



Why Linked Learning Houston?

High schools are not working for large numbers of young people. While the world has seen revolutionary change in the last 100 years, the high school classroom has not. Linked Learning Houston address some of the challenges facing today's high schools. Many traditional academic programs do not feel relevant to students' lives and aspirations. At the same time, traditional career and technical education (CTE) often lacks the academic rigor required for access to and success in college. Linked Learning Houston provides students of all levels and abilities with the best possible chance for success to excel in college and career.

Research shows that Linked Learning Houston students of all demographic profiles have higher rates of persistence and higher graduation rates than their peers at traditional high schools, and they are showing strong scores on state tests. Visit the Linked Learning Houston Alliance website at <http://www.linkedlearning.org> for reports on Linked Learning Houston effectiveness.

WHAT IS LINKED LEARNING HOUSTON?

Linked Learning is an approach to education that transforms the traditional high school experience by bringing together strong academics, a demanding technical education, and real-world experience to help students gain an advantage in high school, postsecondary education, and careers. Students can choose among industry-themed pathways in fields such as engineering, arts and media, and biomedicine and health.

LINKED LEARNING HOUSTON:

- Offers students personally-relevant, wholly-engaging, and rigorous academic and technical curricula combined with exposure to real-world professions.
- Helps prepare students to graduate from high school well prepared to enter a two-or four-year college or university, an apprenticeship and formal job training.
- Exposes many students in school to previously unimagined college and career opportunities.

Four Components of Linked Learning Houston

- **Rigorous academics.** The academic component of Linked Learning Houston includes college preparatory English language arts, mathematics, science, history, and foreign language courses.
- **Real-world technical skills.** A challenging technical component of three or more courses that help students gain the knowledge and skills that can give them a head start on a successful career.
- **Work-based learning.** A series of work-based learning opportunities that begin with mentoring and job shadowing and evolve into intensive internships, school-based enterprises, or virtual apprenticeships.
- **Personalized supports.** Support services including counseling and supplemental instruction in reading, writing, and mathematics that help students master the academic and technical learning