

La Joya ISD & EduGuide Partner on Persistence in College-Career Academies

With matching support from the Greater Texas Foundation, La Joya Independent School District brought EduGuide’s Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) program to all eight of their T-STEM and other high school academies. The Academies combine traditional high school curriculum with rigorous college-level coursework and partnerships with employers to ensure career-readiness. La Joya ISD selected EduGuide because the program focuses on SEL skills that are highly-valued by employers, including problem-solving, teamwork and effective communication.

How it Works

Students at La Joya Academies use EduGuide weekly during class time to address the social and emotional components of their learning and prepare for the rigors of their coursework. “T-STEM and other academy students need more support to tackle advanced curriculum,” explained Lupe Chavez, La Joya Academies Director. “EduGuide equips them with skills and mindsets to persist. The program has been remarkable in its delivery and impact on La Joya ISD students.”

Staff at the eight academies respond to students’ growth with mentoring comments. And both staff and students take on weekly mentoring challenges to spread the SEL skills they are learning to others.

“WITH EDUGUIDE I HAVE MORE KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE WAYS I CAN HELP MYSELF AND THE PEOPLE AROUND ME. IT MAKES A HUGE POSITIVE IMPACT.”

- LEON, 9TH GRADER

“MY WORK WITH EDUGUIDE HAS HELPED ME BECOME MORE SELF CONFIDENT AND PUT MORE EFFORT IN ACHIEVING GOALS.”

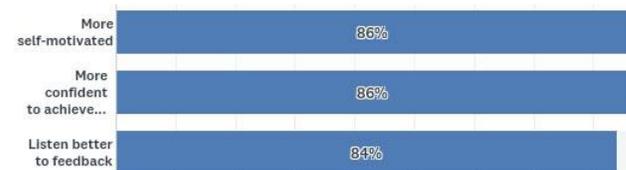
- ANNA, 10TH GRADER

Results

EduGuide is achieving significant impacts on La Joya students. “My students are able to express themselves and give value to the program,” stated Luis Bocanegra, Administrator of La Joya Palmview High School T-STEM Academy. “They are more vocal in class and give each other more respect. And I value the opportunity that it gives us to see the other side that the students don’t bring into the classroom, that we don’t always get a chance to see.”

A post assessment of students and staff support Principal Bocanegra’s statement. 91% of La Joya students reported growth using EduGuide, and 100% of staff reported observing growth in students. The most-commonly reported growth areas were self-motivation, confidence to achieve a college/career degree, and listening better to constructive feedback – all particularly critical factors in tackling rigorous college and career curriculum.

Highlights from Student Impact Assessment



Students also reported higher grades and test scores, better attendance and completing more schoolwork. “EduGuide is an excellent resource to address the social and emotional component of learning,” concluded Principal Bocanegra.