

**Trinity Valley Community College
Palestine Independent School District
Service Plan**

Trinity Valley Community College (TVCC) offers associate degrees and certificates in several areas and serves as a regional leader in workforce training, university transfer, and adult access programs.

TVCC's service area comprises five east Texas counties of Anderson, Henderson, Kaufman, Van Zandt, and Rains. The school districts in the TVCC tax-paying district include: Athens, Brownsboro, Chandler, Crandall, Cross Roads, Eustace, Frankston, Kaufman, Kemp, LaPoynor, Mabank, Malakoff, Murchison, Scurry-Rosser, Terrell, and Trinidad. Palestine ISD is in a maintenance tax district.

Tax-Paying residents pay \$36 per semester hour tuition and the General Fee is \$46 per semester hour. Branch Campus Tax-Paying residents, which includes the Palestine ISD, pay \$36 per semester hour tuition, a General Fee of \$46, and an Out-of-District Fee of \$19 per semester hour. Out of Tax-Paying District residents pay \$36 per semester hour tuition, a General Fee of \$46 per semester hour, and Out-of-District Fee of \$73 per semester hour. Non-resident tuition residents pay \$130 per semester hour and General Fee of \$46 per semester hour.

Complete information on TVCC's programs, service and opportunities is available at www.tvcc.edu.

Expansion of the Trinity Valley Community College District to include the Palestine Independent School District (Palestine ISD) will result in the following services, programs, and tax rate for Palestine ISD residents.

(1). Expansion of dual credit programs in high demand and high wage workforce programs for high school students through partnership with the Palestine ISD and Palestine community. New workforce programs could include heating ventilation and air conditioning technology, computer software programming, automotive technology, auto collision technology, pipeline welding, building construction technology, masonry, facilities maintenance and management, and others. Working with the Palestine community and Palestine ISD, an assessment will be conducted to

determine which workforce programs provide the greatest opportunities for students and economic growth and development in the region.

(2). Provide a dedicated workforce learning facility that provides the opportunity to expand workforce programs, course offerings, services and scheduling options that include courses offered in the day, evening and online.

(3). Expand programs such as English-as-a-Second Language (ESL), GED, and Adult Basic Education to better prepare students to enter college academic and workforce programs or into the workforce as a better educated employee.

(4). Provide customized training and grant opportunities to assist existing Palestine businesses and organizations in new and existing employee training.

(5). Eligibility for Palestine ISD residents to vote in elections of the TVCC governing board of trustees.

(6). Expand the Small Business Development Office to provide partnership opportunities with the Palestine EDC and Chamber of Commerce to attract new businesses into the Palestine region.

(7). TVCC partners with the Texas Workforce Commission, Workforce Solutions East Texas, Chambers of Commerce, Economic Development Centers, and Small Business Development Center to bring enhanced opportunities for economic growth and development to the region. Working with these agencies, TVCC conduct assessments in the service area to determine customized training needs to assist businesses and organizations, and courses in personal and professional development.

(8). Palestine ISD residents currently pay a TVCC Maintenance District Tax Rate of \$0.0500 per \$100 (\$50 per \$100,000) of assessed property valuation for tax year 2016. If Palestine ISD residents were currently in the TVCC Regular Tax District, they would pay \$0.13567 (\$135.67 per \$100,000) for tax year 2016. The TVCC Regular Tax District Rate is subject to change for tax year 2017.

(9). Lower the cost of attendance by eliminating the \$19 per semester credit hour Branch Campus Out-Of-District fee which is a \$285 savings for 15 semester credit hours each semester and a \$1,140 savings for a 60 semester credit hour degree.

Public Hearing Notice

On the November 7, 2017 election ballot, there will be a proposal for residents of the PISD area to upgrade their TVCC service from “Maintenance” to “Full” membership. As part of the process, TVCC has published a Service Plan explaining the benefits to residents.

Palestine ISD residents may learn more about and provide input to the proposed TVCC Service Plan at a public hearing hosted by the TVCC Board of Trustees on Tuesday, July 11, 2017. The hearing will be conducted at 5:30 p.m. at the TVCC Palestine Workforce Center, 2100 S. Loop 256, Palestine, Texas.

Questions about the TVCC Palestine Area Service Plan and/or the November election may be directed to TVCC’s Public Information Department at 903-675-6327 or Dr. Jeff Watson, Provost- Palestine Campus at 903-723-7000.