NORTHWEST EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

Welcome Class of 2029 Parents

Northwest Early College High School will provide a select population of students in accordance with the Texas Education Agency's designation application guidelines a unique educational opportunity to attend both high school and college in a special campus environment that will challenge them to excel in their academic and personal endeavors, as well as motivate students to be productive problem-solving members of society by having the opportunity to earn a high school diploma and an Associate's Degree from EPCC upon high school graduation.

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- Robbie Baird, College Readiness Coordinator
- Maria Arriaga, Parent Liaison

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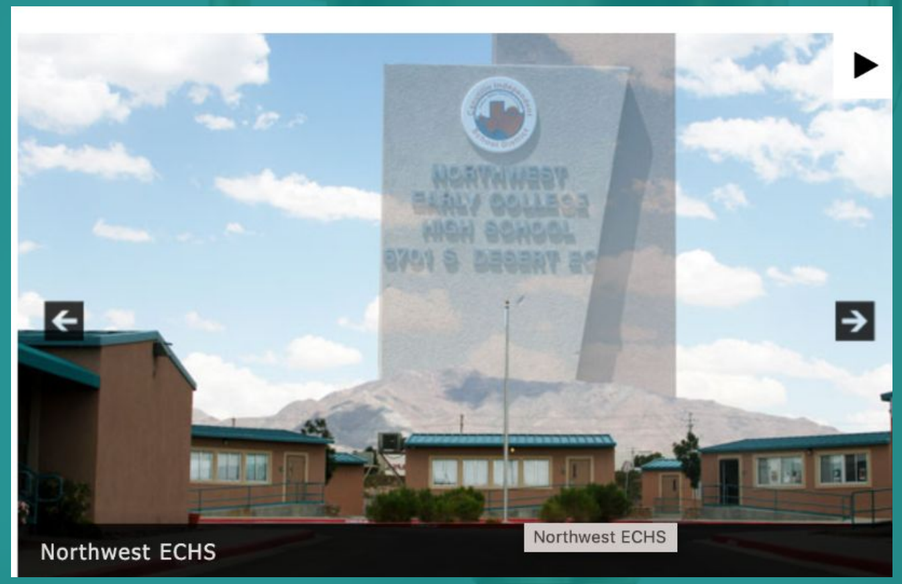
About us

- About 400 Students
- 40 Staff Members
- A/B Schedule - MWF/TTh
- Advanced Coursework
  - Pre-AP/AP/Dual Credit
- 50 Clubs and Organizations



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Student Expectations

RESPECTFUL

Language
Personal Space
Campus Space
Interactions with peers and adults

RESPONSIBLE

Actions
Attending class
Being prepared
Campus Space

SAFE

If you see something, say something. All students have access to Anonymous Alerts or can report anything to a campus adult.

Anonymous Alerts QR Code

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Academic Dishonesty, Plagiarism and Cheating

- **Direct Plagiarism**
  A word-for-word transcription of a section of someone else's work, without citation and without quotation marks. This also includes allowing another student to copy your work.

- **Mosaic Plagiarism**
  Sometimes called "patchwriting" and happens when someone borrows phrases, as opposed to complete sentences, but doesn't use citation.

- **Using an Academic Broker**
  Allowing another person or AI, ChatGPT, etc. to complete coursework on your behalf. Instructors have a variety of tools at their disposal to detect AI-generated text and responses, including online plagiarism checker, online AI detectors, and comparison of writing samples created by the student.

- **Self–plagiarism**
  Submitting work that is the same or significantly the same as you previously submitted for another class without approval from your teacher.

Consequences

- Completing online module "Understanding Academic Integrity at Northwest Virtual learning" within 48 hours of course assignment. Failure to respond will result in immediate lock out of course and director phone call.
- Teacher phone call to parent/guardian.
- Resubmit assignment for credit or complete alternative assessment for credit with completion.
- Offense will be noted in the school's disciplinary system.
- Redo the original assignment with academic integrity. Receive reduced grade (50%) on assignment.
- Write a 2-page essay on the topic of academic integrity. The student's teacher will work with the school's discipline coordinator for details.
- Offense will be noted in the school's disciplinary system.
- Automatic zero on assignment
- Voluntary withdrawal or expulsion from Northwest Early College.

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Parent Expectations

AT HOME

- Monitor Studying
- Check Banner, BlackBoard and Parent Portal
- Check Course Syllabus

AT SCHOOL

- Communicate with Teachers
- Attendance - Ensure your student is at school on time and attends 100% of classes, 100% of the time.

PARENT Involvement

- Attend Parent Universities & Parent Academy
- Join PTO
- Attend Parent-Teacher Conferences

RESOURCES & REFERRALS

- District student support services work with students and their families to find support and resources in the area of health, mental health and economic resources families may need.
- Referrals to Emergence Mental Health Agency

Questions? Please open the question link using the QR Code

Nurse - Kim Cardenas, RN

- Office hours are from 7:30-4 in Portable 12
- (915) 877-1710
- kcardenas@canutillo-isd.org
- Please notify the school nurse if your child has any medical conditions or if they will need to take any medication while at school. A medication permit will need to be completed and signed by a physician and a parent/guardian.
- Over-the-counter medications and prescription medications are not allowed to be brought to school without a signed permit. If your child needs a medication permit, please contact the nurse.
- If your child is ill, please keep your child at home. Your child should NOT come to school if they have had vomiting, diarrhea, flu-like symptoms or a fever in the last 24 hours without using fever reducing medications. If you have received a doctor's note, please bring the note to the attendance office and follow the doctor's orders written. For example, if the note states to keep your child at home for three days, please do not send your child to school before that day as your child will be sent home.

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Counselor and College Readiness Coordinator

GATEWAY TO COLLEGE, ACT & PSAT PREP COURSES

- Assistance with FAFSA, scholarships, essays, and college applications
- Strategies to improve test scores in PSAT, ACT and SAT
- Real-life skills presentations and transition to college lessons
- Helps to assure that all campus and TX graduation requirements are met

COLLEGE PREP COURSE

- Advisory type-setting with daily announcements and campus activities
- Academic progress monitoring
- Social Emotional Learning Lessons

STUDENT ACADEMIC PLANNING

- Individual academic counseling to monitor grades, transcript tracking, and class registration
- Intervention meetings held with at-risk students

RESOURCES & REFERRALS

- Work with district support staff and district social worker
- Referrals to Emergence and Texas Tech agencies for mental health services
- Work with EPCC counselor for academic progress

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Attendance - Texas Education Code (25.085/25.092/25.0915)

90% Rule - Loss of Credit

- Excused or Unexcused
- Few Exceptions: College Visit, Election worker
- Consequences:
  - Lose credit for class regardless of grade or reason why missed
  - Make up hours missed outside of the school day
  - Appeal to Attendance Review Committee within 30 days
  - Denial of VOE for driver's permit/license

Truancy- Unexcused absences

- 10 or more unexcused absences, regardless of period, during a six month period
- Consequences:
  - District parent truancy class
  - Loss of Credit
  - Truancy Court Referral - Monetary fines placed by judge
- Any time a student leaves campus for an appointment they <u>must be signed out BEFORE</u> they leave campus.
- After 3 tardies a student will have to make up the time missed during their lunch - A days are 5 minutes late, B days are 8 minutes. After that, the student is <u>marked absent, unexcused.</u>
- After 3 unexcused absences your student will be placed on an attendance contract, parent are responsible for students under the age of 19.
- ED CODE 25.093- Parent Contributing to Nonattendance: If a warning is issued as required by Section 25.095(a), the parent with criminal negligence fails to require the child to attend school as required by law, and the child has absences for the amount of time specified under Section 65/003(a) Family Code. The parent commits an offense.
- ED CODE 25.0915. -School District Complaint or Referral for Truancy: If a student fails to attend school without excuse on 10 or more days or parts of days within a six-month period in the same school year, a school district shall within 10 school days of the student's 10th absence refer the student to truancy court.

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How to report absences

- All student absences must be reported to attendance clerk, Yolanda Diaz @ 915-877-1708 or at ydiaz@canutillo-isd.org
- Written, signed notice by a parent, guardian, or doctor must be provided for absence to be excused.
- All notes must be submitted within three days of the absence
- After 3 consecutive absences, a doctor's note must be provided
- Students who become ill at school must see the nurse, absences are only excused if students are sent home by the nurse, but still count against loss of credit (LOC).
- Students leaving early must be signed out by the parent, guardian or an adult who listed on the demographics. If students are not signed out, even during lunch, the absence will be marked as Unexcused. Sign outs count as an absence.
- Valid ID must be presented when signing out a student.
- It is the responsibility of the parent to track their students' absences via parent portal. Please contact the parent liaison, Maria Arriaga at 877-1707 if you need assistance with the portal.

Discipline - Texas Education Code 37/HB114

Student Code of Conduct (SCOC)

- All students are required to follow the SCOC - available on CISD and NWECHS websites.
- Students are expected to read and follow these guidelines at all times, including on the bus and off campus events.
- Some consequences are discretionary and some are mandatory.
- Nicotine/Vaping or possessing prohibited items on campus is a discretionary placement to DAEP (Alternative School)
- Contraband (drugs, weapons, alcohol, THC, nicotine, etc.) is prohibited on campus. Possession of THC is a felony.
- Students must follow the Acceptable Use Policy for electronics and internet use.
- Clothing with alcoholic beverages, gang affiliation, tobacco products, nudity, drugs, racial, vulgar, or violent pictures, names or slogans is prohibited. Undergarments must be covered at all times and not be visible. Repeat offenders will be disciplined.
- Students must follow classroom rules.
- Profanity is inappropriate at any time in anyplace.
- We have zero tolerance for Bullying in its many forms, including Cyberbullying.
- Zero tolerance will be upheld in regards to any form of violence, drugs, alcohol, harassment and/or intimidation, destruction of property or gang related activities.

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Core High School Graduation Requirements

English

- Pre-AP English I
- Pre-AP English II
- Dual Credit English III
- AP English Literature

Each AP Exam charge is $25. It is expected that all students take AP Exams at the end of an AP course.

Math

- Pre-AP Algebra I
- Pre-AP Algebra II
- Pre-AP Geometry
- Dual Credit Pre-Cal or Dual Credit Business Math
- AP Statistics or Dual Credit Calculus

Social Studies

- AP Human Geography
- Dual Credit/AP World History
- Dual Credit Government
- Economics
- US History (HIST 1301/1302)
- AP European History or AP African American Studies

Science

- AP Environmental Science
- Dual Credit Biology
- Pre-AP Chemistry or UT Chemistry
- DC Geology or DC Astronomy or Pre-AP Physics or AP Physics C

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Elective High School Graduation Requirements

Mandatory Classes

- Dual Credit Speech
- Health
- 2 years of Foreign Language
- Physical Education
- Fine Arts
- AP Computer Science Principles

Mandatory Classes

- 5 Elective Credits
- EPCC classes may also count for high school general electives

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EPCC Requirements

Freshman Year

- Complete New Student Orientation
- Pass TSIA2 ELAR
- EDUC 1300 - 3 Hours
- SPCH 1321 - 3 Hours

Sophomore Year

- HIST 2322 - 3 Hours
- GOVT 2305 - 3 Hours
- GOVT 2306 - 3 Hours
- PSYC 2301- 3 Hours
- BIOL 1306/1307 and 1106/1107 - 8 Total Hours
- Pass Math TSIA2 Math

Junior Year

- ENGL 1301/1302 – 6 Hours
- HIST 1301/1302 – 6 Hours
- MATH 1314/2412 or 1324/1325 - 7 hours
- Fine Arts – 3 Hours

Senior Year

- Elective Program of Study Courses– 12 Hours

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Course Request

- Complete by January 30th
- Questions? email:

  cdiaz@canutillo-isd.org and

  fclark@canutillo-isd.org

Course Request Link:

https://forms.gle/5wVsU6UopT2d5EsEA

Upcoming Date and Activities

- 2025-2026 Online Registration - Coming soon
- Black and Teal
  - May 1st and 2nd
  - 8:00 - 2:00 (times subject to change)
- Griffin Academy
  - July 29 - August 1
  - 7:50 - 3:50 breakfast and lunch provided and inter district bus
  - July 30 - Griffin Day of Service
  - August 1 - Class bonding activity

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EPCC - Academic Standing

- El Paso Community College students should maintain a 2.0 GPA or above in order to remain eligible to take classes.
- If a student fall under a 2.0 GPA any given semester or does not maintain an overall GPA of 2.0 or above, the student will be placed on probation.
- If a student continues to fall below a 2.0 GPA during one semester or has an overall GPA below 2.0, the student will be suspended from EPCC and will not be able to take EPCC or dual credit classes at the high school campus.
- It is very important that students take every class seriously and do their very best. Students have a plethora of resources to help them succeed including tutoring services at NWECHS and at EPCC.

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Servicios Comunitarios y Eventos

- Bi-Annual Blood Drive
- Northwest Lights
- Food Pantry/Community Closet
- Bailey-Canutillo Texas Historical Cemetery Cleanup
- Used Shoe Drive
- Alas Nuevas

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