

New Era in CTE

A new beginning for the Career and Technical Education (CTE) program in Boerne ISD was inaugurated in the 2010 school year. After several years of planning by the state of Texas to infuse the Career Cluster's, the Achieve Texas program saw its first year of implementation starting in August.

There are 16 clusters recognized by the state of Texas. Our district implemented 11 of the 16 clusters. They are as follows: Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources; Architecture and Construction; Arts A/V Technology and Communications; Business Management and Administration; Education and Training; Finance; Health Science; Human Services; Information Technology; Manufacturing; and Transportation Distribution and Logistics.

The Achieve Texas program is an education initiative designed to prepare students for secondary and postsecondary opportunities, career preparation and advancement, meaningful work and active citizenship.

The real thrust of this program is to build a connection between the curriculum being taught in the high school to that of a post secondary program or a technical program-Alamo Colleges, Texas State Technical College, and Austin Community College. Industry certifications or licensures are another avenue or exit point for the student's efforts to achieve skills that will help them become a skilled employee.

Using the Achieve Texas model, we are implementing the program outlined by Dan Hull a noted leader in the field of career pathways, which is "a coherent, articulated sequence of rigorous academic and career/technical courses, commencing in the ninth grade and leading to an associate degree, bachelor degree, or industry certification."

A positive aspect of implementing the achieve Texas program will give students a better and realistic understanding of the career choices available to them. Our CTE program is doing this by providing real world experiences in Health Science, Auto Transportation, Manufacturing i.e. Welding, Information Technology along with Human Services and Interior Design courses.