Black leather chairs with chrome accents stand at attention in front of shiny new mirrors with globe lights hanging overhead. Shelves filled with haircare products cover a wall, fronted by a white marble check-in desk. A line of black sinks — with chairs in front, ready for hair washing — stretches out along another wall.

It may sound like a typical barber shop, ready for customers to get their regular trim. But this particular shop is actually a classroom located at Westfield High School and is home to Spring ISD’s first-ever barbering program.

“We are super excited because we are the only district in this region that has a barber school,” Assistant Superintendent of High Schools Rebecca Brown said. “Not only is it a barber school where kids graduate and have their certification ready to get a job, but when they finish here and graduate they also get an associate degree. It’s a double whammy.”

The four-year program centers around a trio of year-long courses: a customer service class for 9th-graders, Barbering 1 for sophomores, and Barbering 2 for juniors. Once students have completed the required amount of hours and received their barbering license, they can participate in career prep programs their senior year, allowing them to attend classes and work professionally as a fully-licensed barber.