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PATERSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS ANNOUNCES APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE P-TECH PROGRAM AT PANTHER ACADEMY

New STEM program will enable students to earn high school & college diplomas, begin science-related careers

PATERSON – Paterson Public Schools officials announced today that applications are now being accepted for the Pathways in Technology and Early College High School (P-TECH) program at P.A.N.T.H.E.R. Academy, which was announced in November.

Applications are available in English and Spanish and can be downloaded from the following links at the Paterson Public Schools website and on the P.A.N.T.H.E.R. Academy websites (scroll to the bottom of the pages to find the applications):

[CLICK HERE](#) to access the application and instructions from the Paterson Public Schools website.

[CLICK HERE](#) to access the application and instructions from the P.A.N.T.H.E.R. Academy website.

Applications are due Friday, February 1 by 11:59 p.m.

The upcoming [P-TECH program was unveiled in November](#) at news conference in which New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy announced that the state Department of Education would provide a grant of \$300,000 to launch the program.

The P-TECH program offers early opportunities to earn college credits and graduate students that are ready for entry-level positions in the emerging technology sector in local markets. In keeping with the grant's requirements, a collaborative relationship will be maintained among Paterson Public Schools, Passaic County Community College and an industry partner (IBM Corporation).

P-TECH is a new type of high school that combines the core elements of high school, college coursework and opportunities to participate in the professional world. This school model enables students to begin their college and professional lives more quickly and with more support than the typical school-to-work pathway. Graduates of P-TECH earn an Associate of Applied Science Degree in a STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) field and leave the school with the skills and knowledge they need to continue their studies or step seamlessly into competitive jobs within STEM industries. The program also includes special opportunities to intern and interview for entry level positions at the IBM Corporation.

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