P-TECH Admission Policy

Pathways in Technology Early College High Schools (P-TECH) are innovative high schools that allow students least likely to attend college an opportunity to earn a High School diploma and 60 credit hours. Students from underrepresented backgrounds (i.e. At-Risk, Low Income and/or First-Generation college attendees) are targets for designated P-TECHS; however, students of all backgrounds are encouraged to attend.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The purpose of the Pathways in Technology Early College High Schools (P-TECH) is to provide a smooth transitional experience for students from high school to post-secondary education and employment.

The P-TECH Program Shall:

- Serve students who are at-risk of dropping out
- Provide open enrollment and no cost to students
- Provide opportunity to earn post-secondary credential and/or industry-based certification alignment to regional workforce needs
- Provide Work-Based Learning at every grade level
- Provide up to 6 years to earn High School Diploma and a certification and/or post-secondary degree. The P-TECH program at Por Vida Academy at Corpus Christi will be a concentration in Criminal Justice. Students will be enroll a tgrade9, and continue in a cohort their sequential years. Students will be provided the opportunity to earn a Level I Certificate / hours to earn towards an Associate's Degree.

Benefits of Pathways in Technology:

Engage first-generation college attendees Provide dual credit at no cost to students Offer courses that mirror a college setting, with academic counseling to help students develop the skills needed for post-high school success. Increase college enrollment and success rates for all students Strengthen connections between middle schools, high schools and higher education institutions to promote a culture of college readiness Por Vida Academy at Corpus Christi (PVACC) does not consider academic, state assessments or other criteria for the P-TECH selection process.

Admission

Lottery Process: If more students apply than there are seats available, all applicants will be placed in an Open-Access computerized lottery that considers applications from all students. All students have an equal opportunity for acceptance, regardless of background or Academic Performance. When all the seats are filled the remaining students will be placed on the waiting list. Students will be called from the waitlist as seats become available.

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