



2026 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ Industrial Craft Competition



The Industrial Craft Competition (ICC) is a program sponsored by The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™, with the aim of fostering development of industrial craft skills for students enrolled in career and technical education programs from schools across Texas. Not only does this competition provide invaluable project-based training and experience, it offers career opportunities to students and provides a valuable recruiting pipeline to the industrial construction industry. There are two competitions that take place annually as part of the Industrial Craft Competition.

The first is a team-based competition completed over the course of several months as part of a high school industrial craft course. Industry mentors work in tandem with high school instructors to construct a spec-built project that is judged by industry experts. Each team is required to deliver a live presentation preceded by a detailed inspection of the project at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

ICC at a Glance

- 2390** Students impacted by the ICC program since 2018
- 21** High schools competing in the 2026 team competition
- 52** Students identified for industry jobs in 2024
- 100+** Mentors involved in ICC
- \$10K** Average cost per ICC project

Team Competition: March 7, 2026
Individual Competition: April 18, 2026

“When the other students see the ICC program being worked on in our shop, they ask - what is that? They see the ICC team performing at a high level and they want to do that. The ICC competition makes our teaching and the school program that we are trying to develop even better.”

Mr. Rose; Pearland High School Teacher / Lead ICC Instructor

The second is a live competition for individual high school seniors (preferred). Competitors are required to follow drawings or weld to spec in one of three categories – pipe welding, structural welding or pipe fitting – and are then independently judged by industry professionals. Upon completion of the competition, students engage with company representatives who present career opportunities and coordinate interviews.

How Can You Help?

All materials for these competitions are provided to the students. Funding and in-kind support ensures the competition's success.

To contribute or to learn more, please reach out to Tara Wilson at twilson@eventsiagroup.com.

ICC Reach 2025-26

1	Brazosport ISD	Brazoswood High School	TIER ONE
2	Pearland ISD	PEARLAND HS	TIER ONE
3	Clear Creek ISD	CLEAR FALLS HS	TIER ONE
4	Alvin ISD	JB Hensler	TIER ONE
5	Brookshire Royal ISD	Royal High School	TIER ONE
6	Katy ISD	Cinco Ranch High School	TIER ONE
7	Port Arthur ISD	Memorial C.A.T.E	TIER ONE
8	Magnolia ISD	Magnolia High School	TIER ONE
9	Goose Creek ISD	Stuart Career Center	TIER ONE
10	Galveston ISD	BALL HS	TIER ONE
1	Cleveland ISD	Cleveland High School	TIER TWO
2	Dickinson ISD	Dickinson High School	TIER TWO
3	Galena Park ISD	North Shore HS	TIER TWO
4	HISD	MADISON HS	TIER TWO
5	HISD	Sterling High School	TIER TWO
6	Port Neches- Groves ISD	Port Neches- Groves HS	TIER TWO
7	Fort Bend ISD	James Reese Career Center	TIER TWO
8	Needville ISD	Needville HS	TIER TWO
9	Hardin Jefferson ISD	Hardin Jefferson High School	TIER TWO
10	KLEIN ISD	Klein Forest Ag Mechanics	TIER TWO
11	Nederland ISD	Nederland High School	TIER TWO

