



Garland
Early College High School
DALLAS COLLEGE



ECHS AT GARLAND HS



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ONE THING TO KNOW ABOUT OUR TEAM:
WE ARE AS HONEST AND TRANSPARENT
AS POSSIBLE - NO HIDDEN SECRETS

Honest Truths about ECHS

It will be challenging and fast-paced - any good college-prep program is :-)

Effective time management and **organization** skills are important to build — poor time management leads to higher anxiety, stress

Deadlines - do not expect extensions or acceptance of late work by Dallas College

Self-Advocacy - ask a lot of questions, talk to us **before** last-minute

Connections - develop positive relationships with peers to form study groups and keep each other motivated



FIRST OF ALL -

WHAT IS EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL?

Early College High School (ECHS)

- Do you want to push yourself to experience college in HS?
- Grouped together in core classes (math, history, English, science)
- Dedicated magnet advisor, counselor, and assistant principal just for ECHS
- Dual credit courses included
- Must pass TSIA2 to be enrolled in most dual credit courses

PERKS?

Save LOADS of college tuition money!

Discounts to Spotify, Starbucks, Target, Amazon, etc.

Access to all Dallas College resources!

— Fitness Center, Library, Food, Bookstore, Athletics, etc.

Free DART Pass - rail and bus

Saving Money - Tuition, Fees, Books, etc. for 2 years

\$5,280 at Dallas College

\$59,576 at UT-Austin

\$63,406 at Texas A&M

\$162,148 at SMU

\$0 at Garland HS ECHS

At Garland HS:

NO uniforms, no rules on hair, 5 lunch lines (different food)

Many traditions, school spirit, strong community

Over 80 clubs and organizations

**Add culinary, engineering, woodworking, video game design,
fashion design, and other electives**

Not a stereotypical high school campus (not like the movies)

WHAT IS TSIA2 ?

TSIA2 Information & Passing Scores

TSIA2 is the entrance exam where a passing score is required before you can enroll in most college courses. We help prepare you for both sections so that you can enroll in as many dual credit courses that you desire.

Reading/Writing - before end of 9th

945 on multiple choice AND

5+ on essay (WritePlacer)

30 Questions

Test is untimed

Math - before the end of 10th

950+ on multiple choice

20 Questions

Test is untimed

Partial use of calculator



WE HAVE 2 DEGREE PATHWAYS!

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Class of 2028 - Associate of Arts (3x1)

Summer Bridge - TSI Prep

9th Fall	9th Spring	Credits
English 1 IH		
Alg 1 IH/Geom IH/Alg 2 IH		
Biology 1 IH		
AP Human Geography		3*
Foreign Language 1		
Elective		
AVID	EDUC 1300	3
POFI 1301		6
Potential College Hours:		12*

Summer Option - Geometry

10th Fall	10th Spring	Credits	11th Fall	11th Spring	Credits	12th Fall	12th Spring	Credits
English 2 IH			Elective			Elective		
Algebra 2 IH/AP Math			Elective			Elective		
IH Chemistry			Elective			Elective		
Foreign Language 2			AP Bio / Chem / Physics		3*	Elective		
Elective			PHED 1304	ARTS 1301	3	Elective		
Elective			ENGL 1301	ENGL 1302	6	ENGL 2332	ENGL 2333	6
HIST 1301	HIST 1302	6	PSYC 2301	MATH 1332	6	ECON 2301	SOCI 1301	6
PHED 1164	SPCH 1311	4	GOVT 2305	GOVT 2306	6	BIOL 1406	BIOL 1407	8
Potential College Hours:		10*	Potential College Hours:		25*	Potential College Hours:		20

If Algebra is not taken in middle school, Geometry must be taken in Summer School between 9th and 10th grade.

1/2 in Fall - 1/2 in Spring

Differences

Cohort: 125

Pathway Decision comes in 10th Grade

**Your senior year could be
100% at Richland College!**



ECHS END GOALS

BEGIN WITH THE END IN MIND

Associate's Degree is NOT the only goal!

Several other ways you can be successful in our ECHS program:

- Pass some college classes
- Get college-ready based on TSIA2 or SAT scores
- Certification for career skills (Adobe, Microsoft Office, refrigeration, etc.)
- Get career-ready by building skills to help you become a great employee

Our ultimate goal of ECHS - to better prepare you for life after high school than if you were never in the program at all.



SUPPORT SYSTEM

WE HELP YOU THROUGH IT ALL!

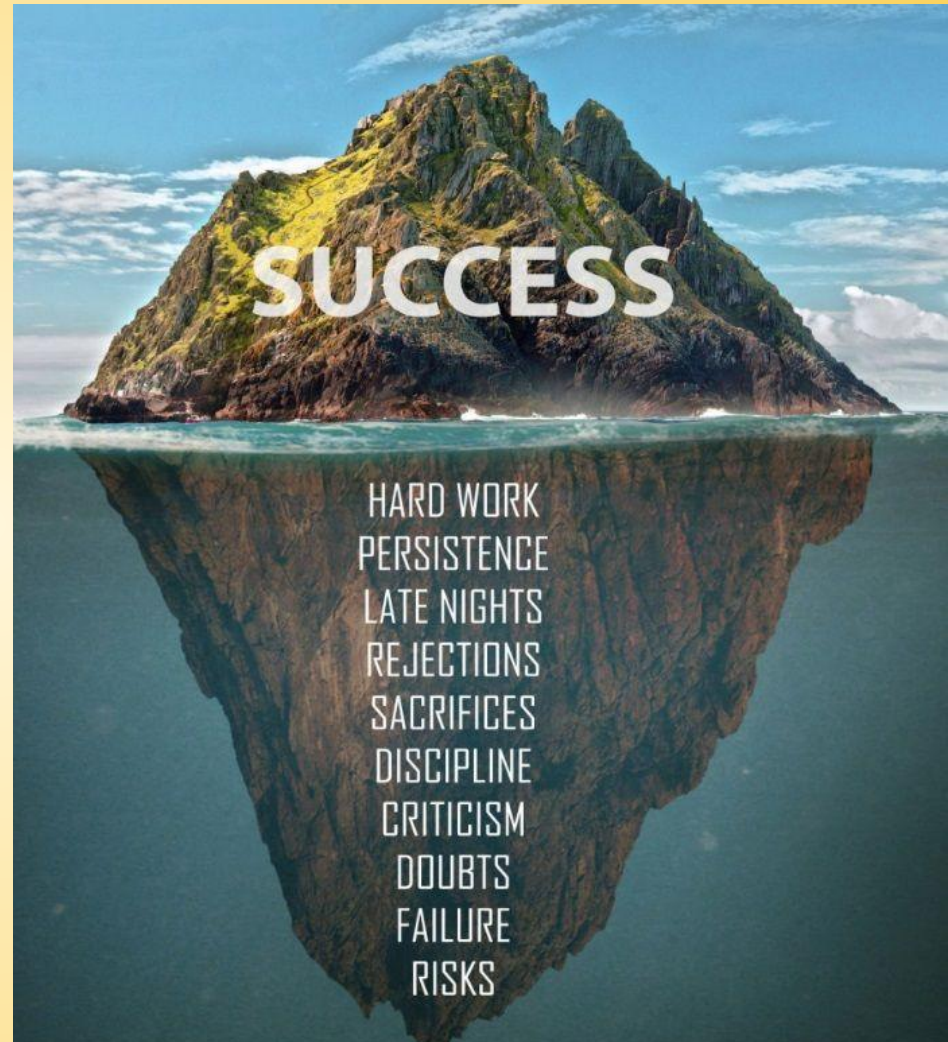
How can we help you?

Teachers/Advisor - classes, academics, tutoring

Counselor - mental, social, emotional health

Library - research databases, quiet place to study/work, books, etc.

Achievement Academy - need extra tutoring, place to focus, get ahead, etc





ECHS SCHEDULING

HOW DO YOU BUILD MY SCHEDULE?

Scheduling Priorities

Each student has individual needs so what works for one may not work for another.

Graduation requirements come **first** before any other course

Extra-curriculars require effective Time Management & Balance





SPECIFIC QUESTIONS?

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