



HALLSVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Board Report
October 2025



Growing All Learners to Achieve Excellence in CTE

- **TEA Update**
 - House Bill 2 Teacher Certification Requirements and Implementation
 - ✓ Allows each District of Innovation to maintain flexibility in hiring and maintaining CTE staff as long as teacher certification is addressed in the DOI plan.
 - ✓ Allows districts to hire CTE staff based on business and industry work experience when needed.
- **SchoolLinks and CTE Reporting**
 - SchoolLinks is a college and career readiness platform designed to prepare students for life after graduation from high school.
 - ✓ Addresses topics such as personal strengths and interests, exploring college and careers options and assists in creating a personal graduation plan.
 - ✓ High School students and parents can: access career interest surveys, explore 2-year and 4 college options taking virtual college visits, search for scholarships, create digital portfolios and communicate with district counselors.
 - ✓ CTE staff will use it to access student interests, create a four year plan, track industry based scholarships and dual credit hours needed to meet CCMR requirements.
- **Rise and Shine Hills Farm of Hallsville– CTE Partnership**
 - CTE staff met with Rise and Shine owners Brian and Brooke Hopkins to discuss Work Based Learning opportunities for CTE students.
 - Mallory Hammons and Angel Wooten, CTE culinary instructors along with Matthew Mastrilli, AV instructor, took students on site October 22nd. Final plans for WBL opportunities will be determined and implemented within the next few weeks.
- **Other District CTE Work-Based Learning Opportunities 2025-2026**
 - Education and Training – District Classrooms
 - Culinary Arts- District Cafeterias
 - Audio Video – HHS Announcements and HISD Live Streaming
 - Health Science Technology – Christus Good Shepherd Medical Center
 - Vet Science Students – Vet on Main Street, McClendon and Red River
 - Ag Mech Practicum Students – Building cattle guards for local rancher

- **HVAC – Kilgore College Dual Credit Agreement/Campus Visit**
 - Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, Hallsville ISD students have the opportunity to take dual credit courses in HVAC at Kilgore College, Longview Center under the direction of instructor, Jason Jones.
 - James Gibson and Kathy Gaw were invited to attend classes for observation purposes on October 8th.
- **Hunter's Safety Education**
 - Hallsville FFA students and instructors hosted Hunter's Education on Saturday, October 11th. The event was open to students as well as community.
- **Rob Best, Criminal Justice Instructor**
 - In addition, to being recognized by CTAT as State Teacher of the Year, Mr. Best was recently recognized as having a Showcase Program of Excellence Award.
 - ✓ CTAT/ACTE Excellence Awards promote excellence in career and technical education. CTAT/ACTE recognizes those individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to CTE, programs that exemplify the highest standards and organizations that have conducted activities to promote and expand CTE programs. Award winners serve as inspirational leaders to ACTE: they embody the core values of serving their students and being committed to CTE.
 - Congratulations once again to Mr. Best.
- **Dual Credit Spring Semester**
 - Meetings are being held to discuss dual credit spring semester courses with LeTourneau and Kilgore College
 - One change – Education and Training students (11th graders) enrolled in Instructional Practices will be taking a three-hour credit course. Thus ensuring these students meet CCMR dual credit requirements.
 - All other courses will remain the same
- **Tyler ISD Career Center/CTAT Campus CTE Coach**
 - A CTAT Campus CTE Coach is an educator trained by the Career & Technical Association of Texas (CTAT) to provide on-campus support and mentorship to inexperienced Career and Technical Education (CTE) teachers. These coaches act as a practical, readily available resource, offering guidance on CTE fundamentals, [instructional techniques](#), [industry-based certifications \(IBCs\)](#), and [Career and Technical Student Organization \(CTSO\)](#) logistics to help new teachers succeed
 - Gaw and assistant, Judy Bollom participated in professional development sponsored by CTAT the Tyler ISD Career Center on October 7th that focused on the importance of roles and responsibilities of a CTE Campus Coach.
- **Veteran's Day Planning/Activities –Parade, breakfast and program, November 11th at East Elementary.**
 - Parade will start at West Elementary and end at east Elementary at 8:15
 - Breakfast will be provided by CTE Culinary students in the cafeteria at Est
 - Program at East Elementary – 9:00