

ECHS Strategic Priorities

2023-2024

Priority #1, Benchmark #1: Hiring

This next year will be a challenge for hiring. We learned that one of our founding teachers is moving to another state at the end of the year, and she is a rock star Biology teacher, a master at building relationships with kids, and an advocate for the systems and mindset of ECHS. Additionally, the only other teacher who has been with us for five years earned her masters and will be teaching dual credit next year. She has been the main component in creating our ECHS culture, promoting a family atmosphere, and setting the foundation for students to pass the TSIA by the time they finish tenth grade. We will need to not only fill these positions, but find candidates who will work the model, engage with students, teach their subject matter, and fit the chemistry of the team we have already built.

Priority #2, Benchmark #4: Master Schedule

Our master schedule worked better this year for seniors. We ensured that they would not be missing large parts of core classes if they had to travel back to the high school campus from the college campus. Another plus was that we were able to work a freshmen level CLC into the school day, eliminating the need to meet after school. However, we need to now work on scheduling a sophomore CLC during the school day and work to schedule classes in a way that all level classes. At the moment, some freshmen classes are large while others are quite small.

Priority #3, Benchmark #4: TSIA

Mastering the TSIA test continues to be an area of growth for us. Students have to be able to read and write at the college level more quickly than their non-ECHS peers in order to successfully complete their associate's degrees. The ECHS team plans to offer targeted tutorials through intentional grouping in advisory this Spring and more opportunities to test during the school day. As a campus, we have purchased Mastery Prep books to use with our students, and we use the free study app provided by Accuplacer. We also anticipate using the new prep material in EdReady as soon as we get login information; students who have more gaps will use this program to ensure mastery before testing again. Additionally, students transitioning into ninth grade begin with a two-week Summer Bridge program which includes TSIA prep and college readiness. As a staff, we will continue to attend TSIA training sessions through College Board and our consultant, Tracey Hurst.