



HUTTO ISD

Hutto ISD Early College High School

May 2024 Board Meeting



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Adding to college opportunity at HHS

Current offerings:

- TBI- Texas Bioscience Institute
- Dual credit partnership with Temple College (REACH)
- Dual Credit Enrollment with TSTC

New for 2024-2025

- Early College High School



Ways to Earn College Credit in High School

Advanced Placement (AP)	Dual Credit	Early College High School
Students must take the course and AP exam – colleges determine how much credit they will award based on AP exam score	Typically offers between 12-24 hours of college credit	Offers up to 60 hours of college credit at no cost to the student or their family
Students have the opportunity to take AP courses as early as 9th grade	Students usually begin taking dual credit courses in the 11th or 12th grade	Students usually begin taking ECHS/dual credit in the 9th or 10th grade
Students are Hutto High School students and take AP courses at the high school campus	Students are Hutto High School students taking a few Temple College courses	Students are Hutto High School AND Temple College students who experience college coursework and college culture with other Temple College students



What is an ECHS?

- A partnership between a high school and a college
- A school that provides students with the opportunity to earn up to 60 college credit hours towards a Bachelor's degree
- Students in grades 9 through 12 can earn a high school diploma AND up to 60 transferable college credit hours in four years at NO COST to the family



Benefits of an ECHS

ECHS students:

- May earn equivalent to 2 years of college FREE
 - Tuition, books, instructional fees
- May be grouped in a small cohort
- Are able to attend high school with their peers
- May choose to transfer ECHS credits to most Texas public colleges and universities.
Acceptance policies for private and out of state universities vary.



Hutto ECHS Logistics

- Students will be both Hutto High School and Temple College students
- College courses taught during the traditional school day
- Courses taught on campus or transportation provided to East Williamson County Higher Education Center (EWCHEC)
- The model – a school within a school
- Location: Hutto 9th Grade Center



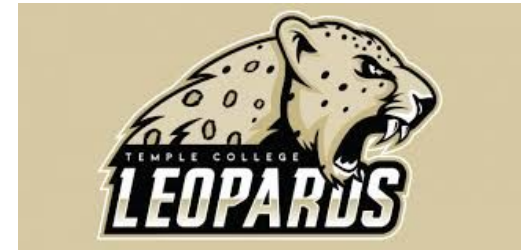
Hutto ECHS Students

- Begin Fall 2024 – first cohort, maximum enrollment = 25 students
- Taught study skills and organizational strategies to help them in their academic studies
- College level courses with college level expectations
- Earn an Associates of English Degree from Temple College
- Graduate Hutto ISD Distinguished with Honors



Important ECHS Information

- Parents will not be able to communicate directly with Temple College Professors about their student's progress; all communication will be with Hutto ISD ECHS staff
- Must be TSI ready by fall of sophomore year
- Students will participate in Summer Bridge - June 8-18, 2024
 - Meet the Students and Staff
 - Team Building
 - College Readiness and TSI Test Preparation
 - Temple College Registration



ECHS Application Process

- March 18-29, 2024
 - Online application available – email, website, and/or school counselor
- April 2024
 - Lottery drawing
 - Acceptance notification
- May 2024
 - Next Steps and Informationals
- June 8-18, 2024
 - Summer Bridge Program (Required)



ECHS Applicant Information

Applicants

- 116 ECHS Applicants
- 53% FMS; 47% HMS

First Cohort

- 25 students selected through lottery drawing,
10 alternates
- 40% of selected students economically
disadvantaged



ECHS Course Sequence

	FALL Semester	SPRING Semester
Freshman	EDUC 1300 College Readiness and Study Skills	MUSI 1306 Music
Sophomore	SPAN 1411 Spanish 1 OR Spanish 2 if prior credit earned HIST 1301 US History - A	SPAN 1412 Spanish 2 OR Spanish 3 if prior credit earned HIST 1302 US History - B
Junior	ENGL 1301 English 3 - A MATH 1314 PreCalculus (Algebra 2 Prerequisite) GEOL 1345 Aquatic Science	ENGL 1302 English 3 - B ARTS 1301 Art 1 - Art Appreciation PHIL 1301 Humanities or PSYC 2301 Psychology (select one)
Senior	ENGL 2322 English 4 - B ENGL 2327 English 4 - A ECON 2301 Economics ENGL 2351 Ethnic Studies: Mexican American Studies HIST 2321 Social Studies Adv Studies 2 HIST 2322 Social Studies Adv Studies 3 (Select one of these courses)	ENGL 2323 Independent Study in English GOVT 2305 Government GOVT 2306 Social Studies Adv Studies BIOL 1406 Scientific Research and Design 2



Budget Implications

- FAST Program- (Financial Aid for Swift Transfer) The FAST program, as outlined in Texas Administrative Code (TAC), provides funding to participating public institutions of higher education so they can offer dual credit courses to educationally disadvantaged students at no cost to these students.
- The FY 2024 (2023-2024) tuition rate is \$55 per semester credit hour (or equivalent). Participating institutions that have an agreement with an ISD or charter school may not charge a per-credit tuition rate more than the FAST tuition rate to any student attending high school in a Texas school district or charter school for any eligible dual credit course offered by the participating institution.
- Hutto ISD must continue to consider financial stability toward funding ECHS tuition and fees outside of the FAST program eligibility.



Next Steps

- May 17 Signing Day
- June 8-18 Summer Bridge Program
 - Orientation
 - TSI Prep
 - TSI Assessment
 - Family Event
- August- begin classes at Ninth Grade Center and Temple College



For More Information

For more information, or would like to apply for the Hutto ISD ECHS program, please contact your school counselor.

- Texas Education Agency Early College High School Webpage
 - <https://tea.texas.gov/academics/college-career-and-military-prep/early-college-high-school-echs>
- Hutto ISD ECHS Webpage
 - <https://www.hipponation.org/echs>





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