



Tivy ECHS Admissions Policy

Tivy Early College High School operates as a school within a school model. The primary purpose is to provide students the opportunity to earn up to 60 hours of college credit, free of charge, while attending high school. Any student interested is encouraged to apply for Tivy ECHS.

Program Highlights

Tivy's ECHS is an educational partnership between Kerrville ISD and Northwest Vista College.

- Students can earn up to 60 hours of college credits that also satisfy high school graduation requirements.
- There is no cost to the families or student enrolled in Tivy ECHS.
- Tivy ECHS students can earn an associate degree while earning their high school diploma.
- Students must meet college-readiness standards to take junior level and beyond dual credit courses.
- Tivy ECHS students are provided college support services, including college advising and career counseling.

Eligibility

Tivy ECHS is available to any student entering the 9th grade in the upcoming school year that meets the criteria listed below.

1. The student must have a desire to be a part of the ECHS program.
2. The student's parent and/or guardian must want their child to be a part of the ECHS program.
3. Both the parent/guardian and the student must agree to abide by the standards of academic and behavioral expectations of Tivy ECHS.
4. Both parent/guardian and student must agree that the ultimate goal is to graduate from Tivy ECHS with college credits as individually planned.
5. The student must complete an application to attend Tivy ECHS and meet all deadlines

set forth by both Northwest Vista and Tivy ECHS for admissions.

*In accordance with Texas Education Agency, academics, discipline, state assessments and/or teacher recommendations cannot be considered in the selection process.

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1. The student and parent/guardian will attend an informational session held at HPMS to gain an understanding of the Tivy ECHS expectations and benefits to the student.
2. Student will submit a completed Tivy ECHS application for the 2025-2026 school year.
3. The Tivy ECHS selection committee will blindly review all applications for completeness. "Blindly" is defined as all identifying information is hidden from the selection committee.
4. Complete applications that meet all requirements are placed in a weighted lottery pool if needed, based upon the number of applicants. Students are chosen by a computer-generated process to become a member of the future Tivy ECHS cohort.
5. Selected applicants and their families are notified by the administration of Tivy Early College High School within two weeks of the selection process.
6. Parents/Guardians have up to two weeks to notify the Tivy ECHS administration of acceptance or denial to enter into the Tivy ECHS cohort.
7. If it becomes necessary, a second random lottery process will be held to fill vacancies.

Lottery

Admission is based on a computer-generated selection process. Students will be given the following weights based on the criteria below. For each qualification, the student's name will be added into the lottery. For example, if a student qualifies in one area, their name will be added one more time. If a student qualifies in two areas, their name will be added two additional times.

- First Generation College Students
- At Risk
- Economically Disadvantaged
- Children of district employees