

SSAISD BOARD AGENDA - ITEM SUMMARY

MEETING DATE:	November 20, 2013
MEETING TYPE:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR <input type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL
ITEM TITLE:	Status Report- Academy of Health Science
PURPOSE:	<input type="checkbox"/> RECOGNITION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REPORT ONLY <input type="checkbox"/> DISCUSSION <input type="checkbox"/> ACTION
PRESENTER(S):	Joe Jasso
REQUESTED BY:	Mrs. Hodge

I. DESCRIPTION OF ITEM TO INCLUDE YOUR SPECIFIC REQUEST:

The Academy of Health Science was formed to provide a college preparatory and academically rigorous course of study with "hands on" experience in health related occupations. We admit 25 students annually from the four feeder middle schools. We partner with Colleges/Universities/Hospitals and travel to work sites and provide health related field trips throughout the school year.

II. BACKGROUND INFORMATION (DOCUMENTATION):

This program and facility was approved by the board three years ago. The academy students are in their junior year and in our Clinical Rotation-Practicum I. The morning group has 18 students and the afternoon group has 10 students (2 hour blocked classes). They travel to Southwest General Hospital, Sunrise Nursing Home, Davita Dialysis Center, Nurse's office at SSHA, and if approved by the board, a new site- Pleasanton Road Animal Hospital. Students travel to work sites-Tuesday/Wednesday/Thurs. They gain direct experience in Radiology/HR/ER/Medical Records/Dietary/Blood Draws/Hospice Care/and possible animal care. Specifics: Where are these students in their preparation for future careers? Currently, all these students are enrolled in at least two Pre-Ap or AP courses in either math/science/ELA at the main HS, in addition to clinicals, Health Science/Med. Terms, Phar. Tech, and are involved in extra-curricular activities. Where will they be in the spring 2014? Our college advisor, Ms. Melendez, is meeting with each student to make sure they have signed up to either take the ACT or SAT in the spring/ preparing resumes/calculate GPAs/community service hours/ and work on their college applications/scholarship search. They are being taken to Medical Teen Camp at Edison, St. Phillips college-nursing, University of the Incarnate Word-school of nursing, UT Health Science Center and Southwest Research. Where will they be going upon their graduation? At this point, of the 28 original Academy students, 8/MDs, 5 Nursing, 3 Forensic Scientist, 3 Veterinarians, 5 EMTs, 1 Psychologist, and 3 Physical therapist.

III. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED (IF APPLICABLE):

IV. RECOMMENDATION AND IMPACT:

To promote student interest in the health professions.

V. DISTRICT GOAL AND CORRESPONDING DEPARTMENTAL INITIATIVE:

To provide students with rigorous academic course work in preparation to enter higher paying medical positions

VI. FUNDING SOURCE-PROGRAM AND/OR BUDGET CODE:

Transportation costs will be covered with CTE state allotment funds.