

Aircraft Mechanics Partnership

Best Practice - 2005

Coastal Bend Tech Prep

*Flour Bluff ISD, Corpus Christi ISD, and West Oso ISD
Del Mar College and Corpus Christi Army Depot (CCAD)*

Flour Bluff ISD and Del Mar College formed a partnership to provide students an opportunity to acquire skills needed by the Corpus Christi Army Depot (CCAD) to repair helicopters. Due to an aging workforce, the Depot projected a need for skilled workers. Flour Bluff responded by creating a partnership along with Del Mar College to start a program of study for students meeting the requirements of the Army Depot.

Students must apply and meet stringent guidelines to be accepted into the program. Students must pass TAKS, score high on the college entrance, pass an interview, and must be recommended by teachers. Students are expected to perform like other CCAD employees. 20 students are accepted into the program. If accepted students:

- Earn up to 30 college hours
- Earn up to 6 high school credits
- Earn an hourly wage—start at over \$10 per hour, 15 hours per week
- Qualify for all employee benefits—i.e. leave, medical insurance, etc.
- Have a start on a solid career
- Have opportunities to advance

Goals of the Program:

- Airframe Applied Technology Certification
- Associate's Degree
- Continued employment with CCAD
- Employees better prepared for supervisory roles
- Skilled workforce

Benefits for the Community

- Encourages students to complete post-secondary education
- Skilled workforce
- Attracts new business
- Strengthens our ability to maintain the military base as a viable and necessary business entity

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