

SYRACUSE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

P-TECH FAQs

What is P-TECH?

Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) is a new type of educational program that combines elements of high school, college and the professional world.

What P-TECH programs are offered in the Syracuse City School District?

The following six P-TECH programs are offered:

- P-TECH Clinical Laboratory Technology
- P-TECH Health Information Technology
- P-TECH Computer Information Systems
- P-TECH Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems
- P-TECH Electrical Technology
- P-TECH Mechanical Technology

What is the cost for being enrolled in a P-TECH program?

There is no cost to students or families.

What is the P-TECH curriculum?

In addition to the regular high school classes (English, science, math, social studies, physical education), students focus on mastering skills needed to be successful in their career pathway. The curriculum emphasizes career ready skills.

Will students take college classes and earn a college degree?

Students will take their first college class in 9th or 10th grade. They will be enrolled in other college classes throughout the program with the opportunity to earn their associates degree in their program of study in 5 or 6 years.

Will students and parents need to pay tuition and fees for the college classes?

There is no cost to students or parents for college tuition, fees, transportation or textbooks.

Will students be able to graduate with their regular class?

Students will participate in their high school graduation ceremony once they are eligible through having met all high school graduation requirements.

Is transportation provided to the college?

Yes, transportation will be provided to students for all program related events and college classes via school district bus or Centro Bus vouchers.



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Will students have a chance to be hired for a job after they earn their college degree?

Yes, P-TECH students will work with professionals throughout the program, and upon completion of their associates degree, they will be first in line for jobs available with our business partners.

How do students apply for a P-TECH program?

Students apply for P-TECH programs during the High School Choice application process.

How many students are accepted into each P-TECH program?

Each program can enroll 28 students each year.

Where will students take their classes while in high school?

Classes will be held at the high school where the program resides.

Can students play sports or do other extra-curricular activities?

Yes, PTECH students can participate in all sports or other after-school activities.

Is freshman year the only time students can enter PTECH?

Yes. Because of the way the curriculum is structured to allow for acceleration into college courses, only current eighth-graders are eligible to apply to PTECH, and students must enter the program their freshman year of high school.

What if a student is accepted and then doesn't like it?

If a student decides the P-TECH Program does not fit their career interests, they are able to transfer out of the program and take classes at their home school.

Is there a summer program?

Yes, P-TECH students are required to participate in a 2-week summer program every summer.

Will students have help with their high school and college classes?

Academic supports are available for students throughout the program. These support range from after school tutors at the high school to individualized tutoring opportunities at the college learning center.

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