

## Garland ISD ECHS/P-TECH Admission Policy

Early College High Schools (ECHS) and Pathways in Technology (P-TECH) are innovative high schools that allow students least likely to attend college an opportunity to earn a high school diploma and 60 college credit hours. Students from underrepresented backgrounds (i.e. at-risk, low income and/or first-generation college attendees) are targets for designated ECHSs and P-TECHs; however, students of all backgrounds are encouraged to attend.

### Application Criteria:

- 8th grade students who reside in the Garland ISD attendance zone are eligible to apply
- Students must complete an application during the designated application windows

### Benefits of Early College High Schools and Pathways in Technology:

- Engage first-generation college attendees
- Provide dual credit at no cost to students
- Offer courses that mirror a college setting, with academic counseling to help students develop the skills needed for post-high school success
- Increase college enrollment and success rates for all students
- Strengthen connections between middle schools, high schools and higher education institutions to promote a culture of college readiness

Garland ISD does not consider academic, discipline, state assessments or other criteria for the ECHS and P-TECH selection process.

### Lottery Process

If more students apply than there are seats available, all applicants will be placed in an open-access computerized lottery that considers applications from all students. All students have an equal opportunity for acceptance, regardless of background or academic performance. When all the seats are filled, the remaining students will be placed on the waiting list. Students will be called from the waitlist as seats become available until the second week of school.

