



Dear Parent/Guardian,

It is my pleasure to inform you that your child is eligible to apply for admission to the South Garland Early College High School for the 2019 – 2020 school year. This new GISD Magnet Program offers students the opportunity to graduate high school with up to 60 college credits or an Associate's Degree for free. This Early College High School (ECHS) model has demonstrated student success nationwide and can help improve your child's high school performance as well as increase their chances of completing their college degree. This is done through assisting all students through academic advising, tutoring, AVID, college readiness training, and mentoring throughout their 4 years in the program. This is an extraordinary opportunity that could transform the life of your child.

The South Garland ECHS is made up of a partnership between South Garland High School and Eastfield College. The South Garland ECHS students will conveniently attend courses inside a dedicated section of South Garland High School. This allows students to experience college curriculum while participating in all of organizations and extracurricular activities that South Garland High offers. These students will also have access to the Eastfield College campus and its resources.

The ECHS is limited to 125 students each year. This will allow students to be grouped in a small cohort to foster a tight-knit learning community. While all students in GISD can apply for admission, your child's application is encouraged because he/she meets one or more of the criteria below:

- might be the first to attend college in their family
- strong desire to attend college, but may need financial support
- motivated to challenge themselves with advanced/college level coursework
- open to academic guidance from dedicated teachers and professionals

To be considered for the South Garland ECHS, please complete the attached application and return it to your child's school counselor. Once the application has been received, your child's counselor will forward it to the South Garland ECHS committee. Once the selection process has been completed, in accordance with The Early College High School Blueprint; you will be notified if your child has been selected to attend Garland ISD's first Early College High School for the 2019 – 2020 school year.

I strongly encourage you attend the South Garland ECHS Information Night on Thursday, January 10th at 6:00 so you can learn more about this unique and exciting opportunity.

Thank You,

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