

# Odessa College

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### **Odessa College, ECISD partnering to provide more career, technical education opportunities for students**

ODESSA (Aug. 13, 2008) – Odessa College and ECISD will meet Wednesday, Aug. 20 in the Electronics Technology Building, Room 130, at OC to discuss more opportunities for ECISD students to earn career and technical education college credit while in high school.

ECISD career and technical education staff will partner with OC technical and workforce education and allied health staff to look at technical course alignment between OC and ECISD. In the all-day planning sessions, the two groups will work together to align high school hours with OC technical education credit hours, which can apply to technical certificates and associate degrees at OC.

According to Dr. Robert Muñoz, OC dean of technical and workforce education, the all-day sessions give the two entities a chance to begin working together for the benefit of ECISD students who want to choose a technical career path.

“It’s a great partnership and relationship building opportunity between Odessa College and ECISD,” Muñoz said. “We have done a great job working together on the academic side, but now it is time to start working together on the technical instruction side to provide more opportunities for students.

Muñoz said the ultimate goal is to create a seamless transition for students between ECISD and OC. “OC is looking forward to meeting and expanding our partnership with ECISD. We both want to continue to provide the education and training for the type of workforce that employers need in our area.”