



HOUSTON ISD & BRIDGEYEAR PARTNERSHIP OVERVIEW

2022-2023 Academic School Year

The Houston ISD (HISD) and BridgeYear partnership supports the district's College, Career, and Military Readiness (CCMR) initiatives, with a specific focus on students who do not plan to enroll into a four-year college immediately after graduation. Each programming component enables students to develop the knowledge and beliefs necessary for postsecondary success as well as have access to critical and timely resources to seamlessly transition from high school to postsecondary education.

Fifteen high schools were selected to participate in the partnership and include:

- Bellaire HS
- Booker T Washington HS
- Furr HS
- Liberty HS
- Madison HS
- Middle College HS at Felix Fraga
- Middle College HS at Gulfton
- Milby HS
- North Forest HS
- Sam Houston MSTC
- Sharpstown HS
- Sterling HS
- Westbury HS
- Wisdom HS
- Worthing HS



Career Test Drive® Program

Students "try on" high-demand, high-growth careers that do not require a four-year degree through realistic simulations to identify their career interests, develop self-efficacy, and make informed postsecondary education plans. The Career Test Drive® (CTD) Fair is available for the 15 schools in the partnership as well as any middle school, high school, or community event as requested.

BridgeYear co-designs career simulations and curriculum with corporate partners to ensure students are exposed to industry-authentic activities. Our current corporate partners include:



"After getting to learn about the career and what I need to do to become an auto tech, and actually getting to use the brake pads, switching them out, and learning about problems that customers might have, I know this is what I want to do."

- Sterling HS Student

"The CTD Fair gives us educators a chance to explore careers with our students, possibly in careers we may not have heard of, giving us a chance to better advise our students."

- CTE Specialist

16 School Events

4 Community Events

3,628 Students Served

83% of participants noted they have a better understanding of their career interests because of the CTD Fair.

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Career Accelerator Days

Students develop career readiness skills at a day-long conference hosted at company headquarters to prepare for job interviews. Conference sessions include a mock interview with industry professionals, resume writing, and professional communications. These events were available for the 15 schools in the partnership.

93%

of participants noted that they better understand how to structure their responses in an interview after attending the Career Accelerator.

"Now I feel like I can answer questions better when asked 'tell me about yourself' thanks to the tips they gave me."

- Senior Student

"Having Honeywell staff do the mock interviews is a game changer for us."

- District Staff

11 Schools Served

129 Students Attended



Summer Certification Cohorts

Students interested in workforce training immediately after graduation can sign up to receive 1:1 application, enrollment, and completion support for select trainings. This opportunity is open to all Class of 2023 Houston ISD graduates. Students will earn an industry-based certification by August 31, 2023 and will receive job placement support. Current trainings support entry into the following careers:

- Certified Nursing Asst
- Construction Worker
- EKG Technician
- Electrician
- Forklift Operator
- HVAC Technician
- Mechanical Technician
- Patient Care Technician

BridgeYear secures free summer certification opportunities at local workforce training partners and provides individualized student support for the enrollment processes. Training partners include:



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Houston ISD Class of 2023 graduating seniors are actively applying to a cohort.

"I plan to use the Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) and Phlebotomy training to gain experience in the medical field and to prepare me for nursing school."

- Senior Student

"I really like the case management model. These kids often need the extra help in getting where they are going, and that's where I think the Summer Certification Cohorts is a wonderful resource."

- College Advisor

32 Schools Served

313 Expressed Interest



HCC \$500 Scholarship

Students planning to attend Houston Community College after high school graduation can apply for a one-time \$500 scholarship to jumpstart their postsecondary education. The scholarship covers the cost of the deposit required to keep their classes before Pell Grant funds are distributed. This opportunity is open to all 2023 Houston ISD graduates.

The BridgeYear scholarship was the only scholarship that I received and I am grateful because it allowed me to pay for the registration fees."

- Current HCC Student
2022 HISD Graduate

40 Schools Participating

232 Students Awarded

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