

BANQUETE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Letter to Eighth Graders and Parents

Dear eighth-grade students and parents/guardians,

Banquete Pathways in Technology Early College High School, known as P-TECH, is recruiting eighth-graders for the upcoming school year.

PTECH is a new model for high school education that doesn't just focus on getting students ready for college but includes college-level, credit-bearing coursework in the curriculum.

Students enter P-TECH's four-year program as ninth-graders and earn a high school diploma and an Associate's degree or industry certification from Del Mar College — at **no cost (FREE) to their family**. P-TECH students explore career options as they learn and create their own pathways to one of many degree opportunities at Del Mar College.



Because P-TECH is a collaboration of area schools and local businesses, our graduates will be well-prepared for college and will establish connections that put them in line for local job opportunities.

Are you motivated to learn in new and exciting ways? Do you like to collaborate with students who share your drive? Are you ready to write your own story? If so, you are encouraged to apply to be part of our P-TECH program. Applications are accepted for the coming school year beginning each February. Ask your school's guidance counselor when the time is right to prepare your P-TECH application.

If you have further questions, please don't hesitate to contact the high school at (361)387-2551. You may reach Ms. Davis @ ext. 302 or by email at <u>ldavis@banqueteisd.net</u> or for Mrs. Hofstetter, dial ext. 304 or email <u>erhofstetter@banqueteisd.net</u>.

In partnership,

Elsa Rodriguez-Hofstetter Banquete High School Principal