

Southeast Tech
Aspire2Tech Program
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Purpose:

To provide the School Board with an overview of Southeast Tech's Hovland Learning Center's Aspire2Tech program.

The goal of the Aspire2Tech program is to prepare individuals for entry into the workforce or post-secondary training programs through content-specific instruction focused on industry-specific terminology, processes and safety practices embedded in instruction focused on improving basic reading, writing and math skills. The Aspire2Tech program provides participants who are basic skills deficient the option to research career fields while improving skills for employment or post-secondary education.

The Aspire2Tech program works with individuals who have a grade equivalent in reading and language of 4.0 – 8.0 and are 18 years of age or older. Because the program is part of the Hovland Learning Center, which operates through a federally funded grant, participants are only asked to pay for required materials and supplies.

From start to finish, the program takes 12 to 16 weeks. Participants have the opportunity to achieve a National Career Readiness Certificate and a Work Ethic Certificate. The option of offering other certifications specific to industry, such as AWS Welding, are being researched.

The next healthcare cohort will run from September 5 to December 14. This class will meet M/W/F from 8:30am – 12pm. The first manufacturing cohort will begin September 18 and run through November 15. This class will meet Tuesday/Thursday from 12 – 4pm.

Curriculum development for the early childhood development class will begin this fall semester and the business (customer service) class will begin in the spring. Aspire2Tech is also looking at developing a class to prepare participants to earn their CDL Class B driver's license.

Southeast Tech is working collaboratively with the Department of Labor and Regulation's Sioux Falls office, the Division of Rehabilitation Services in Sioux Falls, the Multi-Cultural Center and Lutheran Social Services Center for New Americans to promote this program.

Flyers have gone out to DLR, VR, DSS, SNAP, TANF, MCC, LSS, PCC (SF Housing), Good Samaritan, and Southeast Tech admissions/student success, and the CTE Academy regarding the program, as well as to all the community partners who attend the WIOA community partners meetings. Flyers have also been sent to a liaison who works with immigrant parents through Parent University through the SF School District and the drug court/DUI court coordinator with court services.

Administrative Recommendation to School Board:

Acknowledge the Aspire2Tech Program Report

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**Adult Education and
Literacy Program**

Aspire2Tech

Aspire2Tech classes are designed to prepare individuals for enrollment into post-secondary education or employment.

Classes concentrate on content specific instruction focusing on sector specific terminology, processes and safety practices embedded in instruction focused on improving basic reading ,writing and math skills.

Aspire2Tech

- Eligible Students
 - Beyond Compulsory Attendance Age
 - Valid Social Security Card or Alternate Supporting Documentation
 - Withdrawn from high school
 - Minimum grade equivalent of 4.0 – 8.0 in reading and language

Classes are offered through a federal grant and students will only be responsible to purchase books and materials.

Aspire2Tech

- Classes
 - Healthcare (Next start date – September 5)
 - Manufacturing Safety (Next start date – September 17)
 - Early Childhood (Spring Semester 2019)
 - Business (Spring Semester 2019)

These classes are designed as an introduction to each field with a focus on improving basic skills.

Aspire2Tech

- Healthcare Class
 - Meets September 5 to December 14
 - M/W/F from 8:30am – 12:00pm
 - Instruction in
 - Medical Terminology
 - Healthcare Practices
 - Includes lab with a CNA instructor to practice skills
 - Basic Anatomy
 - Reading Strategies
 - Writing
 - Work Ethic Training

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- Manufacturing Class
 - Meets September 17 through November 15
 - Tuesday and Thursday from 12:00pm – 4:00pm
 - Instruction in
 - Safety Practices
 - Math Skills specific to manufacturing jobs
 - Reading Strategies
 - Writing
 - Work Ethic Training

Aspire2Tech

- Individuals successfully completing the classes may obtain:
 - National Career Readiness Certificate
 - Work Ethic Certificate
 - Program Specific Certification



Thank you for your time.

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