



Priority Charter School P-TECH Academies

Priority Charter Schools is expanding college opportunities for students, thanks to an exciting partnership with Eastfield College. Students who attend Priority Charter School District and Austin Community College, Central Texas College, or Temple Community College will have the opportunity to earn a high school diploma and up to 60 college credit hours, Associate of Applied Science or Associate of Arts degree in four years.

Best of all, this opportunity comes tuition-free.

Attending a collegiate academy allows students to:

- Earn an Associate of Applied Science Degree (Cyber Security, Maintenance Technology, Computer-Aided Design), Liberal Arts Degree tuition free while in high school
- Earn as many as 60 tuition-free college hours by earning college credits while in high school
- Start a four-year degree in less time than their peers
- Enter the job market with a work-ready skill upon completion of high school
- Become familiar with the effort required to successfully complete college level coursework while a high school student

Are you right for Priority Charter Schools P-TECH/ Early College High School?

- Are you the first in your family to pursue a college degree?
- Are you highly motivated and ready to meet the challenges of rigorous, innovative coursework?
- Would you like to receive 60+ hours of college credit, industry certifications, and an Associate's Degree while attending high school?
- Are you interested in tuition free classes?
- Would you like to receive on the job training in the pathway that will lead to career opportunities?

If you said yes to any of these questions then Priority Charter Schools Pathways to Technology Early College High School may be for you!!

- Cedar Park Charter Academy- Cyber Security
- Cove Charter Academy – Architecture and Construction
- Temple Charter Academy- Architecture and Construction

What does P-TECH mean and how is this ECHS model different from others in Dallas ISD?

P-TECH stands for Pathways to Technology. Within specified pathways, students take core and career/technology courses that deliver rigorous academic, technical, and workplace skills that employers need in middle jobs. Students may earn an associate's degree in 4 or 6 years, along with industry certificates relevant to their pathway of interest. The skills-based competencies learned throughout the coursework along with industry mentors better prepare the students for paid internships and possible job placement upon graduation.

Priority Charter School District P-TECH Early College High School's industry partner is committed to supporting our students in their Workplace Learning experiences. Some areas of support include skills mapping to ensure graduates are ready to enter the workforce; Workplace Learning curriculum; mentoring for all students; skills-based, paid internships; and job placement after graduation.

What pathways are offered at Priority Charter Schools P-TECH Early College High School?

Cedar Park Charter Academy: P-TECH Early College High School will offer two pathways for students:

Pathway

HS Endorsement: Business Industry
Program: Information Technology
Degree Plan: AAS Cyber Security
Certificate(s): A+ ,N Plus Certification, and Network Administration
IHE: Austin Community College

Cove Charter Academy: P-TECH Early College High School will offer one pathway for students:

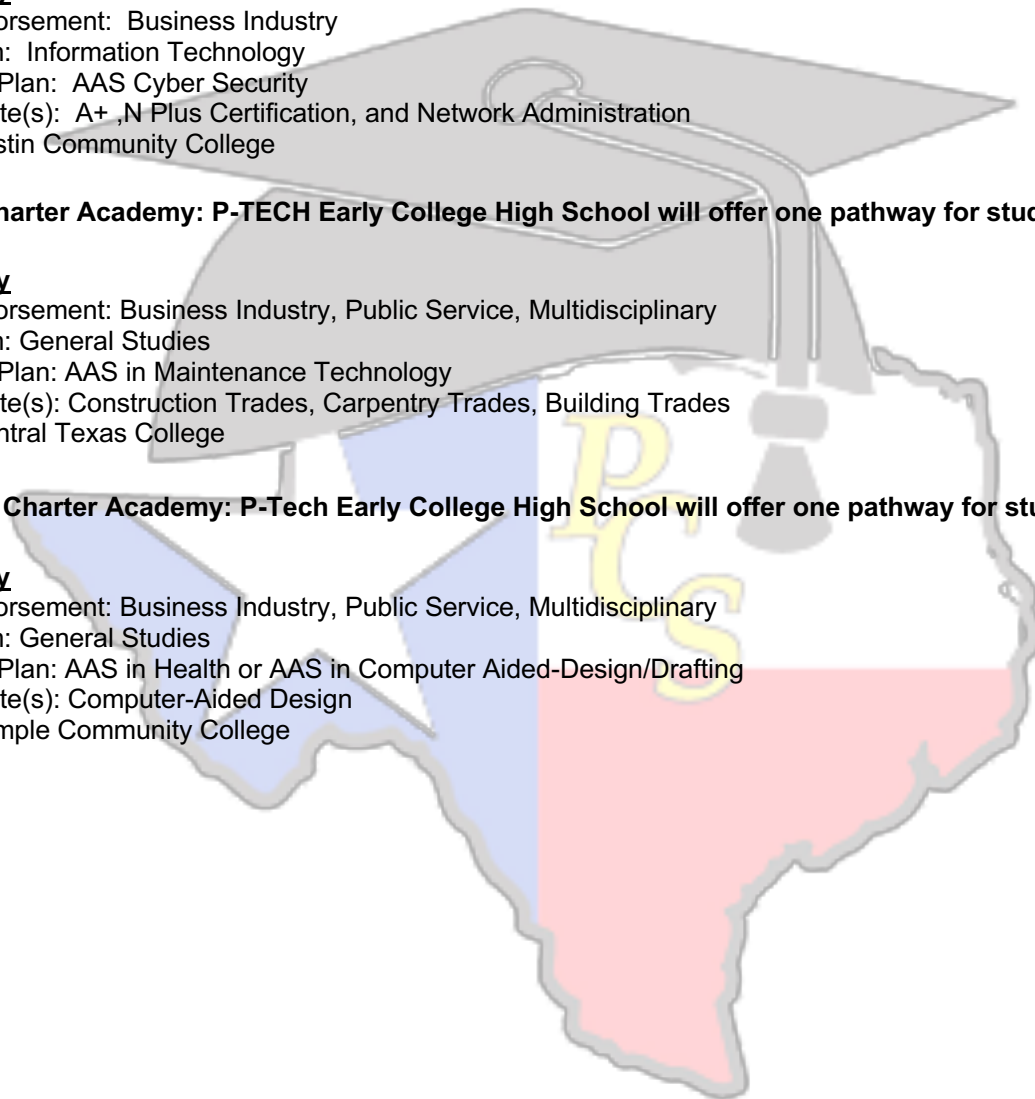
Pathway

HS Endorsement: Business Industry, Public Service, Multidisciplinary
Program: General Studies
Degree Plan: AAS in Maintenance Technology
Certificate(s): Construction Trades, Carpentry Trades, Building Trades
IHE: Central Texas College

Temple Charter Academy: P-Tech Early College High School will offer one pathway for students:

Pathway

HS Endorsement: Business Industry, Public Service, Multidisciplinary
Program: General Studies
Degree Plan: AAS in Health or AAS in Computer Aided-Design/Drafting
Certificate(s): Computer-Aided Design
IHE: Temple Community College



Written Communication Plan

Here at Priority Charter Schools are here to provide an invaluable contribution to the parents, students, and communities we serve through P-TECH. It is the goal of Priority Charter Schools P-TECH College partners to provide underrepresented students the ability to obtain an Associates of Applied Science and Associate of Arts in General Studies at no cost to the students and their families. The program encompasses the following:

- Earn an Associate degree or up to 60 hours of college credit tuition-free while in high school.
- Eliminate thousands of dollars in college tuition costs by earning college credit hours while in high school.
- Start college at a four-year university already having completed two years in high school, thereby earning a four-year degree in less time than their peers.
- Enter the job market with a work-ready skill upon completion of high school.
- Become familiar with the effort required to successfully complete college-level coursework while a high school student.

In order to ensure that we are reaching all students of Priority Charter Schools P-TECH, we have worked to create materials in two languages (English and Spanish) to target and inform a majority of students and parents, and communities we serve. Priority Charter Schools works to create several events throughout the course of the year to communicate the benefits of the P-TECH Program. These events have included but not limited to:

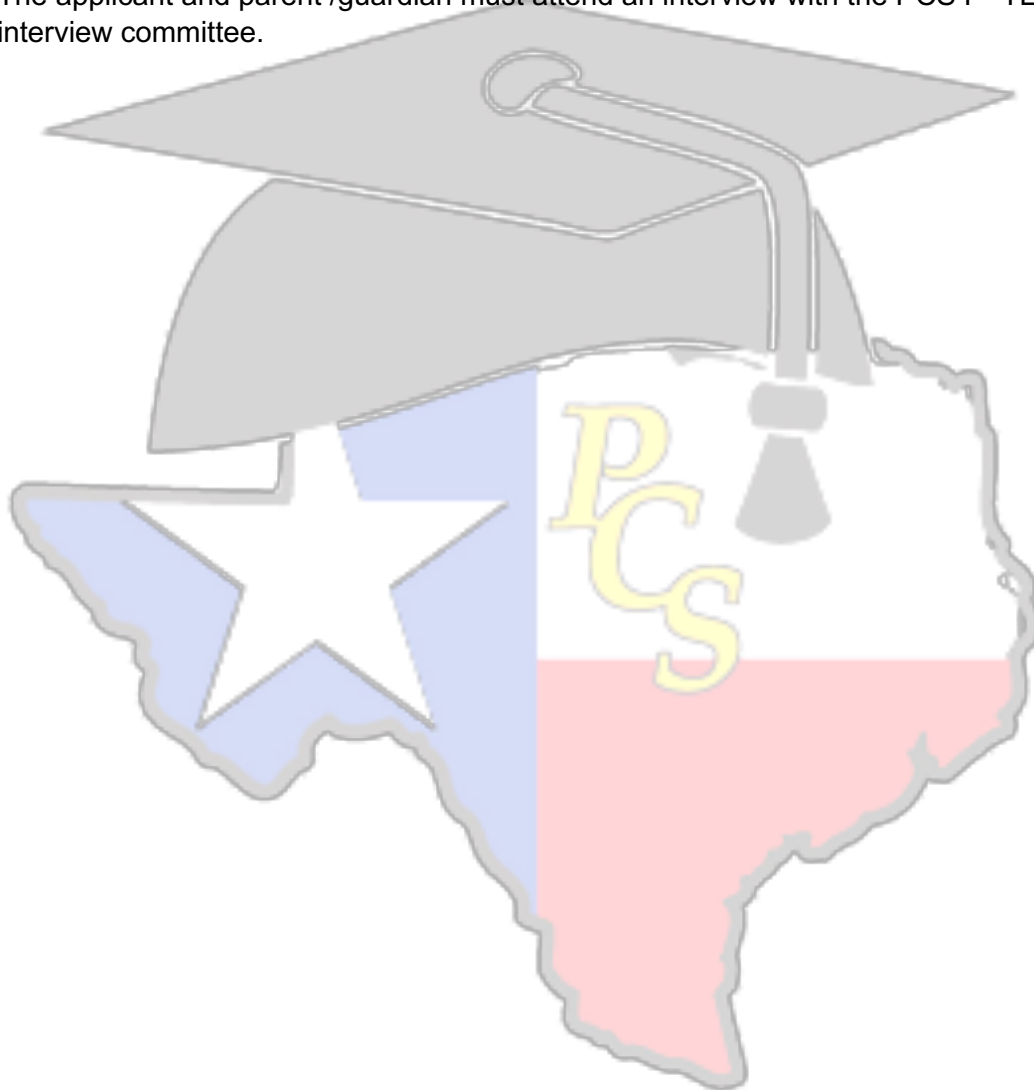
- Parent nights at PCS middle schools in both the fall and spring semesters. Representatives from Priority Charter Schools P-TECH programs on site to communicate with parents and answer the questions from the students.
- Multiple parent nights at various PCS middle schools throughout the district. Representatives from Priority Charter Schools P-TECH attend and speak with the parents and students about why they should attend one of the P-TECH programs at Cedar Park, Cove Charter or Temple Charter.
- Information about the Priority Charter Schools P-TECH program is placed on each campus High School website and district website for students and parents.
- Priority Charter School P-TECH staff also hosts several open house events in November and December to bring potential students and parents into the school and explain the aspects of the P-TECH program.
- Representatives from Priority P-TECH Campuses will have attended multiple community and district events to recruit potential students.

Priority Charter Schools P-TECH works with Austin Community College, Central Texas College, and Temple Community College to provide several opportunities for both parents and students to visit PCS High School P-TECH campuses to learn about the aspects of the program. During these events representatives from all high school campuses P-TECH are available to answer questions and inform parents about the program.

P-TECH Enrollment Application Process

The criteria for selecting students for enrollment into Priority Charter Schools P-TECH are as follows:

- The applicant must meet the requirements for promotion from 8th grade to 9th grade.
- If the applicant is an incoming 10th grader, he or she must have 6 credits.
- The applicant must have completed all sections of the enrollment for admission.
- The applicant and parent/guardian must schedule an interview.
- The applicant must complete 3-question responses per enrollment criteria
- The applicant and parent /guardian must attend an interview with the PCS P- TECH interview committee.



Priority Charter School P-TECH Academies (Partnership FAQ)

- **How Can I assist PCS P-TECH Academies**

We are currently seeking partnerships for students in Architecture/Construction & Cyber Security. The partnership will include but not limited to:

- Curriculum advisory council members- These members will review current dual credit crosswalk to ensure course alignment and course relevance.
- Student Internship/Externships- Partners will provide students with internships and externships throughout their course of study.
- Mentorship Program- Partners who will serve as mentors to guide and facilitate student growth in the area of architecture and construction, engineering, and construction management to name a few.
- Job Shadowing Opportunities- Partners will provide opportunities for students to job shadow different career paths in architecture and Construction.
- Guest Speakers- Partners will be asked to speak on diverse roles in P-TECH Academies career options.
- Networking Opportunities- Partners will provide networking opportunities to collaborate with diverse potential employers, organizations, and companies to assist PCS P-TECH Academies.

- **What is P-TECH?**

- Pathways in Technology Early College High Schools (P-TECH) is an open-enrollment program that provides students with work-based education. P-TECH programs:
- Provide students grade 9 through 12 the opportunity to complete a course of study that combines high school and post-secondary courses.
- Within six years, enable students to earn a high school diploma, an associate degree, a two-year post-secondary certificate or industry certification, and complete work-based training.
- Allow students to gain work experience through an internship, apprenticeship, or other job training programs.
- Partner with Texas Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs) and regional businesses and industries, giving students access to post-secondary education and workforce training opportunities.

- **Is there a cost associated for students?**

- There is no cost to the student. It is 100% free.

PCS P-TECH Academies Work Based Learning

PCS P-TECH Academy students will participate in work-based learning activities and experiences for all students that address career awareness, career exploration, and career preparation. This is accomplished through a series of work-based classroom activities, workplace exposures, and community experiences over time. Classroom activities support and provide opportunities to reflect what's learned in the workplace and community, and workplace learning experiences support the classroom curriculum. In addition, students are supported by and provided role models and guidance from adults in the school and in the workplace. P-TECH students are provided experiences that are commensurate with their knowledge, skills, and abilities and designed to support the acquisition of knowledge and skills. These experiences are also compatible with their age and stage of development.

	Awareness	Exploration	Preparation
Classroom Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Career Awareness Lessons • Career Research • Guest Speakers • Professional Skills Development <p>Grade Level: 9th</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Career Exploration Lessons • Career Guidance • Career-Related Projects • Industry Research 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Career Coaching • Technical Skills Training • Work Readiness Activities
Community Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Career Fairs • College Visits • Community Resource Awareness <p>Grade Level: 10th</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Service • Mock Interview • Out-of-School-Time Activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteering • Competitions • Industry Certification
Workplace Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Career Mentor • Workplace Tour <p>Grade Levels: 11th and 12th</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informational Interview • Job Shadow 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Industry Challenge • Internship • Work Experience/Co-Op • Apprenticeship