

## **What schools are participating?**

For the 2020-2021 school year, two Houston ISD (HISD) high schools are participating in the MAREK Construction Academy program in partnership with Houston Community College's (HCC) Southeast campus.

- [Stephen F. Austin High School](#)
- [Charles H. Milby High School](#)

In addition, MAREK's San Antonio location partners with Northside ISD's [Construction Careers Academy](#) for their summer internship program.

## **How does the MAREK Construction Academy work?**

Sophomores at participating high schools apply for the program and if selected start their junior year. The Academy is a two-year program for juniors and seniors. The Academy requires a commitment from students and parents to practice safe work habits and be willing to learn both in the classroom and hands-on. Students attend the Academy for two back-to-back class periods per day and continue their core classes during the other periods as normal.

## **How can students apply for the Academy program?**

Sophomores can reach out to their school counselor and attend an information session for students and parents offered during their spring semester.

## **Where does learning take place?**

Students from Austin and Milby are bussed daily to their classroom and hands-on lab at HCC Southeast.

## **What percentage of time is spent in the classroom vs. the lab?**

Approximately 40% of time is spent in the classroom learning the theory and knowledge; 60% of time is spent working hands-on in the lab.

## **Who is teaching the program?**

The Academy teacher is a full-time teacher for HISD and adjunct instructor for HCC. He is also an NCCER Certified Instructor with almost 30 years of experience at MAREK building hospitals, hotels, schools, and more. He was previously a Field Supervisor and in-house Craft Instructor for MAREK.

## **When is the summer internship offered?**

The internship is offered the summer between a student's junior and senior year.

**Who qualifies for the summer internship?**

Students must be in good standing with their schoolwork (passing grades, course completions, OSHA-10 certification, safe work practices and behavior in labs, etc.), be interested in participating (the internship is optional), and pass standard pre-employment screening as a part of the intern hiring process (eligible to work in US, background check, drug screen, etc.).

**What certifications will participants earn?**

Assuming students successfully complete other high school requirements and do the work to complete and pass all Academy courses and corresponding certifications, graduates will complete high school with:

- High School Diploma
- HCC Construction Helper General – Certificate Level 1
- OSHA-10 Safety Certification
- Construction Industry Credentials including: NCCER Core, NCCER Drywall Level 1, NCCER Drywall Level 2