



# Arlington

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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# Emergency Medical Technician Program

## **What is the Emergency Medical Technician program?**

The ongoing partnership between the Arlington ISD, Arlington Fire Department and Tarrant County College has been a tremendous success over the last several years. The AISD Fire Academy is leading the state with the model of implementation with eight graduates currently serving as Arlington firefighters and many others employed as firefighters and EMTs throughout North Texas.

For the last three years, the AISD has been filling vacated Fire Academy seats with hand-selected applicants who only want to participate in the EMT portion of the program. Year one saw just two new students, and years two and three each had eight new EMT students. The district accepted EMT program applications for the 2016-2017 school year and received approximately 40 qualified applications to fill as few as five seats. For this reason, the AISD, AFD and TCC are expanding the opportunities for students by offering a stand-alone EMT program beginning in January 2017 with a limited number of students.

Until the new Career and Technical Center opens in August 2017, the classes will be held at Sam Houston High School. Students are required to attend clinical rotations and ambulance ride-outs and transports, usually on weekends, in order to meet the state and national requirements for licensure. Selected students will start the program at the beginning of the second semester of their senior year.

## **How will the EMT program prepare students for the future?**

- Upon successful completion of the EMT curriculum with an average of 75 or higher and without failing more than two exams, students will be eligible and prepared to take the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technician certification exam.
- Students will earn one and a half high school credits.
- Students will have the opportunity to earn six college credit hours through TCC after completion of the program. These hours may be applied toward an associate degree in emergency medical services.
- Students will be prepared to pursue a college degree in emergency medical services at TCC.
- Students will be prepared to pursue a career in emergency medical services.

## **How are students selected for the EMT program?**

- Students from all high school campuses are eligible to apply to the EMT program.
- Applicants must have an overall high school GPA of 7.5 or higher on a 12-point scale.
- Students should have taken, or will take concurrently, anatomy and physiology and medical terminology courses.
- A committee of AISD, AFD and TCC personnel will interview students who meet academic, attendance and behavior requirements.
- Fifteen students will be accepted per year.
- Students must pass a criminal background check and drug screening in order to be eligible to participate in the AISD EMT program.