

# **SGHS ECHS Admission Policy and Enrollment Application**

## **Campus and Program Overview**

South Garland High School is a comprehensive high school that is partnering with Dallas College to offer an Early High School (ECHS) program to incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders, continuing through their four years of high school. The program is designed to offer students the opportunity to earn up to 60 college credits at no cost. Students may earn an Associate's degree and/or industry based certifications while completing their high school graduation requirements. The courses are primarily housed at South Garland High School; however, all dual credit faculty are credentialed by Dallas College. Additionally, the ECHS embeds social/emotional supports throughout the program to support young learners who have the desire to take advanced coursework.

The goal of the ECHS program is to support and provide educational opportunities for traditionally underrepresented students in higher education including at-risk, low income, English language learners, and first generation students. Interested students should possess a high level of commitment, academic tenacity, and desire to do college-level work while in high school.

## **Admission Policy**

All students interested in a rigorous and supportive dual credit experience that leads to earning a high school diploma concurrently with an Associate's degree are encouraged to apply. As stated in The Early College High School Handbook, the South Garland ECHS shall target, recruit, and enroll students who are at risk of dropping out of school as defined by the Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) and who might not otherwise go to college.

## **Student Eligibility Criteria**

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) sets forth criteria for ECHS programs that targets at-risk, low income, English language learners, and first generation students. As a result, the following criteria will be used in determining student eligibility for the South Garland ECHS program:

- reside within the Garland ISD school zone
- be classified as a first-time, incoming 9th grader
- complete an application during the posted windows
- have the desire to take college-level coursework

## **Application Information**

Enrollment in South Garland ECHS is by application only. Applications and admissions information will be available on Skyward to complete. Signed applications must be submitted by the GISD Magnet deadline to be considered.

## **Selection Process**

The following outlines the application and selection process:

- Students will submit a completed ECHS application in Skyward Family Access by the GISD Magnet deadline.
- Students and parent(s) will attend an ECHS orientation meeting.
- If more eligible students apply than available seats, the South Garland ECHS Selection Committee will use a blind weighted lottery that is in accordance with Outcome Based Measures in Benchmark 1 of the Early College High School Blueprint.
- Students will attend the ECHS summer bridge program prior to the start of 9th grade.