



Silsbee ECHS Admission Policy

Silsbee Early College High School (SECHS) welcomes any student interested in earning a high school diploma and college credit hours simultaneously. As stipulated by the Texas Education Agency, ECHS schools are open-enrollment high schools that allow students least likely to attend college an opportunity to receive both a high school diploma and either an associate degree or at least 60 credit hours toward a baccalaureate degree. Early College High Schools enroll historically underserved students, target at-risk and economically disadvantaged students, provide dual credit at no cost, offer rigorous instruction, provide academic and social support services to help students succeed, provide students with highly personalized attention and intend to increase college readiness.

An applicant must be a Silsbee ISD actively enrolled student in the 8th grade.

Application Information

Enrollment in SECHS is by application only. Application and enrollment information will be provided to students and parents at SECHS Information Sessions held at Silsbee High School. Interested students may also download the application found on the SECHS website. Only complete, signed applications submitted by the deadline will be considered.

All applications are to be submitted by the deadline stated on the application to the designated areas noted by the Director of Early College High School.

Application Review

The Director of Early College High School will review all applications, conduct student interviews and provide consultation to students and parents regarding the commitment and performance expectations of an SECHS course.

Selection

Silsbee ISD administration determines the number of SECHS seats available each year. Should the number of applicants exceeds the number of seats available, then a performance-blind, open-access weighted lottery will be conducted to select the students for admission. Each applicant will be included once. Applicants identified as At Risk of not graduating will be included an additional three times. Applicants identified as male will be included two additional times. Applicants identified as African American, Hispanic, or Economically Disadvantaged will be included one additional time.

The lottery process shall be conducted by the Director of Early College High School, the SHS Principal, and teacher representatives to be held at the Silsbee High School campus. All entries will be drawn and recorded in the order in which drawn for placement on a Wait List. A video of the lottery process will be recorded and made part of the documentation retained according to district procedures.

Applicants not selected for admission will be placed on a Wait List for admission consideration should a selected applicant withdraw and a seat becomes available. Students on a Wait List will participate in the Summer Bridge program to better enable them to begin ECHS should a selected student decide to withdraw from the program. Admission consideration for vacated seats ends on the first instructional day of school for whichever comes first, LIT or Silsbee ISD.

Transfer Students

Students transferring into Silsbee ISD from another ECHS designated school as enrolled and in good standing will be considered for admission.