

Early College High School Written Recruitment Plan:

Recruitment for the high school 9th grade cohort begins in the preceding school year with the district's 8th graders. During the fall semester, all students are given the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Pre-assessment Activity (PAA) and the Texas Success Initiative Assessment (TSIA).

Students who take the TSI will then get parental permission to complete an Apply Texas Application for the district's institute of higher education (IHE) partner, in this case Texas Southmost College (TSC). Students have until mid-January to complete this application.

Beginning in January through the first week of February, each Early College High School is required to have a parent meeting for all students and parents interested in becoming part of the 9th grade cohort. This meeting is held in conjunction with the district's IHE partner, TSC.

At this meeting the students receive the pre-slugged Early College High School Commitment Form that must be signed by a parent/guardian and returned to the home middle school campus. The deadline for this form to be returned is mid-February.

Once all commitment forms are signed and returned, students names are entered into a weighted lottery pool for their zoned Early College High School. The lottery is held in mid-March at a central location and is open to the public. For transparency purposes, the lottery is filmed by the district's television station to be broadcast at a later date.

Throughout the entire recruitment calendar, important deadlines are sent out via the school district's messenger system in both English and Spanish, announced on a regular basis at each of the middle schools, and advertised in the local newspaper and on the district's website. Every effort is made to have all pertinent information readily available through multiple sources.