



Partnership Agreement Austin Independent School District

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Presentation Overview

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Mission/Purpose

- Formalize partnership with Austin Independent School District
- Teach high school students swimming skills throughout a year-long swim lesson program
- Provide opportunity for students to earn lifeguard certification (StarGuard Elite) through 36-hour lifeguard certification course
- Students possessing a StarGuard Elite Lifeguard Certification will then be eligible to apply for lifeguard positions to guard City pools that are currently experiencing a lifeguard shortage
- Students earn PE credit for their participation




Goals & Objectives

- To enhance the physical abilities of the students to a level where they can successfully complete the lifeguard training course and become eligible for employment with the City of Austin
- To train and recruit a diverse workforce that is reflective of the Austin community
- To promote healthy activities that can be enjoyed at any age
- To promote water safety awareness



History

- Pilot program begins Spring 2015 with John H. Reagan Early College High School and Lyndon Baines Johnson (LBJ) Early College High School
- Spring of 2017 - LBJ withdrew from the program and Eastside Memorial Early College High School joined the program
- End of Spring 2018 - Eastside Memorial Early College High School withdrew from the program
- Fall 2019 - John H. Reagan renamed Northeast Early College High School
- Spring 2020 – Akins joins SwimATX, but contact with students is lost due to COVID
- Fall 2020 – SwimATX goes virtual
- End of Spring 2021 – Northeast Early College High School withdraws from the program
- Fall of 2022 – SwimATX returns to in-person



Deliverables:

City of Austin, Aquatic Division

- Facility usage – no charge
- Provide staff to teach and lifeguard
- Provide scholarships valued at \$425 in the form of the StarGuard Elite Lifeguard Certification course that will be provided to each of the 50 AISD students in the lifeguard certification program.
- Recruit students to participate
- Provide a single point of contact
 - Austin Independent School District



Deliverables:

Austin Independent School District

- Provide student participants
 - Total of 50 students per year
 - Allow students to earn PE credit for class
- Establish mutually agreeable class times
- Provide final student roster
- Provide a physical education instructor to monitor and assist students
- Provide transportation to and from swimming facilities
- Provide lunch for students participating in the lifeguard certification course
- Provide completed written permission waivers



Current Status

- Swim ATX remains active at Akins High School
- As the completion of the Spring 2022 semester :
 - 366 students have participated
 - 66 students have worked as a lifeguard
 - 7 are currently employed by the City of Austin
 - Approximately, 20 students from Akins are prepared to take the class in May 23



Requested Committee Action

- Recommend to the Parks and Recreation Board the negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement between the City of Austin and the Austin Independent School District for SwimATX, a year-long swim lesson program that includes the 36-hour lifeguard certification course, which will be provided to the students of select AISD high schools.
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