a student)?
4. Why do you want to go to our Early College/Magnet school (choose your top choice)?
5. What subject (school) do you enjoy the most? Why?
6. What subject (school) do you enjoy the least? Why?
7. How do you overcome challenges?
8. What makes you a good candidate for our school (choose your top choice)?
9. What has been your biggest challenge?
10. What would you like to accomplish?
11. Where do you see yourself in 5 years?
12. How do you handle stress?
13. What do you know about current events in the news?
14. What are your interests?
15. How do you stay organized with your school work to meet deadlines?

INTERVIEW TIPS

- **Dress appropriately.** Not sure what is appropriate dress for the school at which you are interviewing? Research to find the uniform or attire requirements for students at the school and use that as a guideline. Dressing like a student at the school is a great way to visually demonstrate that you are a strong candidate.
- **Arrive early.** Shakespeare once said it's better to be three hours early than a minute too late. While you don't need to be three hours early for your high school interview, you definitely do not want to be a minute late.
- **Research the school ahead of time.** Take the time to read everything you can about the school before your interview, and formulate a list of questions that are pertinent to the school and your interests.
- **Be alert.** You might have butterflies before your interview but try to get a good night's sleep, so you are well-rested and make sure you eat a healthy breakfast.
- **Show off your social skills and maturity.** Turn off your phone; don't slouch; make eye contact; take time to formulate your thoughts; try to avoid saying 'like' or 'um'. Sit up straight and make sure you are in a quiet environment (virtual etiquette)
- **Be genuine.** Answer questions truthfully, rather than saying what you think the interviewer wants to hear. Your interviewer will likely spot - and frown upon - disingenuous answers.
- **Be polite.** Along with greeting your interviewer by name and saying thank you, make sure you send a prompt and personalized thank you note or email.

STUDENT PORTFOLIO

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WHY P-TECH?

