

Scorpion Academy for Secondary Success

Texas Southmost College
Summer 2019 SPCH 1315



SASS Purpose

In conjunction with BISD, the TSC Scorpion Academy for Secondary Success (SASS) is designed to assist any senior pending graduation due to the Exit Level End of Course Exams (EOC) Requirements.

- Students are provided a “head start” on college by affording them with the opportunity to take up to nine college credit hours at Texas Southmost College at no cost to the student. Example of Classes are Music, Art, Speech and English.
- Along with the college courses, students are provided intense tutoring in the EOC subject area of concern by BISD staff.
- Students retake Exit Level EOC in the summer and continue with college courses after completion of program.
 - ❖ Students are required to apply for financial aid.
 - ❖ Students are encouraged to continue with college courses for second session and beyond.

Targeted Student Population

- Pending EOC
- Students who have recently dropped out (5th year students).
- Students were identified utilizing the 2017-2018 snapshot report.



Collaboration between BISD and TSC



- School District Staff
 - ❖ Interim Superintendent's Office- Dr. Sylvia Hatton
 - ❖ Curriculum Department- Dr. Timothy Cuff and
 - ❖ Advanced Academics- Merrill Hammons
 - ❖ Bilingual Department- Carlos Olvera
 - ❖ CTE Department- Dr. Juan Chavez and Martha Gonzalez
 - ❖ Counseling Department- Sara Garza, Transitional Counselor-Margarita Galvan, Junior and Senior Counselors- Laura Moore and Anna Saenz
 - ❖ Dr. Dora Saucedo- Assistant Superintendent
 - ❖ Credentialed Instructor- Mrs. Rosie Sanchez

- TSC Staff
 - ❖ President's Office- Dr. Jesus Rodriguez
 - ❖ Dr. Sylvia Atkinson
 - ❖ ECHS and Dual Enrollment Office- Sarai Barrera and Staff

Student Demographics for Gladys Porter ECHS

- 23 students enrolled
- Graduating juniors and seniors
- 22 out of 23 students were English Language Learners
- This was the students' first college class
- The majority were first generation college students
- All students were enrolled for TSC's fall semester during the SASS program.



“It was an honor to facilitate Porter’s first dual credit class for the Scorpion Academy for Secondary Success. The students were exposed to the rigor and structure of a collegiate level course and rose to the expectations set for them. They leave for summer break with college credit and experience and ready to continue their education at TSC.” – Rosie Sanchez

Gladys Porter ECHS
First SASS Class

Instructor:
Rosie Sanchez

