

**Tech Prep Ambassador Program  
Best Practice - 2004  
Central Texas Tech Prep Consortium**

The Central Texas Tech Prep Consortium is in its second exciting year of a “Best Practice” initiative called the Tech Prep Ambassador Program. The goal of the Tech Prep Ambassador Program is to promote career and technology education and Tech Prep with Central Texas students using Central Texas students. The focus is to enhance student awareness of CATE programs that combine secondary and post secondary programs, beginning in high school and leading to an associate degree with advanced technical skills or a two-year certificate.

The Central Texas Tech Prep Consortium represents secondary and higher education institutions, businesses, industry, and the labor market in the Central Texas area and is charged with coordinating the planning, development, and implementation of comprehensive programs in the public schools and the community and technical colleges.

Why should school districts be involved? The Tech Prep Ambassador Program is relatively unique. The participants work not only for their own benefit but actively assist their peers. The implementation of a Tech Prep Ambassador Program into school districts establishes a culture of mutual benefit and cooperation that has a positive impact on students such as increased morale, attendance, enhanced productivity and better information to make decisions about high school Tech Prep courses offered, colleges and career choices. This will help the State of Texas and Central Texas business and industry employers get students who are genuinely prepared for work and life after school.

The cost to school districts and their students is commitment and cooperation. This entails designating a peer manager (CATE Director or CATE Faculty member) and to encourage outstanding CATE students to complete an Ambassador application.

Upon acceptance into this competitive program, students and their peer managers are trained at no cost on effective leadership and how to become advocates for career and technology courses of study. Tech Prep Ambassadors also advocate the importance of staying in school, going to college and the value of education to insure quality of life.

At the end of the year, Ambassadors who meet or exceed the competitive criteria outlined for participation and have distinguished themselves and their District will be presented awards and college scholarship money.



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