MISSION

The mission at Reagan Early College High School (RECHS) is to empower students to become responsible citizens in a dynamic global environment through a culture of high expectations, creating a healthy academic foundation for continued higher education success. The community vision is to fulfill the highest potential for each student. As an Early College High School, the goal is for all students to be ready for college.

NOTABLE DIFFERENTIATORS

RECHS operates a family resource center to provide parents and guardians the support they need to help students succeed in school and life. The school also hosts events such as Hope Fest to provide community members with resources, free health and wellness services, and information about housing, employment, legal services, insurance and education. RECHS is deeply invested in—and connected to—its communities. Teachers, team members, families and partners work together on behalf of students.

The Career Launch program at RECHS provides students the opportunity to earn both a high school diploma and associate’s degree with additional support from professional mentoring and internship experiences. Academics and work-based learning experiences are connected to the field of Information Technologies with a focus on cyber security. Through the partnership with Dell, the Career Launch program is re-imagining the approach to teaching and preparing students for the workforce.

For more information, call 512.414.2523 or visit reaganechs.com/apps/news/article/626510

ENROLLMENT: 39

CERTIFICATIONS TO BE EARNED:
Cybersecurity, Computer Information Technology, Database, Computer Programming C++, Java Track

INDUSTRY CLUSTER:
INFORMATION & COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY

TEXAS SUCCESS INITIATIVE (TSI) READINESS:
Number of students who have Met Standard for college placement:
- Reading = 22
- Writing = 22
- Math = 0
- Met Standard for all 3 = 0

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS:

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% ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED: 92%
“As our industry partner, Dell has brought a new dynamic to the table for how we need to educate our students and prepare them for the workforce... all partners are committed to our students and seeing them succeed.”

- Kevin Garcia, Assistant Principal

“INDUSTRY INNOVATIONS CREATE A PASSION FOR LEARNING”

Through their partnership with Career Launch, Dell provided immense support in the design of new facilities for students that mirror the environment of innovation that characterizes the technology industry. Focused on cyber security, the school engages students with real challenges faced by the Dell cyber security team to prepare students to meet true industry needs. This is a career path that many students did not know existed until they came to the program.

“STUDENT SPOTLIGHT”

Recently, students had a chance to tour Dell and meet with different departments and potential mentors. The students lit up with excitement throughout the day as they learned more about working at Dell. Students saw collaborative working spaces and innovation taking place that directly related to what they are learning and experiencing in their course work. They made connections, both to potential careers and to Dell employees, and realized that they, too, could work in a similar environment one day. Students will soon be matched with their mentors who will support them in their education and career goals. The Career Launch program has encouraged students to believe there are no limits to what they can achieve.

Keys to Success:

**Partner engagement:** Dell and Austin Community College fully engaged in initiating the Career Launch model and are committed to finding ways to support students on their high school journey and beyond.

**Work-based learning:** Mentors meet with students to provide guidance and support throughout the program. In addition, students experience summer internships, field trips and job shadowing. Students also receive training in workforce skills, including customer service, resume writing, interviewing and working in teams.

**Academics:** Students have opportunities to demonstrate content mastery and enroll in dual-credit courses that lead to both a high school diploma and associate’s degree in computer science.

**STUDENT SPOTLIGHT SUPPORTED BY THE TRI-AGENCY WORKFORCE INITIATIVE**

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