

Del Rio High School Health Science Academy (P-TECH)

Written Communication Plan

2021 – 2022 School Year



Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) Health Science Academy is a rebranding of our current Health Science program through the Career and Technical Education Department of SFDR CISD. Through our program, students can continue to earn industry certifications and gather appropriate workforce skills through work-based learning opportunities. Through a partnership with Southwest Texas Junior College (SWTJC) and the Health Science pathway will have the opportunity to earn a high school diploma, various college credit and explore career opportunities in the Health Sciences field. During their final year, students will have a chance to participate in a Practicum/Clinical in one of four different areas - Certified Medical Assistant, Certified Nurse Assistant, Emergency Medical Technician or the Phlebotomy/EKG Technician.

DRHS P-TECH students will be able to:

- Earn college credit hours in various core curriculum classes
- Earn nationally recognized industry certifications in Health Sciences that will be used in their future careers
- Engage in mentorships with Health Science or Education professionals through our partnerships with Val Verde Regional Medical Center
- Experience hands-on training via clinical rotations at the hospital in order to become more familiar with their future career.
- Transition to complete their Associate degree or Bachelor's degree at the university level

In order to inform SFDR CISD students and parents of this new P-TECH program, our P-TECH and Career and Technical Education team have created informational newsletters in English and Spanish. The following additional communication efforts have been created in order to spread the word and accurate information about the P-TECH program.

- Newsletters in both English and Spanish available to all middle school 8th grade students, as well as placed on the P-TECH website.
- Discussion of CTE Health Science programs of study during 8th grade parent meetings and 8th grade student classroom presentations
- Enrollment form completed by student and parent during 8th grade pre-registration and the creation of the 4 year high school plan.

