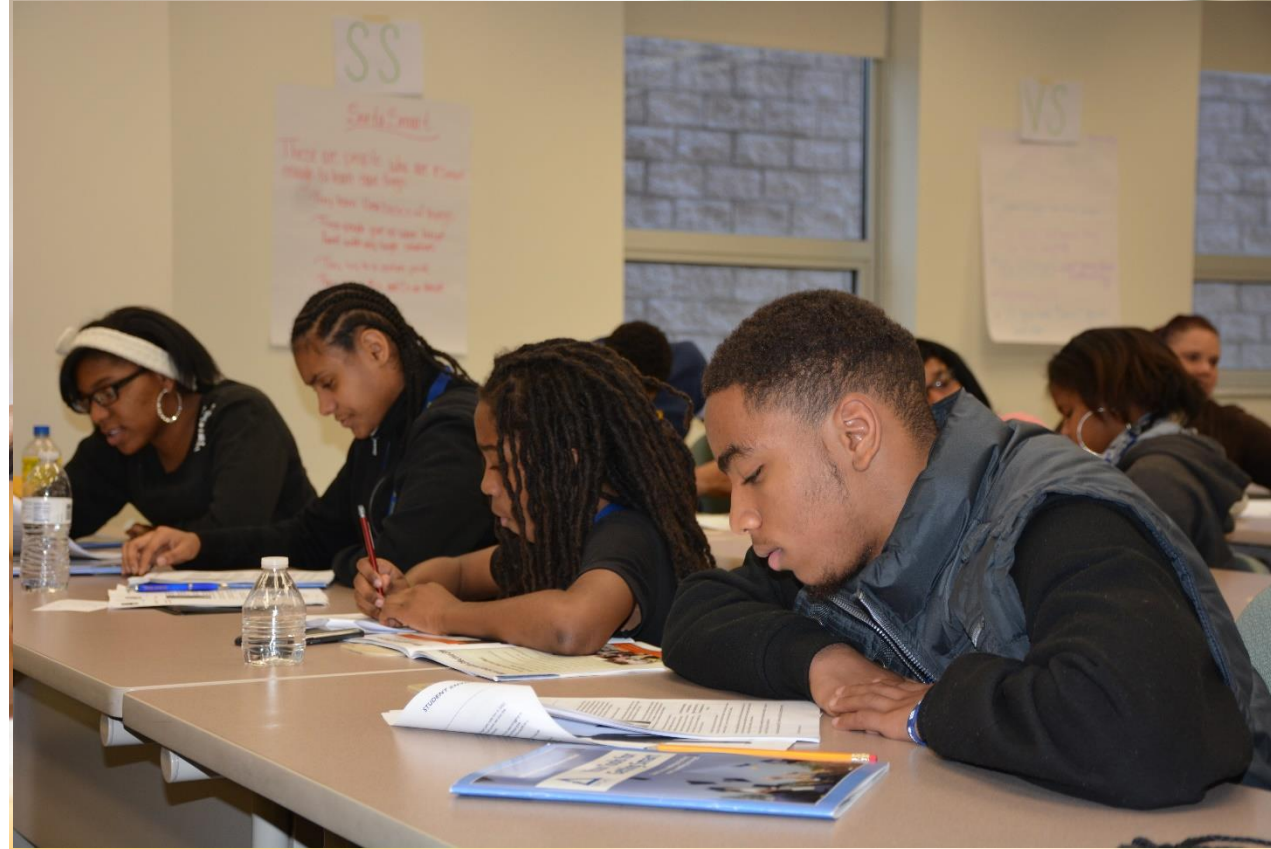


Early College in High School

Education Committee Meeting



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January 10, 2017

- ECHS in Action! (video)
- Historical Context of ECHS & Pittsburgh Public Schools
- ECHS Mission at U-Prep
- Target Audience for ECHS
- Student & Family Support
- 16-17 ECHS Launch Timeline

Update on the progress of the launch and implementation of Early College in High School (ECHS) at University Preparatory School at Margaret Milliones (U-Prep) for the 2016-17 school year.

Historical Context with ECHS & PPS

- Cross-functional team benchmarking trips in 2014-15 to investigate potential ECHS programming in PPS
- After visits, a planning committee was formed to develop long-term goals for ECHS at U Prep
- The following recommendations were made:
 - Partner with nearby Colleges/Universities (e.g. Pittsburgh Admissions Collaboration)
 - Provide college courses that satisfy both high school and college credits
 - Arrange College level courses to be taught by U-Prep Staff (approved by CCAC)
 - Train high school counselors in college academic advising through weekly PD
 - Equip ECHS students with the necessary support & resources to assist them in their progress towards degree completion

ECHS at U-Prep Mission

The mission of the Early College in High School (ECHS) program is to provide students an opportunity to earn up to 60 college credit hours toward an Associate's degree in an academically supportive environment at **NO COST** to the student.

In addition, ECHS connects to the vision of U-Prep, that all students graduate prepared for college, career and life.

Target Audience for ECHS

- Assist students who are traditionally underrepresented on college campuses.
- For this 1st year, 30 freshman students enrolled at U-Prep will start ECHS courses in the Spring of 2017.
- Students have/will be selected ECHS in one of two ways:
 - U Prep 9th grade Promise Readiness Corps teachers recommend the first 10 freshman students
 - The remaining students can apply during ECHS week (January 9-12, 2017) - 20 spots available

Student & Family Support

- After school enrichment programs (Monday - Thursday, 3:30-5:00 p.m.)
- Workshops -Résumé Building, Exploring Occupations, Searching for a Job/Career, etc.
- Quarterly student & family meetings
- Quarterly progress update meetings with family members
- College Tutors
- College Mentors
- Campus Visits/Tours
- College application assistance
- Financial aid assistance (Pittsburgh Promise, local, state, and national scholarships)

2016-17 ECHS Launch Timeline

Date	Launch Task
January 9 - January 12	Early College in High School Week
Thursday, January 12	ECHS Applications due
January 12 - January 16	Application Review & Interviews
Tuesday, January 17	Acceptance Letters Sent Out
Monday, January 23	ECHS Student & Parent/Guardian Meeting
Wednesday, January 25	1 st College Course Begins: SDS 102

“The Early College in High School program will position the University Preparatory School at Margaret Milliones students and families to realize their dream of a successful future that honors its name sake and provides a quality educational institution to the community.”

Christopher D. Horne, Principal