

South San High School Early College High School

ECHS PARENT MEETING



SOUTH SAN ANTONIO
EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

SOUTH SAN ANTONIO ISD
ALAMO COLLEGES - PALO ALTO COLLEGE

December 4, 2023



Agenda

Presentation will be emailed

1 Welcome and Introductions

2 Academic Requirements

3 Calendars

4 Lunch Questions

5 Program Expectations

6 Logistics for students traveling
to PAC

7 Contact Information

8 Questions





Introductions

Your ECHS Team and Partners

- ❖ Erika Almendarez - SSHS Principal
- ❖ Arturo Cano - ECHS Administrator/CTE Director
- ❖ Nicolette Douglas - ECHS Counselor
- ❖ Holly Brown - PAC College Coordinator of High School Programs
- ❖ Minnie Rodriguez - College and Career Advisor & Financial Aid Specialist
- ❖ Adriana Najera - Dual Credit

Early College High School

Palo Alto College and South San ISD Partnership for
the success of mutual students.

As a parent, you are an important key in your child's
success!

Our goal is to help you and your student navigate
through the college process while in high school

ECHS Overview



60 college hours
available

Dual Enrollment



All Tuition, Fees,
Books are Free

No cost to the family



2.0 PAC GPA
Minimum Required

Removal from program is
possible

SSHS Student Expectations

- Students will make a 4 year commitment to successfully complete college courses (choices)
- Students will take advanced courses for 4 years
- Students will meet high school credit and test requirements toward graduation
- Students will actively participate in class discussions and activities, work cooperatively with teachers and other students on projects
- Students will be prepared for class by completing assigned reading and homework prior to class
- Students will meet attendance, behavior and credit requirements as expected of all South San High School students
- Students will DO THEIR BEST

Texas Success Initiative 2.0 (TSI Test)

Limited number of test given


Refresher course required before eligible to test.

TSIA 2.0	Minimum Score to qualify for ECHS
English Language Arts & Reading (ELAR) / Diagnostic with essay	945+ or 5 and 5
Math / Diagnostic	950+ or 6
SAT (College Board)	480 ELAR / 530 Math

Standards are the same at every Texas public college

High School and College Calendars

Holiday from high school does not excuse student from not attending classes at PAC



2023 - 2024



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INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR

July

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August

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February

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March

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April

S M T W T F S

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May

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June

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STUDENT/TEACHER HOLIDAY

Labor Day Holiday	Sept. 1 & 4
Columbus/Indigenous People Day	Oct. 9
Thanksgiving Holiday	Nov. 20-24
Winter Break	Dec. 22-Jan. 5
MLK Jr. Day	Jan. 15
District Holiday	Feb. 12
Presidents' Day	Feb. 19
Spring Break	March 11-15
Good Friday	March 29
Easter Monday	April 1
Battle of the Flowers	April 26
District Holiday	May 24
Memorial Day	May 27

END OF GRADING CYCLE

Oct. 13 Dec. 21

March 8 May 30

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING/PLANNING & STUDENT HOLIDAY

Aug. 1-3 & 8 Sept. 18

Oct. 30 Nov. 27

Jan. 29 Feb. 26

March 18 April 8

TEACHER WORK DAY

Aug. 4 & 7 Jan. 8 May 31

NEW TEACHER ACADEMY

July 27 & 31

First Day of School: Aug. 9
Last Day of School: May 30

Fall 2023		Spring 2024			Summer 2024		
Parts of Term							
	16-week	Flex I	Fall First 5 Week	Start II	Fall Second 5 Week	Flex II	Fall Third 5 Week
Term dates	Aug. 28- Dec. 16	Aug. 28- Oct. 21	Aug. 28- Sept. 30	Sept. 11- Dec. 16	Oct. 2- Nov. 4	Oct. 23- Dec. 16	Nov. 6- Dec. 9
Term length	16 weeks	8 weeks	5 weeks	14 weeks	5 weeks	8 weeks	5 weeks
Key Dates							
	16-week	Flex I	Fall First 5 Week	Start II	Fall Second 5 Week	Flex II	Fall Third 5 Week
Last day to apply for admission	Aug. 7, 2023	Aug. 7, 2023	Aug. 7, 2023	Aug. 28, 2023	Sept. 18, 2023	Oct. 9, 2023	Oct. 23, 2023
Registration deadline	Aug. 27, 2023	Aug. 27, 2023	Aug. 27, 2023	Sept. 10, 2023	Oct. 1, 2023	Oct. 22, 2023	Nov. 5
Census date	Sept. 13, 2023	Sept. 5, 2022	Aug. 31, 2023	Sept. 22, 2023	Oct. 5, 2023	Oct. 30, 2023	Nov. 9, 2023

ECHS Students have 2 calendars to follow:

- High School Calendar
- PAC Calendar
- PAC Homepage

PAC Census date

A low-angle shot of the front of a yellow school bus against a clear blue sky. The bus has red and yellow flashing lights on top. A blue hexagonal text box is overlaid on the center of the image.

All students will need to
use SSAISD transportation

Attendance will be taken

Students are not permitted to drive to Palo Alto College

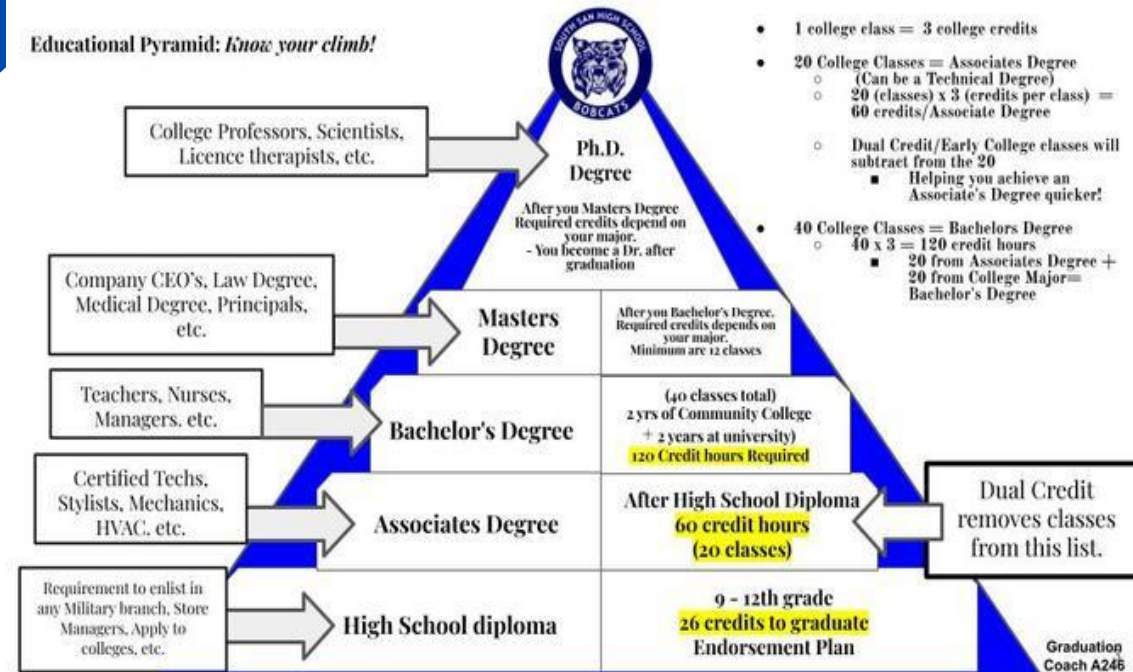
Student Expectations



READ THE SYLLABUS & LOGIN TO CANVAS

- Attendance - Maintain Good Attendance (NO ARS)
- Discipline - No discipline infractions that result in placement at DAEP (automatic removal)
- Passing Grades- Removal from Program
 - Removal from program for failing of courses may result in **not** obtaining Associates Degree ***or*** entering college with low Grade Point Average

Working Toward the goal!



- 1 Semester ECHS = 3 college hours
- 60 college hours = Associate's Degree
- 120 college hours = Bachelor's Degree
- You can only Drop 6 College Classes between Early College and your Associate's/Bachelor's Degree Graduation
- You are adding Grade Point Average (GPA) points to your final high school GPA!
- All your dual credit classes grades count toward your College GPA and High School GPA **separately!**
- Do not walk into college with a low High School/College GPA!
- Low GPAs can lead to loss of federal aid or scholarships
- **You must maintain a 2.0 Palo Alto College GPA at all times!**

- **Early College High School**
 - Associates of Science with a field of study in Biology
 - Associates of Arts in General Studies
 - Associates of Arts with a field of study in Criminal Justice
 - Associates of Arts with a field of study in Teaching (EC-6)
- **P-TECH (Pathways in technology Early College High School)**
 - Associates of Arts with a field of study in Cybersecurity

DUAL CREDIT - 42 HRS

FCA Transcript Code	Component Area	Required Semester Credit Hours
010	Communication	6 SCH
020	Mathematics	3 SCH
030	Life and Physical Science	6 SCH
040	Language, Philosophy and Culture	3 SCH
050	Creative Arts	3 SCH
060	American History	6 SCH
070	Government/Political Science	6 SCH
080	Social and Behavioral Sciences	3 SCH
090	Component Area Option	6 SCH

Not an associates degree, but all courses **WILL** transfer to any Texas public university!

Advanced Placement



- **9th**

- AP Computer Science Principles

- **10th**

- AP World History
- AP Studio Arts
(**2D**, 3D, and **Drawing**)
- **AP Psychology**

- **11th**

- **AP Statistics**
- AP Calculus

- AP US History
- AP Biology
- **AP Environmental Science**
- AP Spanish Language
- AP English Language

- **12th**

- AP Government
- AP Macroeconomics
- AP Spanish Literature
- AP English Literature

Program of Studies offered at South San ISD

- Electrical Trades
- Automotive Tech
- Automotive Collision
- Graphic Design
- Culinary Arts
- Construction
- Welding
- Business Management
- Commercial Photography
- Engineering



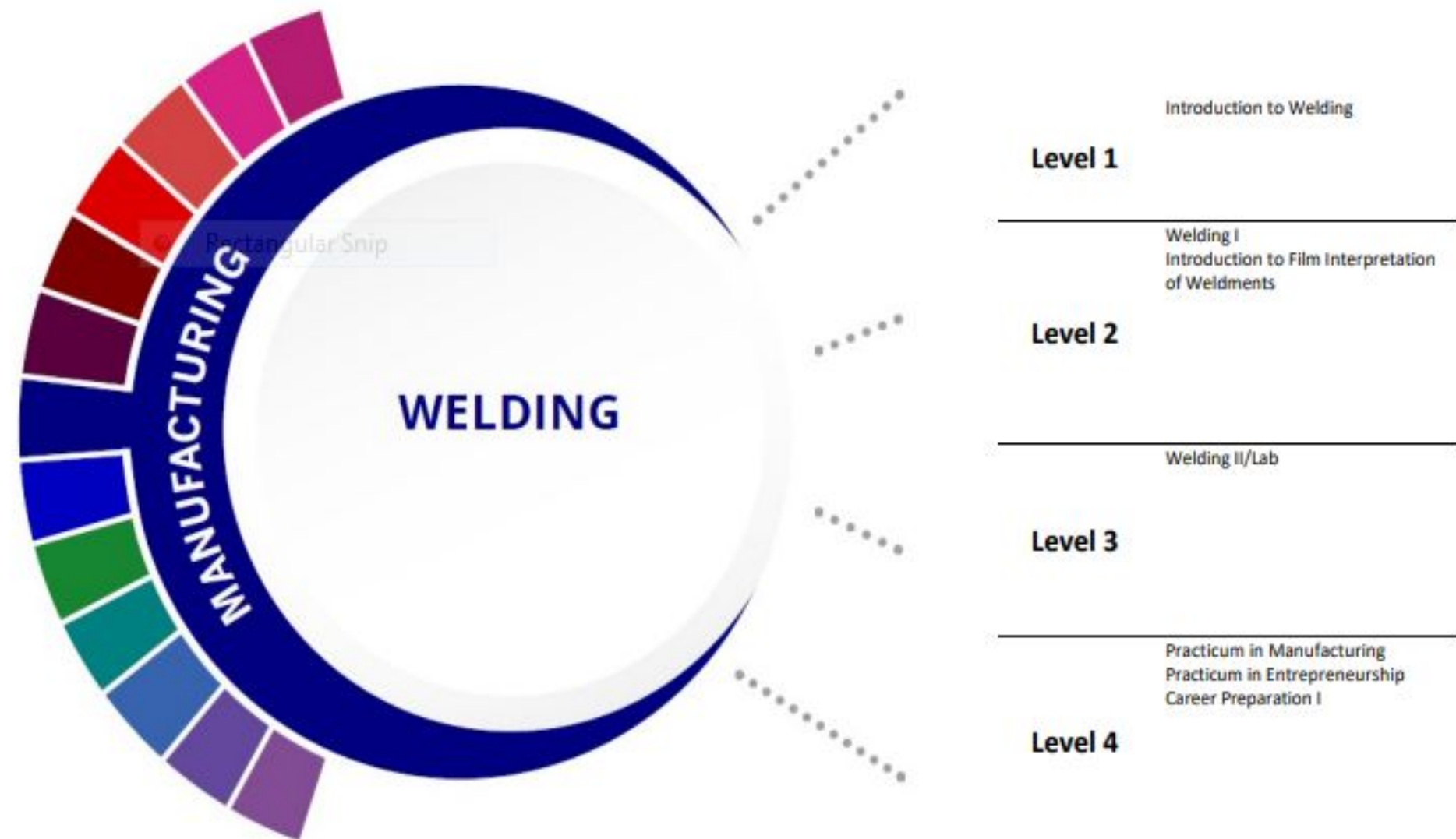
- Animation
- Cosmetology
- Digital Audio
- Law Enforcement
- Audio Video
- Animal Science
- Information Technology (I.T.)
- Health Science
- Air Condition/Heating

Program of Study

What is CTE program of study?

A program of study involves a multiyear sequence of courses that integrates core academic knowledge with technical and occupational knowledge to provide students with a pathway to postsecondary education and careers.

Example: Welding:



Industrial Based Certification

Industry-based certifications represent **skills and learning that open doors and act** as a springboard for higher levels of achievement to ensure students' independence and success in life beyond high school.

List of IBC:

Adobe	ASE (Automotive Service Excellence)
Final Cut Pro	Cosmetology
Food Handlers	Entrepreneurship
OSHA 30	
AWS 1.1 and D1.9	
Microsoft	

HIGH SCHOOL/ INDUSTRY CERTIFICATION	CERTIFICATE/ LICENSE*	ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE	BACHELOR'S DEGREE	MASTER'S/ DOCTORAL PROFESSIONAL DEGREE
AWS Certified Welder, D1.1, D9.1	Certified Welder or Welder Inspector	Certified Welder or Welder Inspector	Welding Engineering Technology/ Technician	Welding Engineering Technology/ Technician
ASW SENSE Level 1	Machining Level 1 - CNC Milling: Programming Setup & Operations	Machine Shop Technology/ Assistant	Biomedical Technology/ Technician	Occupational Health and Industrial Hygiene
API 1104 Welding Certificate	Certified Welding Engineering	Operations Management and Supervision	Operations Management and Supervision	Operations Management and Supervision
NCCER Welding, Level 1	Certified Environmental, Safety, and Health Trainer	Occupational Safety and Health Technology/ Technician	Environmental Health	Environmental Health

- **Early College High School Application or P-TECH**
 - Parents must login to Skyward Family Access
 - Select Online Form SS Early College HS Student Application 2024-2025 (2 teacher recommendations and essay required)
 - Application is now open and is due on March 8, 2024
 - A lottery will take place in the event that there are more than 150 applicants.

The South San Antonio Early College High School recruitment and enrollment processes shall identify, recruit, and enroll the subpopulations of at-risk students (as defined by PEIMS), including, but not limited to, students who are of limited English proficiency, students with disabilities, or students who have failed a state administered assessment.

Timeline



What's next?

- Applications due March 8, 2024
- Acceptance notification April 25, 2024
- Parent Information Night May 8, 2024
- Apply TX (May 2024) @ Middle School
- MANDATORY Summer Bridge and TSI testing - June 3-June 6 @ PAC

Communication

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Questions?

Early College Remind Codes (Messaging App Used)

➔ Text 81010

Class of 2028

8th grade

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