



»»» A HEAD START ON COLLEGE EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL IN HIPPO NATION

Hutto ISD's Early College High School (ECHS) program offers an extraordinary opportunity for students to earn an associate degree or up to 60 college credit hours by the time they graduate high school—all at no cost to families. This program, a partnership between Hutto ISD and Temple College, provides students with a supportive, rigorous environment designed to equip them for academic success and a seamless transition to higher education.

The data speaks volumes about the program's effectiveness. Nationally, ECHS programs boast an 86% high school graduation rate and a 64% college enrollment rate compared to 24% of students not in an ECHS. "Our goal is for our students to graduate from the program with the skills and confidence needed to thrive in higher education and the workforce," said Allyson Sullivan, Hutto High School ECHS Co-Champion. "By entering college as juniors, these students save significant time and money while gaining a competitive edge."

For families like the Joardars, the ECHS program has proven transformative. "The opportunity to get a head start with college has improved my son's study habits a lot and has been a valuable experience in helping him get ahead academically in a supportive environment," said parent Rajib Joardar.

Open to incoming freshmen, ECHS combines college coursework with high school classes, creating a supportive environment tailored to help students balance their dual roles as high school and college students. Dedicated advisors, mentors, and support services ensure students stay on track, academically and emotionally.

For more information about the Early College High School program or to apply, visit www.hhs.hipponation.org/echs. Together, Hutto ISD and Temple College are helping students realize their potential and achieve their dreams—one credit at a time.

NEXT STEPS FOR ECHS

For families considering ECHS, the District offered a number of information sessions in December. The application window for the 2025-26 school year opens January 6. The acceptance process is a blind-weighted lottery system.

Other important dates in the process include:

- Jan. 8, 6:30-8 PM - Advanced Academic Night at Hutto High School
- Jan. 27-31 - Course Selection at Hutto MS
- Jan. 28, 6:30-8 PM - Transition Night Elective for 8th Grade Parents at NGC
- Feb. 7 - ECHS Application Window Closes
- Feb. 10-14 - Course Selection at Gus Almquist MS
- Feb. 18-21- Course Selection at Farley MS
- Feb. 21-28 - Course Selection at Hutto 9th Grade Center