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GREAT THINGS HAPPEN IN TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS!

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Something to celebrate!

Texas Leads the Nation in Early College High School Initiative


Early College High Schools are open-enrollment high schools that allow students who may be least likely to attend college an opportunity to receive both a high school diploma and either an associate degree or at least 60 credit hours toward a baccalaureate degree.



Early College High Schools:


- Enroll historically under-served students, targeting at-risk and economically disadvantaged
- Provide dual credit at no cost to students
- Offer rigorous instruction and accelerated courses
- Provide academic and social support services to help students succeed
- Provide students with highly personalized attention
- Increase college readiness
- Partner with Texas institutions of higher education (IHEs) to reduce barriers to college access

Texas is home to 182 designated Early College High Schools and had plans to add 12 campuses in the 2019-2020 academic school year.

Source: <https://tea.texas.gov/academics/college-career-and-military-prep/early-college-high-school-echa>.





WISHING YOU A MERRY

CHRISTMAS!

FROM ALL OF US AT FRIENDS

Dear Friends -


As we look towards the holidays, realizing this year will be different for many, we remain thankful. Thankful for your support of Friends, thankful for your passion for Texas public schools, and thankful for your dedication to your team and mission.

We look forward to the new year with optimism and comfort as we are reminded that "every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end." ~ Seneca


Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, Farewell 2020, & Happy New Year!

Wishing you a wonderful new beginning in 2021,

Jennifer L. Storm
Executive Director




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What began in 1922 as a group of men gathering in a board room has grown to an association of over 6,000 members who are active in the mission of TASSP. The TASSP motto, "Above All, Students First," is the central influencer in all decisions made by the association. The members of TASSP are principals, assistant principals, and instructional leaders who work directly with teachers to keep a clear focus on student success, academically, socially, and emotionally.

TASSP sponsors two student associations, The Texas Association of Student Councils (TASC) and the Texas Association of Future Educators (TAFE) who have rising numbers of participants each year. Through these organizations, students are given multiple opportunities to lead, serve, assist, and participate in campus and district-level planning sessions.

Through high-quality, on-going professional development, TASSP designs training focused on the principal as the learning leader, one that must remain on the cutting edge of data-based decision-making, innovative instructional strategies, appropriate services for special populations, and relationship-building for schools and communities. TASSP believes that the principal must be the lead learner, the safety specialist, the motivational mentor, and the super-capital of school spirit. Not alone, the principal is open to shared leadership with teachers, counselors, and support staff. Principals believe that together WE are stronger and can make a powerful, positive difference in the lives of children.

TASSP is proud of its Corporate Partnership Program with businesses that provide services and resources focused on curriculum and assessment, career development, military training technology, and more. TASSP is proud to be a partner with Friends of Texas Public Schools and appreciates the support given to principals who lead the secondary schools in this great State of Texas.


We continue to keep Texas educators and communities in our thoughts and our service as we promote safe learning environments for all.

TASSP Executive Leadership Team

Archie E. McAfee - TASSP Executive Director


Cindy Jackson - Associate Executive Director for Professional Development, Government Relations, Corporate Partnerships, & High School Services

Billy Pringle - Associate Executive Director for Business Operations, Schools to Watch, and Middle-Level Services



SAFETY TIP: A proper school security plan requires coordination and communication between law enforcement agencies and schools. During an emergency, how will schools contact first responders? A plan that includes layers of communication (alert system, radio bridge, video sharing) is often the best one. Contact Mutualink to learn more at 866-957-5465.


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At Schneider Electric, we've partnered with hundreds of districts to modernize aging facilities, upgrade safety and security, implement new technologies, and generate revenue that helps our clients reach their biggest ambitions. As a champion for your students and faculty, you think big when looking for ways to create best-in-class learning environments that let your district shine. A partnership with Schneider Electric is a smart fiscally responsible solution to big funding challenges. Our programs allow you to make transformational district-wide improvements that impact generations of students to come.

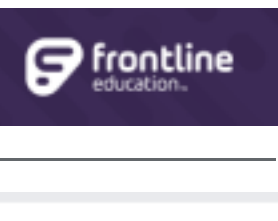
As partners, we start by identifying projects within the district's plan that increase energy efficiency and reduce maintenance and operations costs. The guaranteed savings generated through these improvements are leveraged to fund the project. More importantly, the residual benefits of these projects often directly impact learning environments for students and staff.

Watch [this quick video](#) to see how this Texas school district was able to install new artificial turf for their high school football field with costs savings from an energy efficiency project with Schneider Electric.



Supporting the whole child is easier said than done, but **Texas educators do it every day.**


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Man sends 2,300 Christmas cards — one for every school district in Texas





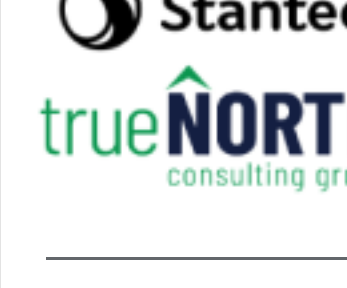


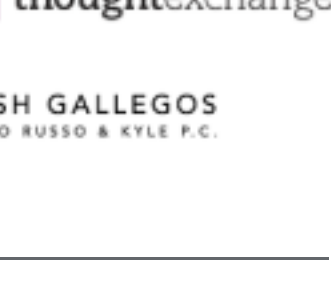

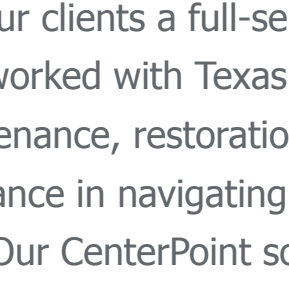
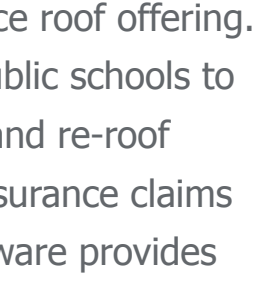

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