



APPLICATION/SELECTION PROCESS

PURPOSE

The P-TECH Program at Texas High School provides students with a focused pathway toward future careers in education or culinary arts. The curriculum is rigorous and college-centered, emphasizing the foundational principles of each pathway while equipping students with the skills, training, and knowledge necessary for long-term success in their chosen field.

The P-TECH Program operates as a school-within-a-school, where students remain together as a cohort. This structure fosters meaningful collaboration and creates opportunities for authentic, hands-on learning that can lead to real-world job experiences. The academy is designed to accelerate student learning, enabling participants to earn a significant portion of the college credits required for an Associate Degree by the time they graduate from high school.

Application Process

- Complete the Application Form. TISD is an open-enrollment district; therefore, applications will be accepted from both district and out-of-district residents.

Applications are available online at www.txkisd.net or from

- TISD Welcome Center - 2208 Kennedy Lane
- ShaRhonda Sutton, 8th Grade Counselor, Texas Middle School - 903.793.5631 ext. 3541
- Jacquelyn Smith, Assistant Principal, Texas High School - 903.794.3891 ext. 72214

Applications for the P-TECH Program at Texas High School will be available February 2, 2026, for the 2026 - 2027 school year. Completed applications are due Friday, March 31, 2026.

SELECTION/NOTIFICATION PROCESS

Enrollment for the P-TECH Academy is by application only. Students must apply by March 31, 2026. Notification of selection status for the P-TECH Program will be no later than Friday, May 1, 2026.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CONTACT:
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APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT

Texarkana Independent School District is an open-enrollment district with no required attendance zone.

Select the P-TECH Academy in which you are applying:

- ☐ Education Pathway
☐ Culinary Pathway

STUDENT INFORMATION

Name of Student: _____
(As shown on the birth certificate) Last First Middle

Date of Birth: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ Gender: _____ M _____ F

Ethnicity (Check one)*:

____ Hispanic/Latino ____ American Indian/Alaska Native ____ Asian ____ White
____ Not Hispanic/Latino ____ Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander ____ Black/ African-American

**The information is requested in accordance with the Public Education Information Management System (PIEMS) and Federal regulations.*

TISD ID # (If Applicable): _____

School Currently Attending: _____ Grade Level for 2026 - 2027 School Year: _____

Has the student ever attended a TISD School ____ Yes ____ No If yes, where? _____
____ TISD Resident ____ TISD Attendance Zone: _____
____ Non-Resident ____ School District: _____

PARENT INFORMATION

With whom does the student live as a permanent resident? ____ Both parents ____ Mother ____ Father ____ Guardian

Address: _____
 Street Address City State Zip Code

Home Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

Father/Guardian Name: _____ Mother/Guardian Name: _____

Father/Guardian Business Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____

Mother/Guardian Business Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____

AGREEMENT

As a student, I understand that if I am accepted into The P-TECH Academy at Texas High School, I must follow all Academy rules and guidelines. I agree to actively participate in Academy-sponsored events and maintain good academic standing.

____ I Agree Date: _____

As the Parent/Guardian, I certify that my child has my permission to participate in The P-TECH Academy at Texas High School.

____ I Agree Date: _____



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is THE P-TECH Academy? What is its purpose?

The P-TECH Academy is a small learning community that operates as a school-within-a-school on the Texas High School campus. The Academy offers students a rigorous, well-rounded education with outstanding instruction that integrates education and training throughout the curriculum. The purpose of the Academy is to increase student achievement while creating leaders in the field of education and culinary arts.

How may my child participate in The P-TECH Academy?

Students who are interested in participating in the P-TECH Academy must apply online at www.txkisd.net. Computers with internet access are available in the Texas High School Academic Advisor's Office. Additionally, applications can be turned in to ShaRhonda Sutton, 8th Grade Counselor at Texas Middle School, or delivered to the THS Academic Advisor's Office.

My child doesn't attend Texas High School. Will he/she be able to participate in the P-TECH Academy?

Students who are not enrolled in Texarkana ISD may apply to attend the P-TECH Academy. If non-enrolled students are accepted into the Academy, they will need to complete the TISD enrollment process. Applications can be submitted online or through the Academic Advisor's Office at Texas High School.

If my child applies and is accepted into the P-TECH Academy, will he/she need to re-apply each year in order to stay in the Academy?

Once a student is chosen to participate in the Academy, that student will have the choice to remain in the Academy throughout high school. He/she will not be required to reapply each year.

What are the benefits of my child being in the P-TECH Academy?

Many students enter college without knowing what they want to be when they grow up. This program will provide hands-on experiences for students interested in a career in education or culinary arts. These students will be provided with college classes and will be encouraged to graduate high school

with an associate's degree so they can graduate from college faster than other high school students and begin their careers just a few years after graduating from high school. This program also guarantees that our students will have interviews and primary consideration for jobs in the related field at TISD.

What courses will my child be required to take as a member of the P-TECH Academy?

Academy students will be required to take courses that focus on the P-TECH pathway of their choice. More information can be found by reaching out to Dr. Smith or your student's Academic Advisor.

Will my child be able to participate in elective courses and athletics?

Students will be able to participate in a variety of elective classes, including athletics, band, technology, and fine arts.

How will teaching and learning be different in the P-TECH Academy?

The primary model for instruction in the P-TECH Academy will be indirect, experiential learning. Students in both the Education and Culinary pathways will engage in authentic learning experiences that include observation, small-group instruction, mentoring, professional development, and hands-on, real-world practice. Instructional strategies will challenge students to design, apply, and refine innovative approaches aligned with their pathway, whether developing effective teaching strategies or demonstrating professional culinary techniques, while building industry-relevant skills and career readiness.

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

Texarkana ISD offers career and technical education programs in all CTE-based Programs of Study and pathways. Admission to these programs is open to all students attending Texarkana ISD.

It is the policy of Texarkana ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap in its vocational programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI or the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

It is the policy of Texarkana ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, or age in its employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. Texarkana ISD will take steps to ensure that a lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

For more information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact Sherry Nelson at sherry.nelson@txkisd.net or 903-793-7561.