What is an Early College High School?

 › ECHS is a four year program which provides students the opportunity to earn an Associate’s degree or 60 college hours along with their high school diploma.*

 › Small learning community that fosters strong, positive relationships among staff and students

 › 125 – 140 students per grade level

 › Dean of Instruction and a Counselor dedicated to each ECHS

 › Pasadena ISD is expanding ECHS to ALL comprehensive high schools in 2017-2018!
A School Within a School Model

› As a Freshman and Sophomore, students will take all classes at their zoned comprehensive high school campus:
  • Pasadena High School
  • Sam Rayburn High School
  • Pasadena Memorial High School
  • Dobie High School
  • South Houston High School

› As a Junior and Senior, students will take all classes at:
  • San Jacinto College – Central or South Campus
South Houston Early College
Pasadena Memorial Early College
Dobie 9th Grade Campus and ECHS
Benefits of a *School Within a School* Model

› Students are able to participate in sports, fine arts, and all of the clubs and organizations that the comprehensive high school has to offer.

› Students get to experience high school and transition to college with support.

› Begin with two college classes as a freshman and by senior year, students take a full college load.
SJC Degrees Available

› Associate of Arts in General Studies
› Associate of Arts in Business
› Associate of Arts in Behavioral Science
› Associate of Arts in Communications*
› Associate of Science in Life Science
› Associate of Science in Mathematics
ECHS is an Investment in the Community

› Tuition and textbooks are **FREE** to families.
› Pasadena ISD pays for tuition and textbooks.
› San Jacinto College provides discount on tuition.
› Pasadena ISD provides transportation.
› It is a scholarship based on what we know our students can achieve!
› Research indicates that ECHS students often return to their community to work and live.
Why Early College High School?

› In today’s highly competitive, global economy, all young people need a postsecondary education.

› Students are able to attain a postsecondary credential that leads to a family-supporting career.

› Internships are available with the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce and other community partners.
Why Early College High School?

✓ Students drop out of HS or do not attend college because:
  › They do not feel challenged
  › They do not see a clear pathway
  › Not prepared for challenging academic work
  › Financial issues
  › Family obligations
  › Must join work force after high school graduation

✓ ECHS provides:
  › Rigorous and relevant coursework
  › Degree plan leads to career options
  › Strong academic support
  › Tuition and textbooks are free
  › Students do not yet have a family of their own
  › Students are able to take advantage of time in high school
ECHS Student Selection

› ALL eighth grade students zoned to PISD are eligible to apply.
› Online application was available from November to January.
› 800 applications were submitted for 2017-2018 school year.
› Ideal candidates are motivated, determined, and committed.
   – First generation college goers
   – Have potential but need support
   – Economically disadvantaged
   – Traditionally underrepresented on college campuses
Are 9th graders ready for college?

- EDUC 1300 – provides a strong foundation of college ready skills
- ECHS provides the academic, social, and emotional support that students need to be successful
- Summer Bridge Program
- Faculty mentors
- Tutoring at the high school and college
- Friday advisory sessions with counselor
Family Support is Important

› Students need a designated study area at home that is free of distractions.
› It’s helpful if students do not have to work.
› Occasionally, parents may need to provide transportation to evening events or weekend tutoring.
› We ask that parents attend regular meetings and conferences if needed.
› ECHS students set a great example for younger siblings and family members.
ECHS Students Are High Achievers

› 2011 – 50 Freshmen ➔ 2016 – 135 Freshmen

› The number of Associate’s degrees and college hours has increased each year.

› ECHS students have a higher passing rate on all STAAR tests.

› SJC has reported that ECHS students often outperform the regular college students.

› Several of our PECHS students have received invitations to the SJC Honors Program.
PECHS Accomplishments

Classes of 2015 and 2016

Universities:
› Texas A&M
› University of Texas
› University of Houston
› UH – Clear Lake
› University of St. Thomas
› Georgia Tech
› Military

Majors:
› Mechanical, Chemical, and Petroleum Engineering
› Education
› Marketing
› Business Administration
› Healthcare Administration
› Nursing
› Biochemistry
Video: The Benefits of ECHS

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