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Contribution builds upon Samsung's commitment to developing STEM-ready workforce in Central Texas



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TAYLOR, Texas—Nov. 14, 2023—Samsung Austin Semiconductor is investing in Taylor Independent School District's effort in career and technical education (CTE) to help build the talent pipeline needed to support the growing semiconductor ecosystem in Central Texas as part of its [5-Star Workforce Development plan](#).

Samsung Austin Semiconductor's initial \$1 million investment will help underwrite vital equipment, staff and training needed for classrooms, dual credit labs for coursework, robotics and automation and other manufacturing-related program specifics laboratory for Taylor ISD's new CTE building at Taylor High School, which is targeted for completion in the fall of 2025.

"This new investment from Samsung Austin Semiconductor underscores our shared commitment to the next generation of advanced manufacturing talent," said Dr. Jennifer Garcia-Edwardsen, superintendent of Taylor ISD. "Our students have enjoyed working as interns and learning about the semiconductor industry. We look forward to our continued long-term partnership in ensuring that our scholars are inspired, equipped and empowered to achieve their unique potential."

The district currently offers 16 CTE programs that provide hands-on experience in a variety of careers, from engineering to health science.

Samsung Austin Semiconductor has partnered with the school district since announcing Taylor as the site for a \$17 billion manufacturing facility in November 2021. From providing students tours of the facility, [hosting a summer internship program](#), providing funding for teacher innovation and [awarding a one-time grant of \\$250,000](#), Samsung will continue to find ways to engage and collaborate with the school district

"We are excited to expand our relationship with Taylor ISD and invest in the vital resources necessary to provide an effective learning method about the semiconductor industry," Samsung Austin Semiconductor president Bonyoung Koo said. "We believe our partnership can help build the future workforce of Texas and we look forward to supporting education that will encourage students to consider a career in the semiconductor industry. Our partnership is important for Taylor, our state and the nation, and the impact will be felt worldwide."

"The investment by Samsung Austin Semiconductor will empower some of Taylor's brightest and best students," said Rachelle Finck, director of Behavioral Health & Student Services at Taylor ISD. "This collaboration and Samsung presence in Taylor will provide opportunities for



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