



Los Fresnos CISD
Career & Technical Education
Criminal Justice
School Year Contract
2026 - 2027 & 2027- 2028
Cameron County, Texas

Los Fresnos Police Department
Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Los Fresnos Consolidated Independent School District
Career & Technical Education Program
Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security (LPSCS)

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Partner Organizations:
Local Police Departments, Courts, Correctional Agencies, and Public Safety Organizations

Program Overview

The Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security (LPSCS) Program at Los Fresnos Consolidated Independent School District (CISD) provides high school students with valuable career preparation through classroom instruction and real-world exposure in the fields of law enforcement, correctional services, court systems, and public safety operations.

Partnerships between educational institutions and public safety agencies provide mutual benefits. Students gain practical experience and career preparation during their high school years. School districts are able to expand learning opportunities and provide real-world training experiences, while partner agencies help develop a pool of responsible, skilled, and career-ready individuals interested in serving their communities.

Description of the Partnership**Los Fresnos CISD will:**

1. *Select up to 20 students to participate in the LPSCS training program.*
2. *Provide a qualified instructor responsible for student supervision, coordination, and instruction within the LPSCS program.*
3. *Provide all necessary instructional materials and supplies required.*
4. *Provide transportation to and from training locations when applicable.*
5. *Provide student accident insurance coverage through the Student Insurance Program for students participating in the program.*
6. *Ensure students follow all district policies, safety regulations, confidentiality standards, and professional conduct expectations.*
7. ***Ensure that students and parents complete and sign a required waiver and release before participation in any program activities with the Los Fresnos Police Department and other partner agencies.***

Partner Agencies will:

Participating police departments, courts, correctional facilities, and public safety organizations will provide students with opportunities to gain exposure to real-world operations within the criminal justice system.

Partner agencies will:

1. *Provide designated criminal justice professionals to serve as mentors, trainers, or supervisors for students participating in the LPSCS program for 3 hours daily, 4 days per week; the exact schedule will be mutually agreed upon. The partner agency will work with the students on a 2-3-week rotating schedule.*
2. *Provide opportunities for students to observe and learn from professionals in areas related to:*

Law Enforcement:

- *Patrol and community safety operations*
- *Investigations and evidence handling*
- *Emergency response and communication*
- *Dispatch and communication operations*
- *Evidence handling procedures*

Correctional Services:

- *Facility operations and inmate supervision*
- *Safety and security procedures*
- *Professional conduct in controlled environments*
- *Correctional officer roles and responsibilities*

- *Intake and classification procedures*

Court Systems:

- *Courtroom procedures and protocol*
- *Roles of judges, attorneys, and court staff*
- *How cases are processed and handled*

Legal Services / Attorneys:

- *Client meetings and legal research*
 - *Preparing cases for court*
 - *Legal ethics and professional responsibilities*
 - *Understanding civil and criminal legal processes*
3. *Provide presentations, demonstrations, or guided tours of facilities when appropriate to help students understand career pathways within the criminal justice system.*
 4. *When applicable, agency representatives may complete student participation or performance evaluations, which may be used as part of the student's academic assessment within the program.*

Program Expectations

This program is designed for educational and career exploration purposes only. Students will not receive monetary compensation from participating agencies or from Los Fresnos CISD.

Students remain under the supervision of the Los Fresnos CISD instructor and designated agency personnel during program activities.

Students are expected to maintain professional conduct, confidentiality, ethical behavior, and safety awareness at all times.

Students must comply with all agency rules, security procedures, and legal restrictions when visiting or participating in activities at law enforcement, correctional, or court facilities.

Agreement Duration and Renewal

*This agreement is effective **August 12, 2026, through May 22, 2028.***

*The agreement shall **automatically renew for successive one-year periods** at the end of each school year unless either party provides written notice at least **sixty (60) days before the end of the school year** indicating its intent not to renew.*

*If either party fails to fulfill its responsibilities under this agreement, the non-defaulting party may provide written notice specifying the issue. If the issue is not corrected within **thirty (30) days**, the agreement may be terminated immediately.*

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Signatures

Superintendent of Schools *Date*
Los Fresnos Consolidated Independent School District

Charlie Banda, *Date*
Chief of Police
Los Fresnos Police Department