



THE LINDALE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

EDUCATING EVERY CHILD EVERY DAY

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**LINDALE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT,
TYLER JUNIOR COLLEGE, LINDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT
PARTNER TO CREATE HIGH SCHOOL FIRE PROGRAM**

The Lindale Independent School District, the Lindale Fire Department, and Tyler Junior College have joined together in a cooperative effort to design and implement a dual credit firefighter certification program within Lindale ISD. The result of this collaboration is a two-year program that will enable participants to earn a total of 24 hours of college credit and the Texas Commission on Fire Protection basic firefighter certification.

“We are so thankful for LHS Dean of Students, Melisa Dukes, who began laying the groundwork with TJC to create this opportunity for our students in 2023,” said CTE Director Teri Hodges.

Classes are conducted at Lindale High School. There are also some field trips to the Lindale Fire Department fire training facility to complete required skills training exercises. Students start the program at the beginning of their junior year and continue until the end of their senior year. There is no cost to the student while participating in the LHS Fire Program.

“There are opportunities within cities in the surrounding two hours of our community that are hiring employees with starting pay of approximately \$80,000,” said TJC Assistant

Instructor Aaron Smith. “There are also additional benefits including shift, overtime, certification pay, and health and retirement support.”

Currently, there are three seniors and 12 juniors in the class. Three of the seniors also completed EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) during the summer of 2024 following high school graduation.

“I am thankful that I had the opportunity to get a head start on my career and to have learned under some of the best instructors,” said graduate Liam Harbuck.

These students will graduate from the TJC Fire Academy on Tuesday, December 10 and have already been hired with the Tyler Fire Department.





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