



Pharr-San Juan-Alamo ISD  
**PSJA Thomas Jefferson T-STEM Early College High School**

*School Profile*

CEEB code: 440063

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Principal: Mrs. Virna Bazan

School Counselors: Mrs. Ana Villarreal & Ms. Beatriz Gonzalez

### **Community**

Pharr-San Juan-Alamo ISD is a tri-city public school district offering pre-kindergarten through twelve-grade curriculum to over 32,000 students in Deep South Texas. The school district is located along the border with Mexico and is the second largest in Hidalgo County. Close to 99% of the student body is Hispanic, 89% Economically Disadvantaged and 41% Limited English Proficient. Despite the area demographics, PSJA ISD has rapidly become a state and national leader in creating more academic opportunities for all students. A model for dropout prevention strategies and working to connect all students to college through its Early College Initiative, the district is accomplishing its goal of graduating all students College Ready, College Connected and College Complete.

### **School**

The staff of PSJA Thomas Jefferson Early College High School shall provide advanced educational opportunities with an emphasis on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics to all students so that they may graduate within a four-year period with an associate degree or college credit; thus, instilling the immediate desire for further post secondary education to produce well rounded community leaders.

### **Curriculum**

PSJA Thomas Jefferson Early College High School provides an instructional atmosphere that promotes college readiness through an academic design that articulates clear degree plans and pathways in the STEM fields (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). These side-by-side high school/college degree plan crosswalks will include the 42 credit hour academic core curriculum plus 18 credit hours in the specific fields of study. (60 credit hours) Programs/Courses offered for student success include:

- STEM Related Associate Degrees from South Texas College in:
  - (Biology, Chemistry, Engineering, Computer Science, and Mathematics)
- Dual Enrollment/Concurrent (South Texas College & University of Texas RGV)
- 6 Pre AP Courses
- 14 AP Courses
- College Preparatory & Support Courses
- Foreign Language Courses
- Career and Technology Courses
- Fine Arts Courses
- Special Education Inclusion Program
- Common Instruction Framework (CIF) Model
- Enrichment & Advisory Period
- Summer Bridge Program
- College & Career/Go Center
- Parent/Student Connection Calendar
- Employability Skills & Customer Services Skills Certificate
- Title I School-wide Program

## Grading and Ranking Procedures

A 90-100    B 80-89    C 75-79    D 70-74    F below 70

## Test Score Information

STAAR Data (Met, # Distinctions & Type Earned): Met Indexes 1,2,3,and 4. Received 3 Distinctions in ELA, Science, and Social Studies

## Extracurricular Opportunities

National Honor Society	Cyber Patriots
Robotics Team	National Technical Honor Society
Student Council	Technical Student Association
Business Professionals of America (BPA)	Journalism Club (T-Stem Today)
Health Occupations Student Association (HOSA)	Photography Club
Folklorico Dance Team	Character Development Club
Pan American Student Forum (PASF)	UIL Competitive Events
Computer Science Club	Tennis Team
T-STEM Drones	Senior Class Club
Weekly Community Guest Speakers	Good News Club
Cultural Latino Americano Club	Destination Imagination
Sociedad Honoria Hispanica Club	Art/Anime Club
Ultimate Frisbee	National Technical Honor Society

## Colleges Attended by Thomas Jefferson T-STEM ECHS Graduates

Univeristy of Texas- Austin	Purdue University
University of Texas- Rio Grande Valley	Our Lady of the Lake University
Texas Tech University	St. Mary's University
Sam Houston State University	University of Incarnate Word
Texas State University	Baylor University
Texas A&M University	University of Mary Hardin Baylor
Texas A&M University- Corpu Chriti	Cardinal Stritch University
Texas A&M University- Kingsville	
Texas A&M University- Laredo	
South Texas College	

## Graduation Plans:

Distinguished Level of Achievement with Collegiate Honors Program  
Distinguished Level of Achievement Program  
Foundations Program

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