

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF RAND HENDERSON

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MCTXSheriff and Conroe ISD partner to continue education for youthful inmates

The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, in collaboration with Conroe Independent School District, provides high school education or its equivalent to incarcerated students in Montgomery County Jail. This program provides incarcerated students who were enrolled in Conroe ISD or surrounding districts prior to incarceration the ability to resume their academic schedule. Teachers from Conroe ISD's DAEP (Disciplinary Alternative Educational Program) come to the Montgomery County Jail four days a week for tutoring and act as a liaison between the school campus and the incarcerated student.

As of today, DAEP teachers have had direct instruction time with over 60 incarcerated high school students. The goal of the program is for students to continue with their academic schedule while incarcerated in order to successfully integrate back into the classroom once released.

To date, two students have graduated high school with their diploma while still incarcerated in Montgomery County. Many other students returned to their home campus once released from jail. Currently, the program has nine participants. Studies show that only one in five students that drop out of high school enroll, so it is imperative the students stay on course while in jail.

Sheriff Rand Henderson states, "It is in the interest of the children and the community to help incarcerated youth build the skills they need to succeed in life and to become productive citizens. Through partnerships with Conroe ISD we are able to eliminate barriers and do what we can to put youth back on track. This program is in its third year of implementation and we look forward to the program's continued involvement. I want to personally thank the school districts, principals, counselors, and teachers that make this program possible."



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