



As the Arlington ISD strives to help students reach their maximum potential, the district has developed a partnership with the University of Texas at Arlington that provides a seamless transition to a four-year university degree for traditionally underserved high school students currently enrolled at Arlington Collegiate High School, located on Tarrant County College's Southeast Campus.

ACHS students can already earn an associate degree from TCC Southeast that requires, in general, 60 hours of course work taken through dual credit offerings while they are in high school. Through the newly-instituted ACHS Lions Scholar program, students who are within six hours of completing their associate degree can also begin taking classes toward a bachelor's degree at UTA.

The AISD will pay for the students' UTA tuition at dual credit rates, along with textbooks and other required fees, until they obtain their high school diplomas. Once students graduate from high school, UTA will review their status to determine their eligibility for scholarships that could offer up to \$10,000 in tuition assistance.

UTA will provide the students with peer mentors and offer continued advising on the ACHS campus to ensure a smooth transition, and it will provide each student with a specific degree plan mapping out the exact classes they need to take to complete their degrees, reducing the risk of excess credit hours that can drive up the cost of college.