

ECS at Stamford High

Early College Studies at Stamford High School

What is ECS at SHS?

ECS offers SPS students the opportunity to graduate high school and earn an associate degree in 4-6 years! The program is focused on providing an in-depth technology-based education designed to prepare students to be successful in a variety of technical college and career fields. ECS is a combination of classroom learning, digital learning and practical experiences with the program including a student issued Chromebook, paid internship, summer programming as well as after-school academic support and wraparound college supports.

FAQS

What technology will we focus on at Stamford ECS?

All students will have an SHS issued Chromebook to enhance the digital learning experience. The offered Associates in Applied Science through ECS will be mobile programming and software engineering.

Will I get to see my friends that are not in Stamford ECS?

Yes, being part of the ECS team is the same as any other freshman team. Plus, lunch and electives will be attended with all SHS students.

Can I graduate in 4 years even if I haven't finished the associate degree requirements?

Yes, all high school requirements will be offered within the first 4 years of the program. Students have the choice to continue and complete their associate degree or graduate and apply to 4-year colleges/universities.

What if I'm not sure that I want to enter a career in the field of technology?

While ECS is a technology driven program, students will be provided with universal skills such as critical thinking, problem solving, time management and others which translate across all career and college fields.

Earning a diploma and associate degree seems like a lot – will it be too hard?

Through creative scheduling and dual enrolled courses, students can earn both college and high school credit through a single course. Students must demonstrate readiness before enrolling in college courses. After school tutoring is available, a summer program, and all SHS supports are available to ECS students.

Highlights

- Earn an associate degree and an SHS diploma at the same time!
- Transfer earned credits to a four-year college/university
- Learn valuable workplace skills that make you more attractive to any employer or college recruiter
- Work closely with mentors in a variety of fields
- Increase your earning potential directly out of high school
- Paid internship
- An SHS issued Chromebook while a member of Stamford ECHS
- Make history in the Stamford Community!

Providing Technology and 21st Century Skills needed to be successful in high school, college and the workplace

