

# HUTTO HIGH SCHOOL ADVANCED ACADEMICS

EXPLORING ADVANCED CREDIT COURSE OPTIONS  
FOR INCOMING & CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

WHERE WILL YOUR  
ROAD TAKE YOU?

**THINKING AHEAD...**  
WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS?

Learn more about the 6 programs Hutto High School offers for students to earn college or technical school credit while earning your high school diploma.

- ECHS (Early College High School partnered with Temple College)
- AP (Advanced Placement)
- REACH (Ready for Early Access to College in Hutto with Temple College)
- Dual Credit (with Temple College)
- TBI (Texas Bioscience Institute with Temple College)
- Dual Enrollment (with Texas State Technical College)



## Early College High School (ECHS)



Inspiring Excellence

ECHS guides students through an advanced curriculum at the high school & college level while providing resources to develop students as well-rounded individuals.

Through a partnership with Temple College (TC), students are immersed in a higher education experience, beginning their freshman year of high school and ending with an associate's degree/up to 60 hours of college credit.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Texas Education Agency  
Early College High School  
Webpage



**HUTTO** ISD  
EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL



### Enrollment

- Any 8th grade student can apply to enroll. The decision to enroll should be carefully considered and the gravity of the decision should come from the student.
- Applications close at the beginning of February each year.
- Cohorts are chosen through a lottery system that is completed prior to Spring Break.

### Benefits

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

### Logistics

- Students will be both Hutto High School and Temple College students.
- College courses are taught during the traditional school day.
- Courses are taught on campus or transportation will be provided to East Williamson County Higher Education Center (EWCHEC)

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP)

### What is AP (Advanced Placement)?

- High school classes offered at college level
- Classes taken at HHS campus
- Potential college credit earned based on AP exam score
- Portion of tests paid for by Hutto ISD
- AP exams taken at the end of the course

### What is it like in an AP class?

- College level learning environment and pacing
- Preparation for the AP exam
- Taught by qualified and AP certified high school teachers
- Provides opportunity to practice strong study, applied analysis, and critical thinking skills
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### What are the benefits of AP?

- AP exam score of 3, 4, or 5 = possible college credit (at the discretion of university you attend)
- Save money and time!
- Out-of-state colleges generally accept AP credit more widely than dual credit
- AP courses are a plus on college applications

### What AP courses are available?

- AP Human Geography
- AP World History
- AP US History
- AP Government
- AP Economics
- AP European History
- AP Psychology
- AP English III
- AP English IV
- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Physics I
- AP Physics II
- AP Environmental Science
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Statistics
- AP Computer Science Principles
- AP Computer Science
- AP Spanish IV
- AP Studio Art
- AP Studio Art 2D
- AP Studio Art 3D



## REACH

OFFERED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH TEMPLE COLLEGE

### What is REACH?

- REACH stands for Ready for Early Access to College in Hutto
- Allows a student to graduate with a high school diploma and an associate's degree from Temple College

### What is REACH like?

- College learning environment & pacing
- Taught by college instructors
- Requires strong study, applied analysis, and critical thinking skills
- Students bussed by the high school to East Williamson College Higher Education Center (EWCHEC) for classes

### What are the benefits of REACH?

- Students will receive up to 60 credit hours of core college curriculum at a drastically reduced cost
- Core curriculum courses can transfer to Texas public universities & speed up graduation
- REACH courses shine on college applications
- Gives students a taste of college

### How do I get into the REACH program?

- Open to any college-ready student in their sophomore year
- Must complete Algebra I & Geometry before sophomore year
- Meet prerequisite qualifications for courses
- Take and pass the TSI Assessment
- Complete the REACH application

*AA Behavioral Science*  
**Reach**  
Sample Pathway

Sophomore Year	Notes	Credits
MUSI 1306 Music Appreciation		3
Spch 1315 Public Speaking		3
PHIL 1301 Philosophy Intro		3
PSYC 2301 Psychology	⚠	3
SOCI 1301 Intro to Sociology	⚠	3
GOVT 2305 Federal Government	!	3

Junior Year	Notes	Credits
Life/Physical Science Core	! →	3
GOVT 2306 Texas Government		3
HIST 1301 US History 1	!	3
ENGL 1301 English Comp 1	! ⚠	3
Life/Physical Science Core	! →	3
SOCI 2319 Minority Studies		3
HIST 1302 US History II	!	3
ENGL 1302 English Comp II	!	3

Senior Year	Notes	Credits
PSY 2314 Lifespan, Growth and Dev		3
SOCI 1306 Social Problems		3
HIST 2311 Western Civilization		3
MATH 1314 College Algebra	!	3
PSY 2308 Child Psychology		3
HIST 2312 Western Civilization II		3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>60</b>

**Transfer Outlook**  
At the completion of the REACH program, students will have accumulated 60 hours of college coursework and completed an Associates degree. The chosen degree with transfer to any public university in Texas. Private and out of state colleges will transfer courses based on institutional policy. There are multiple Associates degrees students can choose from. Talk with our counselor on which pathway best suits your intended Bachelor focus.

**Definition of Notes**

- ⚠ Must successfully complete the course to progress in the pathway.
- Meet with an academic advisor or department chair for university specific transfer code.
- ! Required for high school graduation.
- ! Come talk to an advisor about Temple College graduation and your university transfer plans.

## DUAL CREDIT (DC) OFFERED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH TEMPLE COLLEGE

### What is Dual Credit?

- College courses that earn both college & high school credit at the same time
- Courses taken at Temple College -East Williamson College Higher Education Center (EWCHEC)

### What is it like in a Dual Credit class?

- College learning environment & pacing
- Taught by college instructors
- Requires strong study, applied analysis, & critical thinking skills
- Students bussed by the high school to EWCHEC for classes
- Classes fit into regular school schedule

### What are the benefits of Dual Credit?

- Students will receive up to 24 credit hours of core college curriculum at a drastically reduced cost
- Core curriculum courses can transfer to Texas public universities & speed up graduation
- DC courses shine on college applications
- Gives students a taste of college

### How do I take Dual Credit classes?

- Meet prerequisite qualifications for courses
- Take and pass the TSI Assessment
- Submit Dual Credit paperwork:
  - Temple College Application
  - Dual Credit registration
  - Bacterial Meningitis Vaccination Record
  - High School transcript

### What Dual Credit courses are available?

- English Composition 1301 & 1302 (HS English 3)
- US History 1301 & 1302 (HS US History)
- American Literature 2327 & British Literature 2322 (HS English 4)
- Federal Government 2305 (HS US Government)
- Macroeconomics 2301 (HS Economics)



## Texas Bioscience Institute (TBI) OFFERED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH TEMPLE COLLEGE

### What is TBI?

- TBI stands for Texas Bioscience Institute
- Allows a student to graduate with a high school diploma & an associate's degree from Temple College in a STEM-focused program
- For 11th & 12th grade students

### What is TBI like?

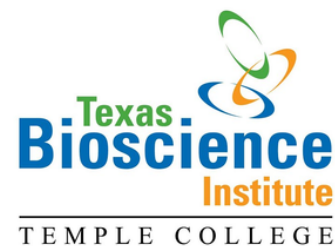
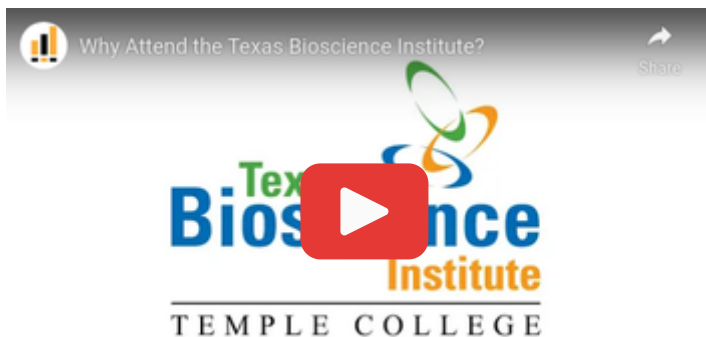
- College learning environment and pacing
- Taught by college instructors
- Requires strong study, applied analysis, & critical thinking skills
- Students bussed by the high school to East Williamson College Higher Education Center (EWCHEC) for classes
- Students attend a half day schedule at Temple College & the remainder of their day at Hutto High School

### What are the benefits of TBI?

- Students will receive up to 60 hours of core college curriculum at a drastically reduced cost
- Core curriculum courses can transfer to Texas public universities and speed up graduation
- TBI courses shine on college applications
- Gives students a taste of college

### How do I get into the TBI program?

- Open to any college-ready student in their junior year
- Students must have taken Pre-AP Algebra II, Biology I, & Chemistry I before entrance into TBI
  - These classes must be completed with an 80 or higher average.
- Meet prerequisite qualifications for courses
- Take and pass the TSI Assessment
- Complete the TBI application



## DUAL ENROLLMENT

OFFERED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE

### What is Dual Enrollment?

- College courses are available at the high school campus through a credentialed Hutto High School instructor, on-site at Texas State Technical College (TSTC) campus, or through Distance Learning classes taught by a TSTC instructor.
- Courses are taken in partnership between Hutto High School and TSTC.

### What is it like in Dual Enrollment?

- College level learning environment and pacing
- Courses are offered at HHS and TSTC-East Williamson College Higher Education Center (EWCHEC)
- Classes fit into regular school day

### What Dual Enrollment programs are available?

- Cybersecurity
- Culinary Arts
- Robotics
- Welding

### What are the benefits of Dual Enrollment?

- Students will receive up to 12 credit hours toward an associates degree or a technical certificate
- When a student completes their TSTC pathway while in high school, they can shorten the time it takes to earn a Certificate I, Certificate II, or Associate of Applied Science degree in a technical program
- High school Dual Enrollment students are considered college students

### How do I take Dual Enrollment classes?

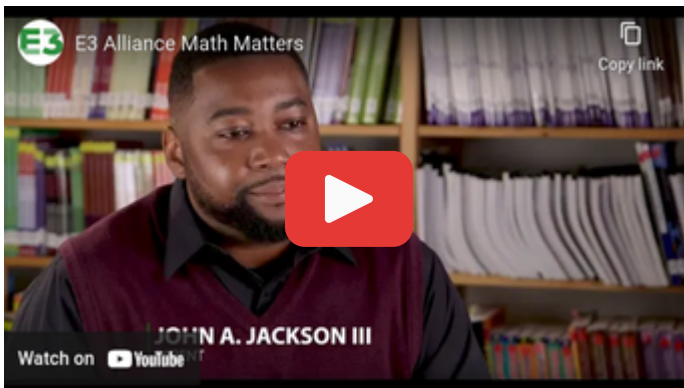
- Enroll in a dual enrollment course during high school grade level registration
- Complete the Dual Enrollment paperwork:
  - TSTC Application
  - Permit to Register form
  - Bacterial Meningitis Vaccination Record
  - High school transcript



## MATH MATTERS FOR ALL STUDENTS!

### WHY TAKING ADVANCED MATH IS BENEFICIAL...

Advanced mathematics build problem-solving and critical thinking skills important for success in college and a career. In fact, students who completed a college-level math class (Advanced Placement or dual credit) in high school have a 60% higher likelihood of completing a college credential. Math is important no matter what your future plans are.



[E3 Alliance- Math Matters](#)

## WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE? RESOURCES & INFORMATION

- [HISD Advanced Academics](#)
- [Hutto ISD Counseling Website](#)
- [HHS College and Career Center](#)
- [The College Board/ Advanced Placement Website Temple College](#)
- [Texas State Technical College](#)
- [HISD Graduation Requirements](#)
- [HISD Career & Technical Education](#)

### Have more Questions?

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