

# Dilley College and Career Readiness (Dual Credit) Programs

## Campus and Program Overview

Dilley High School is a comprehensive high school that is partnering with Southwest Texas Junior College to offer an Early College High School (ECHS) program and a Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) program to incoming 9th graders. These programs are designed to offer students the opportunity to earn up to 60 college credit at no cost. Students may earn an Associate's degree and/or industry-based certifications while completing their high school graduation requirements. The courses are primarily housed at Dilley High School; however, all dual credit faculty are credentialed by Southwest Texas Junior College. Additionally, the College and Career Readiness (CCR) programs embeds social/emotional support throughout the programs to support young learners who have the desire to take advanced coursework.

The goal of the CCR programs is to support and provide educational opportunities for traditionally underrepresented students in higher education including at-risk, low income, English language learners, and first-generation students. Interested students should possess a high level of commitment, academic tenacity, and desire to do college-level work while in high school.

## Admission Policy

All students interested in a rigorous and supportive dual credit experience that leads to earning a high school diploma concurrently with an Associate's Degree or Industry-Based Certification are encouraged to apply. As stated in The Early College High School Handbook, the Dilley High ECHS/P-TECH shall target, recruit, and enroll students who are at risk of dropping out of school as defined by the Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) and who might not otherwise go to college.

## Student Eligibility Criteria

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) sets forth criteria for ECHS and P-TECH programs that targets at-risk, low income, English language learners, and first-generation students. As a result, the following criteria will be used in determining student eligibility for the Dilley High ECHS/P-TECH programs:

- Reside within the Dilley ISD school zone
- Be classified as a first-time, incoming 9th grader
- Have the desire to take college-level coursework

## Application Information

Enroll in Dilley College and Career Readiness is by application only. Applications and admissions information will be available at all DISD middle school, Dilley High School, and electronically on the Dilley High ECHS Website. Only complete, signed applications submitted by the deadline will be considered.

## Selection Process

The following outlines the application and selection process:

- Students will submit a completed CCR application to Dilley High School by the deadline.
- Students and parents will attend an CCR orientation meeting.
- Students will attend the CCR Summer Bridge program prior to the start of 9<sup>th</sup> grade.