

October 15, 2018

TO THE ADMINISTRATOR ADDRESSED:

Subject: College and Career Readiness School Models Planning Year Application Available

Campuses are invited to apply for planning year designation for College and Career Readiness School Models. District administrators and campus administrators are encouraged to apply if they are considering opening one of these school models to receive specialized technical assistance.

College and Career Readiness School Models (CCRSM)

The Texas College and Career Readiness School Models (**CCRSM**) Network is a network of Early College High Schools (ECHS), Texas Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (T-STEM) Academies, Industry Cluster Innovative Academies (ICIA), and Pathways in Technology Early College High Schools (P-TECH). These initiatives, led by the Texas Education Agency (TEA), blend high school and college coursework to help historically underserved and at-risk students develop technical skills, earn dual college credit, and pursue in-demand career paths.

New ECHS, P-TECH/ICIA, and T-STEM Planning Year Application



Districts seeking designation for a new ECHS, P-TECH/ICIA, or T-STEM must apply during the 2018-2019 school year to become part of the 2019-2020 planning year.

The planning year application for **NEW** campuses interested in becoming an ECHS, P-TECH/ICIA, or T-STEM Academy will open on **Monday, October 15, 2018**.

Applications for the planning year must be submitted to the TEA through the [online application](#) **on or before 5:00 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST), Friday, November 16, 2018**. Applicants will be notified in Spring 2019 if they have been accepted into the planning year process.

Application Technical Assistance

A technical assistance webinar will be held to provide information regarding the planning year application. Participation in the technical assistance webinar is not required; however, attendance is strongly encouraged. The webinar will provide potential applicants information about how to access and navigate the online, web-based application system.

Questions regarding the completion of the planning year application should be submitted in writing to ccrsm@tea.texas.gov. Answers will be provided during the webinar (which will be recorded) and in an FAQ document.

The CCRSM Technical Assistance webinar will be held **Monday, October 29, 2018**, at 10:00 a.m. CST. [Click here to register](#)

2018-2019 CCRSM Designees (ECHS, P-TECH/ICIA, or T-STEM)

Campuses **CURRENTLY** operating a designated campus or school for the 2018-2019 school year, will have the opportunity to submit a renewal designation application as either an ECHS, P-TECH/ICIA or T-STEM for the **2019-2020** school year in **January 2019**. A “To the Administrator Addressed” letter in January 2019 will provide additional details.

Contact

Additional information and resources regarding the models may be found at www.tea.texas.gov/CCRSM. Please contact CCRSM with additional questions via email at ccrsm@tea.texas.gov.