

Date of Board Meeting: July 21, 2026

Subject: Tuition Rate for Fort Bend County Juvenile Probation Students

Recommendation: Approve the out-of-district dual credit tuition rate of \$63 per credit hour for students detained with the Fort Bend County Juvenile Probation Center

Background and Rationale:

Wharton County Junior College is developing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Fort Bend County Juvenile Probation Center Leadership Academy to provide eligible students with access to virtual dual credit coursework. Students will have the opportunity to enroll in online general education core courses, along with courses in the Business Office Technology and Health Information Technology programs, while completing their secondary education.

Fort Bend County is constructing a new instructional facility to support these educational opportunities, allowing students to earn both high school and college credit while preparing for continued education or entry into high-demand careers. The selected academic pathways offer stackable credentials that provide clear pathways to postsecondary education and family-sustaining careers in the Fort Bend County region. The Probation Center is considered part of Lamar Consolidated ISD and, as such, students enrolled through this program should be guaranteed the out-of-district dual credit tuition rate.

This partnership creates a unique opportunity for students who would not otherwise have access to a college education while participating in the Leadership Academy, allowing them to begin earning college credit and industry-recognized credentials as part of their educational experience.

Budgetary Implications: \$4,000 / year (Estimated tuition based on 20 students enrolled in 1 course per year)

Strategic Priority Alignment:

☒ Student Success	☒ Community Impact
☐ Resource Optimization	☐ Institutional Excellence

Resource Personnel: Dr. David Byrd, Vice President of Access, Completion, and Transfer

Approval:

 7.13.26

Cabinet-Level Member

 07/08/20

President