



Birdville ISD Fire Academy Information

Thank you for your interest in the Birdville ISD Fire Academy. You will find attached the information documents as well as a question and answer document about the program. The information documents should be filled out and returned to

There will be a meeting **at a later date at the Birdville Center of Technology and Advanced Learning (BCTAL) located at 7020 Mid-Cities Blvd., North Richland Hills, TX 76180.** The meeting will provide an overview of the program, expectations, and provide an opportunity for students and parents to ask questions.

Physical Agility Assessment: Physical conditioning is a required part of the firefighting profession. Students will be given a medical form which requires a doctor's signature and approval to participate in the physical agility assessment. The physical agility assessment date will be sent to you once all information documents are received. You will be mailed a letter and notified of the time.

Student Conferences: All interested candidates will attend a pre-enrollment conference, which will be conducted in May at the student's home campus. Students will be notified of the specific date and time.

All classes will be conducted by TCC instructors who are trained and licensed firefighters.

If you have questions, please call the Career and Technical Education office at (817) 547-3818. You may also email us if that is more convenient.

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Firefighter Academy

Prerequisites for enrollment

- Be in 1st grade in August 2021
- Willing to commit to year program
- Willing to commit to some required Saturdays
- Good attendance
- Participate in a physical agility assessment

NOTE: This course is two (2) class periods and you will receive 2 high school credits

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BISD Fire Academy

Introduction to Firefighting

The job of a firefighter is challenging and rewarding. Firefighting involves extremely hard, skilled physical work; firefighters must be able to handle emergency, life-or

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
BIRDVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
FIRE ACADEMY

1. What is the BISD Fire Academy?

In the Spring of 2016, the North Richland Hills Fire Department, the Birdville Independent School District, and Tarrant County College joined together in a cooperative effort to design and implement a continuing education credit firefighter and EMT certification program within the Birdville ISD. The result of this collaboration is a two-year program that will enable participants to earn a total of 4 elective high school credits, 24 hours of college credit, the Texas Commission on Fire Protection firefighter basic certification and the Texas Department of State Health Services EMT certification.

This program is open to all high school students who attend Birdville ISD schools. Classes will be conducted at Birdville Center of Technology and Advanced Learning (BCTAL) every school day for two consecutive periods. There will also be some Saturday classes held at Tarrant County College – Northwest and at the North Richland Hills Fire Training Center facilities to complete required skills training exercises. Students will start the program at the beginning of their junior year and continue until the end of their senior year.

2. What are the benefits for students who choose to participate in the program?

- Upon graduation, students will be eligible and prepared to take the Texas Commission on Fire Protection Certification exam.
- Students will be eligible and prepared to take the Texas Department of State Health Services Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification exam.
- Students will earn 4 high school credits.

• Students will have the opportunity to earn 24 college credit hours through Tarrant County College, the Texas Commission on Fire Protection, and the Texas Department of State Health Services. This program is a cooperative effort between Birdville ISD, North Richland Hills Fire Department, and Tarrant County College. The program is designed to provide students with the opportunity to earn high school credits, college credit, and certification in fire and emergency medical services. The program is a two-year program that will enable participants to earn a total of 4 elective high school credits, 24 hours of college credit, the Texas Commission on Fire Protection firefighter basic certification and the Texas Department of State Health Services EMT certification.

5. What are the goals of the program?

- Expose students to the Fire Service while developing a pathway for future firefighters
- Focus on “Growing Our Own”
- Strengthen ties among the Fire Service, the school district, TCC, and the community

6. What is the organizational framework for the program?

The Birdville Fire Academy is a cooperative effort of the Birdville Independent School District, Tarrant County College, and the North Richland Hills Fire Department. Students will attend classes at BCTAL in the fire academy classroom. Students are taught by TCC instructors, all of whom are professional firefighters.

