

Pryor High School Innovation Center at RSU Slated to Open This Fall

The Pryor Public School Board approved a new partnership between Pryor High School and Rogers State University during Monday's board meeting. The collaboration will result in the opening of the Pryor High School Innovation Center at RSU this fall. "Our new partnership between Pryor High School and RSU is innovative and unique in Oklahoma," said Dr. Don Raleigh, superintendent of Pryor Public Schools. "Establishing a high school innovation center on a university campus streamlines the educational experience for our students and allows them the opportunity to make the most of their concurrent enrollment."

Beginning their junior year, students at Pryor High School will be able to choose an accelerated pathway to earn credits towards earning a college degree. Students will earn high school and college credit at the same time, potentially earning up to an entire year of college course work before high school graduation.

"This partnership fits perfectly into the university's mission to provide a more highly educated workforce, enhance the economic development of the region and increase the quality of life for the residents of Mayes County and all of northeast Oklahoma," said Dr. Larry Rice, RSU president.

The Pryor High School Innovation Center will be housed at the RSU Pryor Campus in the MidAmerica Industrial Park. The center will be home to the following Pryor High School courses:

- Esports program
- Tech Lab
- Manufacturing I and II,
- SREB Honors Applied Engineering, and
- Robotics
- EMT

The partnership with RSU will allow Pryor students to choose dual credit opportunities taught by Pryor High School instructors:

- College Algebra
- Computer Science
- English Composition I and II
- Spanish
- German
- Accounting I & II
- Business Communication

College Algebra and English Composition I and II will be offered at both the High School Campus and the Innovation Center to create more flexibility in scheduling for students.

The new PPS transportation center will provide a shuttle service for students attending classes at the Innovation Center. "This is a great opportunity for all students who in the past haven't been able to attend college classes due to transportation issues," said PHS Principal, JR Winton.

Classes will begin at the new Innovation Center in August 2021.