

**Ector County Independent School District
Odessa, Texas**

Memorandum

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Hector Mendez, Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF INNOVATIVE COURSES FOR TEXAS
PRE-FRESHMAN ENGINEERING PROGRAMS I-IV**

DATE: May 18, 2010

Last year, the Board approved the first of these four courses for students who were incoming 8th-10th graders (current 7th-9th). In order to expand TexPREP, UTPB is now offering the first course to incoming 7th grade students (current 6th graders). As TEA-approved innovative courses, Board of Trustees approval is required to expand the grade level to incoming 7th grade students and offer all four courses in the program.

N1303752*	Texas Pre-Freshman Engineering Program I (1) (TXPRENG1)
N1303753*	Texas Pre-Freshman Engineering Program II (1) (TXPRENG2)
N1303754*	Texas Pre-Freshman Engineering Program III (1) (TXPRENG3)
N1303755*	Texas Pre-Freshman Engineering Program IV (1) (TXPRENG4)

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees accept the MOU between ECISD and UTPB as presented.

Respectfully submitted,

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Superintendent of Schools

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