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Area School Districts Partner with North Central Texas College for \$195,258 Dual-Credit Grant

AUSTIN – Twelve area school districts have partnered with North Central Texas College (NCTC) to provide dual-credit certification using a \$195,258 Skills Development Fund grant from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC). Districts within the region include six from Cooke County, two from Denton County, three from Montague County and one from Young County.

The grant allows training received in dual-credit curriculum to be used towards a Level 1, industry-recognized certificate in Welding Technology, Industrial Mechanics, HVAC and Machining Technology.



On Feb. 11, TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Hope Andrade presented a \$195,258 Skills Development Fund Grant to representatives of North Central Texas College, Gainesville ISD and partnering agencies. Pictured from left: Gainesville ISD Superintendent Dr. Jeffrey Brasher; Orteq Energy Technologies Assistant General Manager Dillon Ott; Texoma Workforce Solutions Executive Director Janie Bates; Texoma Workforce Solutions Director of External Relations Bob Rhoden; Commissioner Andrade; North Central Texas College Dean of Lifelong Learning Jessica Carlile; North Central Texas College President Dr. Brent Wallace; Workforce Solution for North Central Texas Business Development Manager Kent Andersen; Spindletop Machine Shop Manager Alan Cassidy.

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“The Texas Workforce Commission is proud to support this valuable partnership between North Central Texas College and area high schools, which will provide dual-credit opportunities for students and accelerate their college and career pathways with high-demand skills training,” said Texas Workforce Commissioner Representing Employers Hope Andrade.

This dual-credit grant is an expansion of the [Skills Development Fund](#) through House Bill (HB) 3028, to support certain joint-credit courses offered by school districts in partnership with public junior colleges, public state colleges or public technical institutions. The Legislature made available \$450,000 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.

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