

What is Pathways in Technology(P-TECH) Early College High School Construction Academy?

An open-enrollment program that provides students with work-based education. This program:

- Provides students grade 9 through 12 the opportunity to complete a course of study that combines high school and post-secondary courses.
- Within six years, enables students to earn a high school diploma, an associate degree, a two-year post-secondary certificate or industry certification, and complete work-based training.
- Allows students to gain work experience through an internship, apprenticeship, or other job training programs.
- Partners with Austin Community College(ACC) and regional businesses and industries, giving students access to post-secondary education and workforce training opportunities.

Program Highlights

Educational partnership between Austin ISD and Austin Community College.

- Students can earn tuition-free, college credits that also satisfy high school requirements.
- Students are not required to meet college readiness standards to enroll in the ACC construction courses but will be required to meet the standards before enrolling in the ACC academic courses that are a part of the Construction Management Associate of Applied Science degree.
- Students attend college classes during the day on the Crockett campus with ACC professors.
- Students can access college support services including college advising, career counseling, free tutoring, use of facilities and participate in events for free.
- There is no cost to the families or students for tuition, textbooks, or associated course fees while in high school. To finish the ACC Construction Management degree, the district pays for tuition after graduation for the rest of the courses needed.

Eligibility

We are looking for students who meet one or more of the following criteria:

- **Fall start:** students who are currently in their 9th or 10th grade year
- Students who would benefit from accelerated academic instruction
- Students who are at-risk of not completing high school or pursuing higher education
- Students who are under-served in higher education

In addition, the following is a key attribute of successful Pathway in Technology(P-TECH) ECHS students:

- The ability to make mature, responsible, independent, and productive choices that contribute to success and growth