

Hidalgo Early College District Toolkit

Rewards For Tech Prep Texas Scholars

Seniors who graduate as Tech Prep Texas Scholars

GRADUATION HONORS

Tech Prep Texas Scholars will receive a special Tech Prep Honor Cord and a Tech Prep Texas Scholar certificate.

SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

Tech Prep Texas Scholars are eligible to compete for one of the Dr. Lauro F. Cavazos Tech Prep Scholarships...**thousands of dollars** for college!

DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM


College-level Tech Prep courses can satisfy requirements for the Distinguished Achievement Program!

STATE FINANCIAL REWARD PROGRAMS

There are many state financial incentive programs available to students who complete the requirements of the Tech Prep Texas Scholars program. For example, Tech Prep Texas Scholars who qualify for financial assistance become eligible for a grant program passed by the Texas Legislature: the Texas Grant program. This may provide all tuition and fees for public college and universities in Texas; however, grant funds are administered on a first-come-first-served basis. There are other state-funded programs, such as the B-on-Time Student Loan Program, offering 0% interest rate and an opportunity for loans to be forgiven if student graduates with at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA.

For additional information see www.collegefortexans.com/paying.

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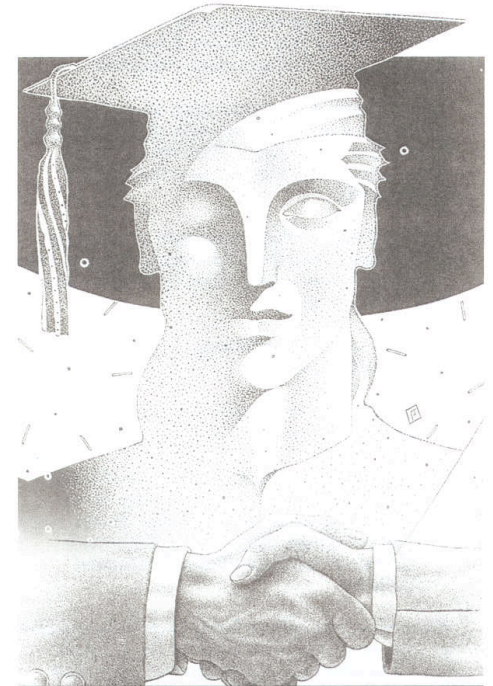
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Information for graduating

Classes through **2010**



You Can Be a Tech Prep

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Scholar

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Aligning Courses and Career Pathways for College Success

Tech Prep Texas Scholars Program

Students in graduating classes through 10 must meet the following four steps:

Take the courses required by the Recommended High School Program or the Distinguished Achievement Program.

Have at least a four-year plan of study—and preferably a six- or eight-year plan of study—that includes, in high school, two or more career and technology courses for three or more credits.

Take and successfully complete at least one college-level Tech Prep courses as part of your high school graduation plan. A “college-level Tech Prep courses” is:

- a career and technology course taken in high school
- either an articulated course or a dual/concurrent-enrollment course
- must be a course that is included in a Tech Prep program degree plan at one of the following local colleges: South Texas College, Texas State Technical College Harlingen, Texas Southmost College

When you take college-level Tech Prep courses, you are creating a scholarship for yourself. Students who take these courses may earn between 3 and 15—or more!— college credit hours without being charged tuition at the college. The number of courses you take will depend on the requirements of the Tech Prep program that interests you.

Complete a declaration of intent to be a Tech Prep Texas Scholar.

The Recommended High School Program and the Distinguished Achievement Program

The Recommended High School Program and Distinguished Achievement Program are rigorous academic programs recommended for all students by the State Board of Education. The curriculum creates a 24-credit high school graduation plan with choices of elective options:

- English 4 credits
- Mathematics 3 credits
- Science 3 credits
- Social Studies 4 credits
- Foreign Language 2 or 3 credits*
- Physical Education 1.5 credits
- Health 0.5 credit
- Technology 1 credit
- Fine Arts 1 credit
- Speech 0.5 credit
- Electives 2.5 or 3.5 credits*

*Three years of foreign language for the Distinguished Achievement Program.
The DAP also requires “advanced measures.” Check with your counselor.

Tech Prep Texas Scholars must follow approved Tech Prep plans of study that include career and technology courses. Taking the appropriate sequence of these courses with at least one being a college-level Tech Prep course will ensure that you meet the requirements to graduate as a Tech Prep Texas Scholar.

Your high school counselor can provide you with the detailed information regarding the courses you will need to take.

What colleges and school districts offer college-level Tech Prep courses?

Colleges: The following Rio Grande Valley colleges offer college-level Tech Prep courses:

- South Texas College - McAllen
- Texas Southmost College - Brownsville
- Texas State Technical College Harlingen

Some courses articulate with colleges throughout Texas.

School Districts: Records of Tech Prep agreements are maintained by Tech Prep of the Rio Grande Valley, Inc. The following school districts have Tech Prep agreements with the above mentioned colleges:

- **Cameron County:** Brownsville ISD, Harlingen CISD, La Feria ISD, Los Fresnos CISD, Point Isabel ISD, Rio Hondo ISD, San Benito CISD, Santa Maria ISD, and Santa Rosa ISD
- **Hidalgo County:** Donna ISD, Edcouch-Elsa ISD, Edinburg CISD, Hidalgo ISD, La Joya ISD, La Villa ISD, McAllen ISD, Mercedes ISD, Mission CISD, PSJA ISD, Progreso ISD, Sharyland ISD, South Texas ISD, Valley View ISD, and Weslaco ISD
- **Starr County:** Rio Grande City CISD and Roma ISD
- **Willacy County:** Lyford CISD, Raymondville ISD, and San Perlita ISD

Check with your high school counselor to see which of your courses will qualify as college-level Tech Prep courses!

OUR MISSION

Tech Prep of the Rio Grande Valley, Inc., is a public/private collaborative partnership whose mission is to form working partnerships that leverage regional resources to provide reality-based learning for achieving a higher level of competence in the Valley's workforce.