



**Pathways in Technology — Health Science at Hightower High School (P-TECH)** blends high school and college coursework and provides students the opportunity to earn up to 60 college credit hours towards a Bachelor's Degree or an Associates Degree and industry certification or a two-year post-secondary certificate at no cost to the student or his/her family.



The Pathways in Technology Early College High School offers students a pathway that will lead to post-secondary credentials and is an experience that encourages students to continue their higher education journey.

- Opportunity to graduate with up to 60 college credit hours and an **Associate of Applied Science** degree that may be transferable to any state-supported college and university in Texas
- Dual-credit courses mirroring a college setting offered in partnership with Houston Community College
- Academic counseling to help students develop skills needed for post-high school success

**PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS / EXPECTATIONS**

- There are no criteria for placement into the Pathways in Technology Early College High School, but the student must be willing to work toward earning an associate degree, college credit, industry certification, or a post-secondary certificate.
- Internship, apprenticeship, and job training programs.
- The Pathways in Technology will provide students with teachers and support teams to support student achievement. AVID strategies on how to organize, study, plan, take notes and time management are incorporated into all high school courses.
- College and career advising is also provided to plan future career and educational options and opportunities.

**APPLICATION AND COHORT INFORMATION**

- Application to the Pathways in Technology — Health Science at Hightower High School is open to all Fort Bend ISD 8<sup>th</sup> graders.
- Acceptance is limited to 100 students. Should more than 100 apply, Fort Bend ISD will use a lottery system to select students.
- Students who are accepted into Pathways in Technology — Health Science at Hightower High School will attend high school at HHS with other students in the cohort. Students will be a part of the Hightower High School student body and will be eligible for all other extracurricular activities, fine arts and athletic activities offered at the campus.

