

FISD Early College High School



Fredericksburg ISD
Inspiring Excellence

Early College High School is:

- Fredericksburg ECHS is a school within Fredericksburg HS where students can take advantage of college and high school classes while they are attending FHS.
- Early College High Schools target students who are the least likely to attend college an opportunity to receive both their high school diplomas and college credits.
- Fredericksburg High School and Northeast Lakeview College (Alamo Colleges), have partnered together to offer college courses for our students.



Understanding ECHS Demographics:

Targeted Criteria (State):

- At-risk (no more than 25% below FHS percentage - currently 44%)
- Economically Disadvantaged (no more than 10% below FHS percentage - currently 49%)
- Emergent Bilingual
- First-Generation College Goers
- Migrant



Program Highlights

- Students can earn up to 60 college credits that also satisfy high school requirements.
- There is no cost to the families or students for tuition, textbooks, or associated course fees. (District Funded - currently NLC \$100 per student per course plus textbooks/materials)
- Students can earn an associate's degree while earning their high school diploma.
- Students must meet college-readiness standards to take college courses.
- Students are provided college support services including, college advising and career counseling.



Fredericksburg ECHS Admissions

1. Both student and parent express a desire to pursue ECHS admission.
2. The ECHS administrator, counselor and/or teachers conduct an in-depth orientation for junior high parents and students for a complete understanding of ECHS. This orientation will cover the structure, goals, intent, and standard expectations of Fredericksburg ISD and Fredericksburg ECHS.
3. Student and parent/guardian will then complete the ECHS application answering designated questions and will submit it online, in person, or by mail to their campus counselor.
4. Review of the ECHS application is done blindly with all identifying information hidden from the selection committee. The selection committee may consist of central administration, campus administration, counselors, and teachers of Fredericksburg Middle and High School campuses.
5. Complete applications that meet the selection criteria are placed in a weighted lottery pool, if needed based on the number of applicants, from which students are chosen by random drawing to become a member of a future ECHS cohort.
6. Selected applicants and their parents/guardians are notified by the Administration of the ECHS within two weeks following the lottery drawing.
7. Parents/guardians and students have two weeks to notify the Administration of the ECHS of their acceptance or rejection to become a member of the Early College High School.
8. If it becomes necessary, a second weighted lottery drawing will be held to fill vacancies to fulfill the TEA agreed upon maximum cohort size. Students from underrepresented groups will be placed at the top of the list.



Potential 4 Year Plan ECHS

FHS Early College High School 4-Year Plan

9th Graders	10th Graders
EDUC 1300 / SPCH 1311	BCIS 1305 / ARTS 1301 or MUSI 1301
	SOCI 1301 / PSYC 2301
English 1	
Algebra or Geometry	English 2
Biology or I. P. C.	Geometry or Algebra 2
World Geography	I. P. C. or Chemistry or Physics
LOTE 1 or LOTE 2	World History?
P. E.	LOTE 2?
Elective - Endorsement Pathway	Elective - Endorsement Pathway
	Elective: Extra-curricular Activities
College Credits - 6hrs	College Credits - 12hrs

Students will have to attend the Summer Bridge Program (summer between 8th/9th grade)

11th Graders	12th Graders
ENGL 1301 / ENGL 1302	ENGL 2322 / ENGL 2327
HIST 1301 / HIST 1302	GOVT 2305 / GOVT 2306
BIOL 1308 / GEOL 1301	ECON 2301 / ECON 2302 *
* OnRamps options as well.	MATH 1314 / _____ *
Algebra 2 or Pre-Calculus	Elective - Endorsement Pathway
Elective - Endorsement Pathway	Elective: Extra-curricular Activity
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College Credits - 18hrs	College Credits - 24hrs



Eligibility (1st cohort)

Early College High School is available to any student entering 9th grade that meets the criteria listed below:

1. The student must have a desire to be a part of the ECHS program and explain this in writing.
2. The student's parent and/or guardian must want their child to be part of the program.
3. Both the parent/guardian and the student must agree to abide by the standards of academic and behavioral expectations of ECHS.
4. Both the parent/guardian and the student must agree to comply with all of the policies of the program including the Electronic Information Resource Agreement for issued devices.
5. Both parent/guardian and student must agree that the ultimate goal is to graduate from Fredericksburg High School with college credits as individually planned.

