

# RGV LEAD SCHOLARS FOCUS GROUP

10 a.m. Tuesday, August 20, 2019

Meeting by Conference Call

## A G E N D A

Call to Order: Pat Bubb

Explanation of Process to Be Followed: Pat Bubb

Review Current Requirements: Pat Bubb

Discussion Two Suggestions for Modifications: Group

Option 1 (thanks to Sergio Pena of Mission CISD for sharing this idea)

Option 2 (thanks to Linda Babauta of McAllen ISD for sharing this idea)

Agree on Recommendations to Be Presented to the RGV LEAD Board: Group

Adjourn: Pat Bubb

# rewards for rgvlead scholars

Seniors who graduate as RGV LEAD Scholars qualify for these rewards:

## GRADUATION HONORS

RGV LEAD Scholars will receive an RGV LEAD honor cord and RGV LEAD Scholar certificate to signify their accomplishments.

## SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

RGV LEAD Scholars are eligible to compete for one of the RGV LEAD Scholarships ... thousands of dollars for college! (This is in addition to the savings of earning college credits in high school as RGV LEAD Scholars.)

## DISTINGUISHED LEVEL OF ACHIEVEMENT

A student must earn distinguished level of achievement to be eligible for top 10% automatic admission. A student may earn a distinguished level of achievement by successfully completing:

- Four credits in mathematics, which must include Algebra II
- Four credits in science
- The remaining curriculum requirements
- The curriculum requirements for at least one endorsement.

## PERFORMANCE ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Students may earn Performance Acknowledgments in several ways. RGV LEAD Scholars have the opportunity to qualify through "outstanding performance in dual credit" course or for earning a nationally or internationally recognized business or industry certification or license.

## RGV LEAD'S MISSION

RGV LEAD is in the business of education, partnering to engage students in college-and-career-focused learning opportunities to achieve a higher level of competence in the workforce.



## STATEMENT OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

Participation in RGV LEAD's programs is open to all parties without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, veteran status, or disability.

## STATEMENT OF FUNDING

Funding for RGV LEAD's programs comes from multiple sources, including school districts, colleges and universities, economic development organizations, and individual supporters. RGV LEAD is a Texas nonprofit and federal 501c3 corporation, and contributions to RGV LEAD are tax-deductible.

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# RGVLEAD scholars program

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1. Complete all courses required for the Foundation High School Program (FHSP) with at least one Endorsement.
2. Complete the high school portion of a six- or eight-year program of study that includes, in high school, a coherent sequence of two or more career and technical education courses for 3 or more credits.
3. Complete at least two college-level courses as part of the high school graduation plan. Each college-level course must meet all of the following requirements:
  - a. Must be a career and technical education course taken for high school credit.
  - b. Must be either an articulated course for which the student has earned a grade of 80 or better or a dual-credit course for which the student has earned a passing grade.
  - c. Must be a course that is included in a college-and-career focused program of study graduation plan.
4. Complete a declaration of intent to be an RGV LEAD Scholar.



# what are the requirements

## THE FOUNDATION HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM (FHSP)

English: 4 credits (English I, II, III and one Advanced English course)

Mathematics: 3 credits (Algebra I, Geometry, and one Advanced Math course)

Science: 3 credits (Biology, IPC or Advanced Science, plus one Advanced Science)

Social Studies: 3 credits (U.S. History, U.S. Government (1/2 credit), Economics (1/2 credit) and World Geography, World History, or Combined World History/Geography)

Physical Education: 1 credit

Languages Other Than English: 2 credits

Fine Arts: 1 credit

Electives: 5 credits

## COMPLETE ONE ENDORSEMENT

Endorsements vary from school district to school district, selected from these endorsements available under Texas law:

- Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM)
- Business and Industry
- Public Services
- Arts and Humanities
- Multidisciplinary Studies

# who offers scholars program

RGV LEAD Scholars programs are aligned with the Foundation High School Graduation Program and the AchieveTexas program. These RGV LEAD partner districts are participating:

- **Cameron County:** Brownsville ISD, Harlingen CISD, La Feria ISD, Los Fresnos CISD, Point Isabel ISD, Rio Hondo ISD, San Benito CISD, Santa Maria ISD, Santa Rosa ISD, and South Texas ISD.
- **Hidalgo County:** Donna ISD, Edcouch-Elsa ISD, Edinburg CISD, Hidalgo ISD, La Joya ISD, La Villa ISD, McAllen ISD, Mercedes ISD, Mission CISD, Monte Alto ISD, PSJA ISD, Sharyland ISD, Valley View ISD, and Weslaco ISD.
- **Starr County:** Roma ISD and San Isidro ISD.
- **Willacy County:** Lasara ISD, Lyford CISD, Raymondville ISD, and San Perlita ISD.

Check with your high school counselor to see

- which Endorsement(s) are available at your school district and
- which of your courses will qualify as college-level courses meeting the requirements for the RGV LEAD Scholars program.

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## OPTION ONE

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

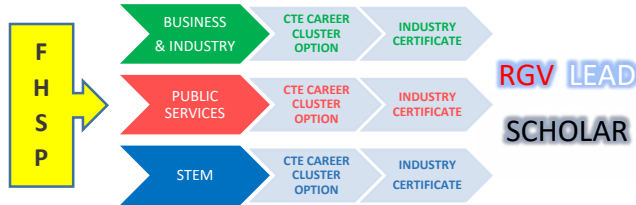
1. Complete the course required for the Foundation High School Program (FHSP) with at least one Endorsement
2. Complete the high school portion of a six-or eight year program of study that includes in high school,
3. Complete at least **three** college-level courses as part of the high school graduation plan **or complete a recognized CCMR Industry-Based Certification included in the 2019-2020 Approved TEA Certification list.**
  - a) Must be Career and Technical Education courses taken for high school credit
  - b) Must be **CTE** dual course credits for which the students has earned a passing grade
  - c) **Must have a coherent sequence of CTE courses in an approved TEA Endorsement with at least 4 earned credits**
4. Complete a declaration of intent to be an RGV LEAD Scholar

The rationale under item #3 is to be in clear alignment with TEA CCMR requirements of which one of the important indicators is for students to complete 9 college hours in any subject (including technical); this would be the equivalent of 3 CTE dual courses and not 2. The other is on students completing one of the approved CCMR industry-based certifications on the approved 2019-2020 certification list.

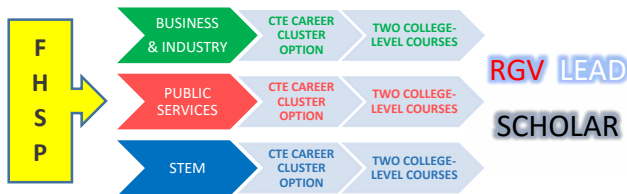
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2. Complete at least one endorsement from a CTE career cluster option.
3. Earn an industry-based certificate or license through the selected career cluster option or earn a passing grade for at least two college-level courses through the selected career cluster option.
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## COMPLETE ONE ENDORSEMENT FROM CTE CAREER CLUSTER OPTION IN:

- Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM)
- Business and Industry or
- Public Services

Endorsements vary from school district to school district.

## EARN AN INDUSTRY-BASED CERTIFICATE OR LICENSE THROUGH SELECTED CAREER CLUSTER OPTION or EARN A PASSING GRADE FROM TWO COLLEGE-LEVEL COURSES

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