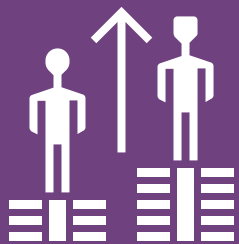




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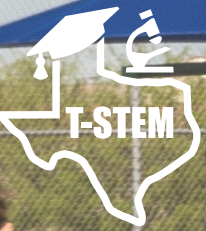
452 students



63.7% economically disadvantaged



# Sinton High School



Sinton High School in Sinton ISD has been serving students with the T-STEM model since 2010. The student population at Sinton High School largely comes from generational poverty backgrounds. With limited industry growth in the area, these students have historically received little to no support for college and career opportunities outside the community. To address this opportunity gap, a GEAR UP grant and Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) grant were recently awarded to the school. These grants powered activities encouraging students to pursue post-secondary education. GEAR UP funds generate scholarships and help educate students and parents that college can be both affordable and accessible. The JET grant enabled Sinton to purchase health science equipment to give students the opportunity to follow healthcare certification pathways. The school developed virtual experiences to replace the typical onsite learning required of health sciences students; healthcare industry professionals worked with Sinton students virtually to meet these requirements.

At the onset of the pandemic shutdown, Sinton ensured every student had the equipment and access needed to participate in virtual learning. The school gave laptops to students, set up hot spots in the parking lot and reached out to support families through their unique challenges. Graduation and certification rates were not negatively impacted by the shutdown. Sinton actually saw an increase in certifications over last year. Additionally, since Sinton begins its T-STEM programming in middle school, the campus worked with Project Lead the Way to create a virtual gateway transition program for the 6th graders. Despite all the challenges presented by COVID-19, Sinton T-STEM Academy successfully wrapped the year – keeping students on track through continuous support and thoughtful programming.



96.2% Graduation Rate



38% Graduating with 15+ College Credit Hours



76.4% Grade 11 Students Who Passed TSI Math