



The Arlington ISD and the University of Texas at Arlington have formed a partnership for a new Teacher Academy to help ensure that students will graduate exceptionally prepared for college, career and citizenship - the goal of the new AISD *Achieve Today. Excel Tomorrow.* strategic plan.

The Teacher Academy will provide high school students the opportunity to earn both university semester credit hours and high school course credit simultaneously, giving students primed for a teaching career an advantage as they become college and workforce ready.

The program will have 12 UTA College of Education courses in addition to other available dual-credit courses. The Teacher Academy will consist of three study pathways:

- Early childhood through sixth grade bilingual
- Early childhood through sixth grade English as a second language
- Early childhood through sixth grade special education

Selection of the academy students will begin in the 2016-2017 school year. Classes will take place at either the students' home high school, UTA or the district's new Career and Technical Center that is scheduled to open in the fall of 2017.

The Teacher Academy will be for high school juniors and seniors. Students will sign their degree plan with UTA as high school juniors and will be able to complete their degree within three years of graduating from high school. Upon completion of the full program and a teaching certification, students will be preferred candidates for teaching positions within the AISD.