

## Calling All Pecos High School Parents

Pecos-Barstow-Toyah ISD is pleased to announce the Texas Education Agency has designated Pecos High School as an Early College High School (ECHS). The designation process set up by the state of Texas ensures that districts and colleges operating ECHS campuses maintain the integrity of the ECHS model, which was researched and designed to target and serve students who might not otherwise attend college.

Pecos-Barstow-Toyah ISD has partnered with The University of Texas of the Permian Basin (UTPB) to create the Pecos Early College High School. The partnership ensures an innovative high school four year plan allowing students the opportunity to earn a high school diploma and 60 college credit hours at the same time. The Pecos High School and UTPB partnership will

- provide dual credit at no cost to students;
- offer rigorous instruction and accelerated courses;
- provide academic and social support services to help students succeed;
- increase college readiness; and
- reduce barriers to college access.

Parents of all out-going eighth graders (next school year freshman class) are encouraged to attend the ECHS Parent Orientation Meeting scheduled for Monday, April 27, 2015 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Pecos High School Auditorium, 1301 S. Park St. Pecos, Texas 79772. This meeting will be conducted in English and Spanish and will lay out all the particulars of the plan, answer questions and allow parents to meet all the people involved in the process.

In addition, if you have out-going eighth graders through eleventh graders (next year freshman through senior classes) and interested in Odessa College they will be on hand to address their programs including pursuing an Associates Degree.