

## P-TECH News | Future Educators Academy – 2022

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### 1<sup>st</sup> Cohort Celebration

Join us on February 26th at South Waco Elementary School to honor the 1st cohort of the Waco ISD Future Educators Academy. Students will hear from Waco ISD, McLennan Community College, Tarleton State University and Texas Tech University officials. We will provide a light breakfast and networking opportunities. Come and meet these outstanding students and congratulate them on choosing to be a future educator.



#### Essential Intent

Waco ISD's Future Educators Academy is to grow, employ and retain a diverse teacher workforce that supports student success.



#### About Us

The Future Educators Academy is an early college high school model that allows students to earn an associate degree in Education upon graduation from high school. This program is a partnership between WISD High Schools and McLennan Community College. After graduation, students have the opportunity to earn their Bachelor's degree from Tarleton State University or Texas Tech University. Waco ISD has pledged to give graduates of the program preference in hiring once they complete their teaching certification. This is a great opportunity to grow, employ and retain a diverse teacher workforce through an existing pipeline. The first cohort class will begin in August with approximately 60 students. Students are also eligible to earn an Industry Based Certification-Teacher Aide 1.



# Frequently Asked Questions

This section will answer questions about the Future Educators Academy

## Q: Where are you located?

A: South Waco Elementary School

## Q: Do you take Dual Credit or AP Classes?

A: You take both throughout your 4 years in high school

## Q: When do the students attend classes?

A: Students will attend Monday-Friday morning session 8:30-11:30 or afternoon session 1:00-4:00.



### Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO)

- ▶ Education and Training Students join the Texas Association of Future Educators (TAFE). The mission of the organization is to encourage students to learn about careers in education and assists them in exploring the teaching profession while promoting character, service, and leadership skills necessary for becoming educators. Students have the opportunity to compete at the regional, state and national levels.

### Industry Based Certification:



- ▶ After completion of the sequence of courses for the education and training pathway: Principles of Education, Human Growth and Development, Instructional Practices and Practicum of Education the students are qualified to earn the Education Aide I Certification from Texas Education Agency.

### Work Based Learning:

Work Based Learning is a continuum of intentional activities and experiences designed to expand the boundaries of the classroom and prepare students for future career opportunities. Activities and experiences begin in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade and continue through postsecondary education. Students will apply academic and technical knowledge and skills learned in the classroom in a realistic setting. Students will engage with business and industry professionals. Students will explore potential career options and they will develop and practice essential employability skills. Students will experience a High-Quality Capstone work-based learning experience.

*"Work Based Learning allows our students hands on learning with elementary students. This opportunity allows interaction in the classroom as early as the 9th grade"—Dr. Holecek*



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