# Connection



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## Welcome to the Dan Dipert Career + Technical Center and the Agricultural Science Center

Greetings! I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful summer, and you are relaxed, recharged, and ready to start a new and exciting school year. It is hard to believe the beginning of the school is already upon us. As we continue along our journey of opening both the Arlington ISD Dan Dipert Career and Technical Center and the Agricultural Science Center, I know that we are about to begin a great school year filled with hope, vision, and excitement. As we begin this new year, I wish everyone the greatest success as we welcome over 4,700 students from across all six Arlington high schools.

## Who is Principal Polster?

It is an honor and privilege to serve as the principal for Arlington ISD's Dan Dipert Career and Technical and Agricultural Science Centers. I am a product of Career and Technical Education. It was the experiences and opportunities I had in my own high school CTE courses and student leadership organizations that provided the foundation for my future and successes.

As the principal of the CTC and ASC, I am dedicated to creating a school-wide culture

where students identify, select, and pursue career pathways and develop necessary skills that lead to post-secondary career and/or college readiness and opportunities. Myself along with faculty and staff are committed to cultivating the potential in our students by integrating rigorous classroom instruction with relevant, work-based experiences that inspire, guide, and empower them for post-secondary college and careers.

I received my Bachelor and Master degrees from Tarleton State University in Agricultural Education. Prior to serving as principal for the CTC and ASC, I served as an agricultural science teacher for 11 years, an assistant principal for three years, and a CTE specialist and coordinator for six years. All but one of these years has been with Arlington ISD. My interests away from school include spending time with my family, boating on Lake Whitney, and gardening.

In closing, please join me as a partner in education. I look forward to meeting each of you. My door is always open!

### Weekly Highlights

August 21 and 22

- Students will remain on their home campus for orientation August 23, 24, and 25
  - Students will report to the Career and Technical Center or the AISD Professional Development Center for classes. Information about where each class will meet will be posted on our website at http://www.aisd.net/careertechnical-center/

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#### **Vision Statement:**

The Dan Dipert Career + Technical and Agricultural Science Centers will be the leading educational institutes, inspiring students to become productive citizens who obtain post-secondary achievement and excel in the workplace.

#### **Mission Statement:**

The Dan Dipert Career + Technical and Agricultural Science Centers are committed to academic excellence by providing innovative learning environments that incorporate relevant industry experience and promote opportunities for personal growth and student success.