MISSION

The mission of Connally Career Tech Early College High School is to provide students access to a dynamic technological education in a specialized field of study that equips them to confidently engage in their community and enables them to be career-ready upon graduation. Connally Career Tech redefines the typical high school experience by providing a small setting that focuses on Career and Technical Education (CTE).

NOTABLE DIFFERENTIATORS

Mentoring is a vital component of the support Connally Career Tech provides to students. Through mentoring, Connally Career Tech invites the professional community into the school, providing students with meaningful academic and workplace learning as well as emotional support. Students are provided with Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) service training and rotations in emergency rooms. Industry mentors support students to understand business etiquette, teamwork, resume writing and interview preparation among many other topics. Mentors serve as vital role models to students while they learn to assimilate into the workforce.

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“To offer students an opportunity to step into some of these fields is a generation changer. For these students to have a high-paying job in a certain field they have interest in...there’s no better deal in the area.”

-Hermann Pereira, Principal

MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS

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Keys to Success:

**Partner engagement:** Connally Career Tech collaborates with workforce departments at McLennan Community College to develop course offerings.

**Work-based learning:** Student work-based learning opportunities include general employability skills classes, student organizations, mentorship programs, internships programs (paid and unpaid), job shadowing, community service, guest speakers, career fairs and pathway-related field trips.

**Academics:** Each student develops a six-year plan that includes both career readiness activities and higher education coursework that extend beyond graduation.

In 2017, Educate Texas was appointed by the Texas Education Agency as the technical assistance provider for the Industry Cluster Innovative Academy program. This assistance includes providing leadership coaching to each campus, creating an integrated network of schools, and establishing tools to ensure communication across schools to share learning experiences. Educate Texas, a catalyst for large-scale educational systems change, has partnered with public and private entities for more than a decade to achieve the goal of improving the public and higher education system in Texas so that every student is prepared for and achieves success in school, in the workforce and in life. edtx.org

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