

UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

TOPIC: Implementation of Veterinary Science Program at United High School for the 2025-2026 School Year

SUBMITTED BY: Dr. Angelica Sanchez OF: CTE Department

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD:

DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: April 16, 2025

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the recommendation of the CTE Department that the Board of Trustees approve the possible implementation of the Veterinary Science Program at United High School beginning Fall of 2025.

Program goal: select 15-18 incoming 11th-grade students annually to earn the Certified Veterinary Assistant Level I Certification through the Texas Veterinary Medical Association by graduation.

RATIONALE:

Obtained verbal agreements from four local veterinary clinics in support of program requirements (300 hours)

Identified the available classroom square footage at UHS to adequately house the required workspace and instructional setting with possible modifications to add water connections.

Through a comprehensive assessment, the UHS location provided optimal student availability for the continued sustainability of the Vet Science program and the existing Ag program.

BUDGETARY INFORMATION:

Perkins and CTE Allotment Allocations

The hiring of 1 - Agriculture Teacher with preferred veterinary assistant/tech experience.

BOARD POLICY REFERENCE AND COMPLIANCE: