

Engineering Career Cluster

The Engineering career cluster focuses on planning, designing, testing, building, and maintaining of machines, structures, materials, systems, and processes using empirical evidence and science, technology, and math principles. This career cluster includes occupations ranging from mechanical engineer and drafter to electrical engineer and to mapping technician.

Big Spring High School Program of Study: Drone (Unmanned Vehicle) Approved in ESC Regions 2, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20

*The list of approved ESC regions is updated every school year. Be sure to check the CTE regional program of study website for updates.

The Drone (Unmanned Vehicle) regional program of study focuses on the occupational and educational opportunities associated with operating or designing an unmanned aircraft using a ground-based controller. This program of study includes understanding and designing systems of communications between the controller and the aircraft to ensure compliance with federal aviation safety regulations.



Secondary Courses for High School Credit

Level 1		Introduction to Aerospace and Aviation
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Level 2 • Introduction to Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV)

Robotics I

Level 3 • Robotics II

Level 4

- Career and Technical Education Project-Based Capstone
- Practicum in Manufacturing
- Career Preparation for Programs of Study
- Scientific Research and Design



Dual Credit

Dual credit offerings will vary by local education agency.

Students should be advised to consider these course opportunities to enrich their preparation. AP or IB courses not listed under the Secondary Courses for High School Credit section of this framework document do not count towards concentrator/completer status for this program of study.

Work-Based Learning and Expanded Learning Opportunities

Work-Based Learning Activities

- Intern with a public service, engineering, construction, or transportation firm
- Practice drone operations with an industry professional at a work site

Expanded Learning Opportunities

- Participate in an aerial drone competition
- Participate in SkillsUSA or TSA

Aligned Industry-Based Certifications

FAA Part 107 Remote Drone Pilot



Example Postsecondary Opportunities

Associate Degrees

- Airline/Commercial/Professional Pilot and Flight Crew
- Manufacturing Engineering Technology/Technician



Bachelor's Degrees

- Aviation Science
- Aeronautical/Aerospace Engineering Technology

Master's, Doctoral, and Professional Degrees

 Aerospace, Aeronautical, and Astronautical/Space Engineering, General

Additional Stackable IBCs/License

• Aerial Mapping and 3D Modeling Certification



Example Aligned Occupations

Aerospace Engineering and Operations Technicians

Median Wage: \$48,204 Annual Openings: 192 10-Year Growth: 21%

Avionics Technicians

Median Wage: \$72,461 Annual Openings: 255 10-Year Growth: 16%

Successful completion of the Drone (Unmanned Vehicle) regional program of study will fulfill requirements of the Business and Industry endorsement.





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Course Information

Course	Prerequisites Corequisites	Career Clusters
Introduction to Aerospace and Aviation* N1304672 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisite: None Recommended Corequisites: None	

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Introduction to Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) N1304670 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisite: Principles of Transportation Systems Recommended Corequisites: None	
Robotics I* 13037000 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisite: Principles of Applied Engineering Recommended Corequisites: None	

Course	Prerequisites Corequisites	Career Clusters
Robotics II* 13037050 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: Robotics I Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisite: None Recommended Corequisites: None	



^{*} Indicates course is included in more than one program of study.



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Career and Technical Education Project-Based Capstone* First Time Taken: 12701101 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisite: None Recommended Corequisites: None	
Practicum in Manufacturing First Time Taken: 13033000 (2 credits) Second Time Taken: 13033010 (2 credits)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisite: None Recommended Corequisites: None	• <u>*</u>
Career Preparation for Programs of Study* First Time Taken: 12701121 (2 credits)	Prerequisites: At least one Level 2 or higher CTE course Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisite: None Recommended Corequisites: None	
Scientific Research and Design* 13037200 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: Biology, Chemistry, Integrated Physics and Chemistry (IPC), or Physics Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisite: None Recommended Corequisites: None	



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