



RANGER COLLEGE

District Service Plan for Erath County As Required
by Texas Education Code Section 130.065(c)



Ranger College is pleased to publish this service plan for the territory proposed for annexation. Expansion of the Ranger College District to include Erath County would result in the following property tax rate, services, and programs for Erath County residents.

TAX RATE

- The most recent maintenance and operation property tax rate adopted by the board is \$0.245306 per \$100 assessed property valuation. The maximum maintenance and operation property tax rate that the board is allowed to adopt is \$0.50 per \$100 assessed property valuation.
- The college district anticipates a \$0.21272 tax rate per \$100 assessed property valuation for Debt Service from voter-approved bond referendum elections. The maximum debt service tax rate that the board is allowed to offer for voter approved bond referendum elections is \$0.50.
- The college district has demonstrated a very low and stable tax rate over the past decade. (See chart.) It is anticipated that the administration will recommend to the Ranger College Board of Trustees a tax rate of \$0.11 per \$100 assessed property valuation for the maintenance and operation property tax rate for the Tax Year 2018 implementation cycle.
- To offset the impact of the tax on seniors, Ranger College will provide for seniors (over 65) and surviving spouses a \$5,000 exemption on valuation of property.

TUITION SAVINGS

- All Erath County residents would receive in-district tuition and fees, a savings of 49% from the current tuition rate. Currently, the out-of-district tuition and mandatory fees applied to Erath County residents is \$151 per semester credit hour (SCH). With passage of the tax annexation, all Erath County residents would benefit from the significantly lower in-district tuition and mandatory fees of only \$103 per SCH. For example, RC students from Erath County currently pay \$524 in tuition and mandatory fees for a 3 semester credit hour course while in-district students pay \$380 for the same course – a savings of \$144 for every 3 SCH course. For a full-time student taking 12 SCH, this results in a total savings of \$556 per semester.
- Only College in Texas to offer Pell Grants for all eligible high school students taking a minimum of 12 hours toward an Associate Degree. (Pell Grant is prorated for taking less than 12 hours).
- For students not eligible for Pell Grants, the in-district dual enrollment cost drops from \$80 to \$25 per SCH. The Tuition and Fees savings would be realized regardless of whether they qualify for Pell. Savings will be \$165 for each 3 hour class compared to out of district, and \$305 in savings compared to regular out of district tuition and fees.

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

- Comprehensive and rigorous academic and workforce education programs for university transfer or career programs earning more than 17 associate's degrees or certificates – some of which can be completed for entry-level jobs in one year or less. RC is an accredited member of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the Texas State Board of Nursing.
- Seamless transitions in university transfer articulation agreements providing low-cost options to achieve a bachelor's degree or higher, capitalizing on the affordable community college tuition structure for the first two years.
- Scheduling options including day, evening, weekend, online, distance education, and concentrated Fast-Track or mini-mesters.
- Low cost dual credit programs with public school districts for qualifying high school juniors and seniors allowing completion of college credits while still in high school.
- Only College in Texas allowed to offer Pell Grants for eligible high school students taking six or more college credit hours.

- Full student support services, including academic advising, admissions and records, degree and career advising, tutorial services, financial aid, veterans services, library services and student life.
- Customized training to assist businesses and organizations in their employee training. RC partners with the Texas Workforce Commission, Stephenville Chamber of Commerce, Stephenville Type B Economic Development Authority and Small Business Development Center to bring enhanced opportunities for economic growth and development to the region.
- Continuing education and lifelong learning experiences for personal and professional development for all ages.

EXTRA & CONTINUING ADVANTAGES

- Assured access to quality, affordable, and accessible education through Ranger College – an institution that has served the region unconditionally since 1925 with a legacy of excellence in building generations of college graduates and a highly-trained workforce.
- Assured continuation of a highly-qualified workforce, such as nurses, EMT/ paramedics, health care providers, HVAC technicians, welding technicians, industrial and electrical technicians, commercial truck driving, OSHA and other safety training.
- Additional services and programs RC is poised to provide in critically needed fields for economic stability and growth, such as health care, emergency services, manufacturing, logistics, and environmental engineering.
- Eligibility to vote in elections of the Ranger College Governing Board of Trustees and have representation for designated place positions across the taxing district.

ERATH COUNTY

- The College will improve the current facilities in Erath County at the Stephenville campus and in conjunction with the local independent school districts develop more partnerships and more training opportunities.



Public Hearing Notice:

Erath County residents may learn more about and provide input to the proposed Ranger College service plan at a public hearing posted by the Ranger College Board of Trustees. The date and location will be announced within 30 days. Questions about the RC Erath County Service Plan may be directed to RC's Public Relations Office at 254-267-7002 or emailed to info@rangercollege.edu.

Learn more online at www.RangerCollege.edu