



**HALLSVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION**

**Board Report  
December 2024**



**Growing All Learners to Achieve Excellence in CTE**

**CTE Update**

- **Region 7 – Hallsville ISD - Programs of Study Guidebook**
  - Worked with CTE Region 7 staff to create a POS Guidebook that will be used with 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to better prepare them for the transition from JH to HS. Teachers facilitating this endeavor will be CTE teachers, Audrey Slaten and Pierce Pipak.
  - Guidebook contains information relating to career interest inventories, goal setting, high school graduation requirements, selecting a CTE Program off Study, dual credit options, certifications, personal graduation plan/4 year plan. CTE Advisory Council Meeting
- **CTE Advisory Council Meeting**
  - On November 21<sup>st</sup>, Hallsville ISD hosted their first Career and Technical Education Advisory Council meeting for the 2024-2025 school year with business and industry representatives from the Longview and Marshall area. These representatives joined forces with HISD administrators and Career and Technical Education teachers to evaluate course offerings and program management.
  - Agenda for the meeting included: (1) TEA-CTE Updates provided by Kerri Bowles Region 8 CTE Specialist (2) Importance of Building Business and Industry Partners within CTE and developing strong CTE Programs of study that meet business and industry standards provided by Rush Harris-Executive Director of Marshall Economic Development (3) HISD Career Planning provided by Amanda Bradburry and Amanda Farrell.
  - CTE/Teacher Spotlight

In order for advisory members to have a better understanding of the importance of what takes place in CTE classrooms, HISD developed a portion of the meeting that focuses on hearing from the students entitled "Student Spotlight". Kathy Gaw, CTE Director introduced Criminal Justice teacher Rob Best and Forensics teacher Christy Norton. They in turn introduced Madelynn Caldwell. Madlynn spoke of how taking the forensic course while taking the criminal justice course opened her mind to other career options available to her. Tracy Dewoody, Health Science instructor introduced Lindsey Dubberly. Lindsey spoke about health science courses that she has already taken at HHS and the importance of adding a dual credit option. She spoke about how taking the dual credit courses has better prepared her for college and success in her chosen field. In addition, she spoke about the opportunity to participate in clinical rotations at Christus Good Shepherd.
  - Closing

Mr. Martin closed the meeting with thanks to our business and industry partners for their support of HISD. In addition, he praised the students for their commitment to their career field and told council members this is why we do what we do here at HISD. (The students shared powerful stories about their experiences and opportunities in CTE with our committee.

- **Culinary Arts Practicum Field Experience** – Mallory Hammons, Culinary Arts Instructor
  - Culinary field assignments will allow students to receive hands-on experience in a working professional kitchen. Students will rotate working in 6 of the 7 cafeterias on Hallsville ISD campuses. Students will assist with a variety of tasks that require a professional kitchen to operate efficiently, some of the tasks may include preparing ingredients, cooking, stocking pantry, completing inventory, washing dishes, etc. All students are expected to practice all safety and sanitation procedures as well as the rules and procedures set by cafeteria staff. If a student fails to abide by these rules there will be disciplinary actions taken and field experience opportunities will be terminated.
  - Field Experience will begin in the spring semester
  - Special thanks to Amy Parham and her staff for allowing us these opportunities
- **Education and Training Students and Teachers Update** –To address college readiness, Instructors Amy Harkins and Jenny Seal took students to visit the School of Education at ETBU.
  - Jennifer Gillaspie, Assistant Professor of Education at ETBU hosted Education and Training students and teachers. Our students and teachers were welcomed by admission staff and School of Education faculty.
  - Students were provided with an overview of degree plans offered within the School of Education at ETBU and were provided an opportunity to tour the campus.
  - Twenty-three TAFE (Texas Association of Future Educators) students and sponsors participated in area competition on December 6<sup>th</sup> held at Texarkana Community College. We are thrilled to announce that eighteen out of the 20 that competed advanced to the state level of competition.
  - CTE Spring Dual Credit paperwork has been submitted to Kilgore College. In addition to the courses that we have been teaching, we will add an additional course for our Instructional Practices students for the spring 2025 semester. Results are to follow.
- **Career and Technical Education of Texas Area 3 meeting** was held at Region 8 in Mt. Pleasant with Kathy Gaw, CTE Director representing HISD. Topics addressed were: JET Grant, process for becoming a P-TECH School, Work Based Learning, CTE dual credit, Advisory Council – How to Make those Work, teacher hired under a DOI and how to prepare them to teach school and TEA updates.
- **FFA State Leader Development Event**
  - Addisyn Horn placed second in District Senior Creed Speaking at recent FFA competition held in Lindale. This contest allows students to demonstrate career related skills in leadership and public speaking.
  - State Competition was held on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Addisyn competed against twelve other FFA Areas across the state and finished in 10<sup>th</sup> place. Congratulations to Addisyn and FFA sponsors and teachers.
- **Coming Soon**
  - Career Fair at Hallsville Junior High will be held on Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - We are currently in the process of finalizing speakers from our business and industry representatives. Junior high students will be able to select five sessions that they are interested in or exploring.
  - The Career Fair will begin with a Keynote Speaker, Mr. John Martin
  - The Career Fair will close with lunch in the JH library.