



Fredericksburg ISD

Early College High School

Fredericksburg ECHS Admissions Policy

Fredericksburg ISD Early College High School operates in a school-within-a-school model. The primary focus is providing students from underrepresented backgrounds (i.e. at-risk, low income and/or first generation college students) the opportunity to earn up to 60 college credits free of charge while attending high school. As a Texas Education Agency Early College High School, we must target students from underrepresented backgrounds; however, we encourage students of all backgrounds to apply.

Program Highlights

Educational partnership is between Fredericksburg ISD and Northeast Lakeview College

- 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.
- Students can earn an associate degree while earning their high school diploma.
- Students must meet college-readiness standards to take most college courses.
- Students are provided college support services including, college advising and career counseling.

Eligibility

Early College High School is available to any student entering 9th grade 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 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.



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Note: In accordance with the Texas Education Agency rules for ECHS Blueprint Benchmark 3, academics, discipline, state assessments and/or teacher recommendations cannot be considered in the selection process.

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1. Both student and parent express a desire to pursue ECHS admission.
2. The ECHS administrator, counselor 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.
4. Complete applications that meet the selection criteria are placed in a blind 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.
5. Selected applicants and their parents/guardians are notified by the Administration of the ECHS within two weeks following the lottery drawing.
6. 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.
7. If it becomes necessary to fill vacancies, students will be numerically picked from the original waitlist generated by the blind weighted lottery to fulfill the TEA agreed upon maximum cohort size.