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Kilgore School District Partners with Kilgore College for \$217,050 Dual-Credit, Job-Training Grant

AUSTIN – Kilgore Independent School District (KISD) has partnered with Kilgore College to provide customized training and dual-credit to students using a \$217,050 Skills Development Fund grant from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) that will benefit the Workforce Solutions East Texas area.



TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ruth R. Hughs makes a \$217,050 Dual Credit check presentation to representatives and students from Kilgore ISD and Kilgore College.

Students from the dual credit program at Kilgore ISD surround officials at check presentation. Pictured from left: Kilgore Independent School District Superintendent, Cara Cooke (back row); Commissioner Hughs (center); Kilgore College President Dr. William M. "Bill" Holda, State Rep. Travis Clardy, Kilgore Economic Development Corp. President Pat Nault and State Rep. Bryan Hughes.

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"The partnership between Kilgore ISD and Kilgore College is an exciting development for students and the community. I commend the Texas Workforce Commission for its investment in a smart program that provides young people with a high demand job skill and the opportunity for a head start in a high-demand employment field." said Rep. Travis Clardy.

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This grant will be used to expand the custom training offered to KISD students at Kilgore College and support additional student enrollment for dual-credit instruction. Funding will be used for equipment to expand welding courses and allow for additional student enrollment.

“This partnership is incredible news for this community,” said Rep. Bryan Hughes. “With this investment of the Skills Development Fund, we are able to address local workforce needs, while providing students access to college and career options.”

Career pathways at KISD have been established for welders, cutters and solderers to meet the growing demand of the oil and gas industries in the East Texas area. Upon successful completion of the program, students may qualify to pass entry-level certification tests as required by the industry.

“Our communities benefit tremendously when our industry and business leaders partner with our educational institutions to create structured pathways for our students,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ruth R. Hughs. “We are pleased to make this investment, which will allow students the opportunity to explore educational and career goals.”

This dual-credit grant is an expansion of the Skills Development Fund to support certain joint-credit courses offered by school districts in partnership with public junior colleges, public state colleges or public technical institutions. This funding is made available to further support the creation and expansion of dual-credit career and technical educations in Texas schools that are highly technical in nature, addressing local area demands for high-skill, high-demand and high-wage industries. Individuals seeking more information about the Skills Development Fund may visit the TWC website at www.texasworkforce.org/skills.

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