

Brownsville Early College High School

2025-2026 BECHS Checklist

To be completed by the student and parent/guardian:

- _____ Application form completed and signed by parent and student
- _____ One-page hand written essay on "Why I want to attend BECHS"
- _____ Staff recommendation form with contact information
- _____ Parent/Student BECHS contract signed by parent and student
- _____ Attach essay, recommendation form, and parent/student BECHS contract to application

To be completed by the applicants School Counselor:

Attach a copy of the applicant's transcript showing:

- _____ 7th grade transcript
- _____ 7th grade STAAR test results/Achievement test scores
- _____ 8th grade report card
- _____ Attach a copy of the most recent report card

When completed, the entire application must be submitted to (select one):

BISD Students to:
8th Grade Counselor

Via Email to:
morivera@bisd.us
BECHS Counselor

Mail/Drop off to:
Brownsville Early College HS
343 Ringgold Rd.
Brownsville, Texas 78520

Please call for any additional information 956-698-1476



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Brownsville Early College High School Application

A College Preparatory Campus

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

BISD ID Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ City/Zip Code: _____

Parent Name: _____ Email address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Alternate Phone #: _____

Current Grade Level: _____ Current School: _____ Zoned HS: _____

**Out-of-District Only: Has student ever attended BISD? Yes _____ No _____

Has student ever been enrolled in special programs? Migrant _____ 504 Program _____ Bilingual/ESL _____

Dyslexia _____ Gifted and Talented _____ Special Education _____ At-Risk _____

****Note: All areas must be filled in or the application will not be considered.**

Student and Parent Commitment

As a student enrolled in the Brownsville Early College High School (BECHS) to insure my success I understand that I must abide by the requirements listed in the Student-Parent Contract. I understand that failure to meet any of these requirements or other criteria deemed necessary for my success is grounds for review and possible dismissal.

Student Signature_____
Parent Signature_____
Date

Note: Application must be signed by parent/legal guardian and student.

For Office Use Only:

Date Application submitted: _____ Application Reviewed by: _____ Date: _____



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Admission Policy

The Brownsville Early College High School (ECHS) follows the stand-alone school model. For admissions, students are chosen through a weighted lottery that favors students who are at risk or who are part of the targeted subpopulations for the ECHS model. Specifically, students who complete all required paperwork to be part of the ECHS 9th grade cohort are then given an Early College High School Commitment/Application where all relevant PEIMS data is pre-slugged based on the district's data base. Once the Commitment Form is returned to the home ECHS campus, all students who returned the form will go into the lottery one time. A student will go into the lottery an additional time for each of the following identified PEIMS measures: At-Risk, Hispanic, economically disadvantaged. Therefore, a student's name can go into the lottery anywhere from one to four times depending on the PEIMS indicators.

BECHS Entrance Requirements

- Students must be in the 8th grade and be promoted to the 9th grade.
- Students must be in good academic standing.
- Students must complete an application packet.
- Students must meet expectations on the required mandated state assessments.
- Students must meet Compulsory Attendance Law.
- Students must commit to a summer bridge program.





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Why do you want to attend Brownsville Early College High School?

Essay

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

Print Name: _____

Student ID #:



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Recommendation Form

Applicant's Name: _____

Recommender's Name (print name): _____

This individual has applied to Brownsville Early College High School. Please consider the following personal attributes and indicate to what extent each characterizes the applicant. All marks made on below expectations must be followed up by a comment. Additional comments are appreciated.

As an individual and a student, the applicant displays these attributes:

	Above Expectations	Below Expectations	Comments
Positive attitude			
Responsible			
Leadership			
Initiative			
Participates in class			
Adaptable			
Completes assigned work			
Focused			
Consistent			
Cooperative			
Productive			
Enthusiastic			
Self-reliant			
Mature			
Ambitious			

Additional comments: _____

Signature of Person completing form

Email/Phone #

Date

Please return to student or submit via email to: **morivera@bisd.us**



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Brownsville Early College High School Student-Parent Contract

As long as I am a Brownsville Early College High School (BECHS) student and attend UTRGV the Student-Parent Contract requirements remain in effect. The requirements are listed below but not restricted to the following:

- I understand as long as I am a BECHS student and attend BECHS/UTRGV I will adhere to maintaining a demeanor and appearance that is of a professional standard on and off campus.
- I understand I am expected to achieve and maintain exemplary academic status each marking period.
- I understand that BECHS has 9th and 10th grade teachers on the High School campus. The 11th and 12th grade teachers are UTRGV professors and all students are expected to attend college classes at UTRGV.
- I understand it is imperative that I pass the TSI test as early as possible so I will be admitted to UTRGV my 11th and 12th grade year. If I have not passed the TSI test as early as sophomore year, before registration deadline for FALL of the following school year, I will be required to return to my home campus.
- I understand as long as I am a BECHS student I will abide by all rules listed in the BISD Student Code of Conduct.
- I understand that if I fail to maintain high academic standards at BECHS I will be placed on an Academic Intervention Plan and face possible removal to home zoned campus.
- I understand if I fail more classes than what summer school has to offer I will be required to return to my home campus.
- I understand that BECHS does not offer 11th and 12th grade regular high school classes and if I am not in compliance with UTRGV standards (such as; GPA drops below a 2.0: violation of the rules; excessive absenteeism) I will be required to return to my home campus.
- I understand if I am in violation of the Student Code of Conduct and I am sent to the Brownsville Academic Campus (BAC) this action will be immediate grounds for removal from BECHS and back to home campus.
- I will attend all my classes on time and not have excessive absences. I understand I cannot lose credit for any of my classes due to absences
- I will be required to replace lost or destroyed property, including textbooks.

Print Student Name

Student Signature

Date

Print Parent Name

Parent Signature

Date

NOTE: All BECHS students and parents must print, sign and date contract.



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