

<b>DATE:</b>	<b>October 3, 2019</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>College and Career Readiness School Models (CCRSM) Planning Year Application Available</b>
<b>CATEGORY:</b>	<b>College, Career, and Military Preparation</b>
<b>NEXT STEPS:</b>	<b>Share with campus administrators</b>

Districts are invited to apply for College and Career Readiness School Models (CCRSM) planning year designation for the 2020-2021 academic year. District and campus administrators are encouraged to apply on behalf of their campus if they are considering opening a College and Career Readiness School Model in their district, joining the greater CCRSM Network and receiving specialized technical assistance year-round.

### College and Career Readiness School Models

The Texas CCRSM Network is comprised of Early College High Schools (ECHS), Texas Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (T-STEM) Academies, Industry Cluster Innovative Academies (ICIA), and Pathways in Technology Early College High Schools (P-TECH). These initiatives, led by the Texas Education Agency (TEA), blend high school and college coursework to help historically underserved and at-risk students develop technical skills, earn dual college credit, and pursue in-demand career paths to meet regional and local workforce needs.

### ECHS, P-TECH/ICIA, and T-STEM Planning Year Application Timeline

- **CCRSM Planning Year Application Available**
  - October – December 2019
  - Campuses interested in opening a CCRSM campus apply to be a planning year designee.
- **CCRSM Planning Year**
  - February 2020 – August 2020
  - Planning year designees work with our technical assistance provider to prepare for 2021-2022 school year implementation.

Districts seeking designation for a new ECHS, P-TECH/ICIA, or T-STEM must apply during the 2019-2020 school year to become part of the 2020-2021 planning year cohort.

The planning year application for **NEW** campuses interested in becoming an ECHS, P-TECH/ICIA, or T-STEM Academy will open on **Monday, October 14, 2019**.

Applications for the planning year must be submitted to TEA through the [online application](#) on or **before 5:00 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST), Friday, November 22, 2019**. Applicants will be notified in Spring 2020 if they have been accepted into the planning year process.

### Application Technical Assistance

A technical assistance webinar will be held to provide information regarding the planning year application. Participation in the technical assistance webinar is not required; however, attendance is

strongly encouraged. The webinar will provide potential applicants with information about how to access and navigate the online, web-based application system.

Questions regarding the completion of the planning year application should be submitted in writing to [ccrsm@tea.texas.gov](mailto:ccrsm@tea.texas.gov). Answers will be provided during the webinar (which will be recorded) and in an FAQ document.

The CCRSM Technical Assistance webinar will be held **Tuesday, October 29, 2019**, at 10:00 a.m. CST. [Click here to register.](#)

**2019-2020 CCRSM Designees (ECHS, P-TECH/ICIA, or T-STEM)**

Campuses **CURRENTLY** operating a designated campus or school for the 2019-2020 school year will have the opportunity to submit a renewal designation application as either an ECHS, P-TECH/ICIA or T-STEM for the **2020-2021** school year in **November 2020**.

**Contact**

Additional information and resources regarding the CCRSM models may be found at [www.tea.texas.gov/CCRSM](http://www.tea.texas.gov/CCRSM). Please contact CCRSM with additional questions via email at [ccrsm@tea.texas.gov](mailto:ccrsm@tea.texas.gov).