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**DIMMIT
COUNTY**

SERVICE PLAN

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Executive Summary

Expanding opportunity for Dimmit County through education and workforce investment

Dimmit County stands at a pivotal moment. A young workforce, high poverty rates, and limited access to postsecondary credentials create urgency, and opportunity, for strategic investment.

Annexation would:

- Establish a **Carrizo Springs Technical Campus**
- Provide **in-district tuition savings** of approximately \$1,020 per 12-credit semester
- Expand dual credit, workforce certifications, and adult education programs
- Create 10-15 initial local jobs
- Free tuition to high school graduates
- Representation on Board of Trustees

The average homeowner impact is approximately **\$100 per year, less than \$9 per month.**

Annexation ensures Dimmit County students and employers have the tools to compete and thrive within Texas' growing economy.



The Vision: Carrizo Springs Technical Campus

Annexation would allow Southwest Texas College to establish a permanent technical training presence in Carrizo Springs, expanding student access and meeting local workforce demand. This investment represents the first phase of a long-term strategy to strengthen educational pathways and expand economic opportunity within Dimmit County.

Initial Phase Investment

- Conceptual plans may include approximately 15,000–20,000 square feet of classroom, office, and laboratory space
- Early estimates suggest a potential capital investment in the range of approximately \$4–\$7 million
- Facility planning discussions include consideration of future expansion opportunities
- The proposed concept could support technical credentialing and workforce training opportunities responsive to regional workforce and employer needs.

Potential Facility Components

Following a market analysis and continued assessment of regional workforce needs, the proposed facility concept may include components such as:

Technical Labs

- A welding laboratory equipped to support hands-on technical instruction
- A modular laboratory space that could support rotating programs such as HVAC, Construction Science, or other high-demand technical training areas as workforce priorities evolve
- Cosmetology laboratory and student salon space that may support workforce credentialing and community training opportunities
- Designated training space that may accommodate CDL/Truck Driving and Powerline Technology programs

Instructional & Student Support Space

- Two dedicated classrooms per lab program
- Classrooms to support community-based academic courses
- Faculty offices
- Study and learning center
- Registration and Success Coach office
- Workforce Training and Development offices

The proposed structure is intended to provide flexible space for technical instruction, academic coursework, advising support, and workforce development services aligned with community and employer needs.



Economic & Community Impact

- Hire **10-15 full-time employees** in addition to part-time and work study
- Commitment to local workforce engagement and hiring where feasible
- Increased opportunities for career advancement within Dimmit County
- Creation of permanent educational infrastructure within the county
- Supports regional economic development strategy

Annexation moves beyond program expansion and establishes permanent institutional capacity to support Dimmit County's long-term workforce and economic development goals.

Alignment with Carrizo Springs CISD

The proposed campus would:

- Expand dual credit technical pathways
- Increase access to career and technical education programs
- Strengthen high school-to-college transitions
- Support workforce-ready credential attainment for graduating seniors

This alignment ensures that local students can pursue both transfer pathways and high-demand technical careers without leaving the region.

Return on Investment

The proposed workforce training facility has the potential to generate both economic and community benefits throughout the region.

- Expanded access to local workforce training and technical credentials may help retain students and skilled workers within the region.
- Increased local employment opportunities and workforce preparation could contribute to higher earnings, stronger local spending, and broader economic activity within surrounding communities.
- Development of a regional talent pipeline may help reduce employer reliance on recruiting workers from outside the area while strengthening partnerships between education, industry, and community stakeholders.

Together, these outcomes may support long-term workforce stability, regional competitiveness, and sustainable community growth.

Required Service Plan Information

Pursuant to *Texas Education Code §130.065(c)*, the Southwest Texas College Board is required under state law to complete and publish a Service Plan for the territory proposed for annexation not later than the 30th day before the date of the public hearing. This informational Service Plan includes required property tax, tuition, and fee information associated with the proposed inclusion of Dimmit County into the Southwest Texas College District.

Maximum Property Tax Rate

In accordance with Texas Education Code §130.065(c), the maximum property tax rate Southwest Texas College may adopt is \$1.00 per \$100 assessed valuation, subject to limitations established under Texas law related to maintenance and operations and debt service taxation.

Most Recent Adopted Property Tax Rate

The most recent property tax rate adopted by the Southwest Texas College Board of Trustees is \$0.12 per \$100 assessed valuation.

At this time, no additional tax rate increase is proposed specifically in connection with the proposed annexation of Dimmit County.

In-District Tuition Rate Following Annexation

If annexation is approved, students residing within Dimmit County would qualify for Southwest Texas College's in-district tuition rate.

Current estimated in-district tuition and mandatory fees are approximately \$110.25 per semester credit hour. Tuition and fee schedules remain subject to change upon action of the Southwest Texas College Board of Trustees.

Out-of-District Tuition and Fees

Students residing outside the Southwest Texas College taxing district are charged the out-of-district tuition and fee rate.

Current estimated out-of-district tuition and mandatory fees are approximately \$180.25 per semester credit hour. Tuition and fee schedules remain subject to change upon action of the Southwest Texas College Board of Trustees.

Publication Requirement

This Service Plan is informational only and is published in accordance with Texas Education Code §130.065(c) not later than the 30th day before the public hearing regarding the proposed annexation.