



**2026-2027 CVECHS Application Packet**

**Parents and students must read this entire application together.**

**Important Dates & Deadlines:**

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| <b>Application Window:</b>  | February 2, 2026 – February 27, 2026 |
| <b>Interview Date:</b>  | Saturday – March, 28, 2026           |
| <b>Acceptance Notification</b>  | Friday – April 3, 2026               |
| <b>Mandatory Summer Bridge Camp:</b>  | June 1 – 4, 2006                     |
| <b>Failure to attend the interview and/or the Bridge Camp will result in automatic rejection of your application.</b> |                                      |

**About the Cotton Valley Early College Program:**

The Cotton Valley Early College Program at Fabens High School offers motivated students the opportunity to earn both a high school diploma and college credit through El Paso Community College (EPCC). This rigorous program prepares students for success in higher education and their future careers.

**Program Rigor & Expectations**

As an Early College student, you will be simultaneously enrolled as a high school student AND a college student at El Paso Community College. This means you will:

- Balance high school graduation requirements with college-level coursework
- Maintain higher academic standards and GPA requirements
- Manage a more demanding course load than traditional high school students
- Follow college policies, deadlines, and expectations while still in high school
- Demonstrate exceptional time management, study skills, and self-discipline
- Complete college assignments and projects that require independent learning

**Application Requirements:**

Complete this application packet and submit ALL required documents to the Fabens Middle School Counselor by February 27, 2026.

**REQUIRED DOCUMENTS CHECKLIST:**

- Early Admissions Document
- Apply TX Application
- Shot Records with Proof of Meningitis Vaccination
- Completed application form** (incomplete forms will be rejected)
- Official 7th and 8th grade transcripts (request from school office)
- Attendance record from current and previous school year
- Discipline record from current and previous school year
- STAAR test scores (all available results)
- Personal essay (see page 7 for prompt)
- Two (2) letters of recommendation (see page 8 for guidelines)

**APPLICATION FORM**

**STUDENT INFORMATION:**

|                                     |                             |                                   |                       |
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| <hr/> <p>FIRST NAME</p>             | <hr/> <p>MI</p>             | <hr/> <p>LAST NAME</p>            |                       |
| <hr/> <p>STUDENT ID</p>             | <hr/> <p>DATE OF BIRTH</p>  |                                   |                       |
| <hr/> <p>CURRENT GRADE</p>          | <hr/> <p>CURRENT SCHOOL</p> |                                   |                       |
| <hr/> <p>HOME ADDRESS</p>           | <hr/> <p>CITY</p>           | <hr/> <p>STATE</p>                | <hr/> <p>ZIP CODE</p> |
| <hr/> <p>STUDENT PERSONAL EMAIL</p> |                             | <hr/> <p>STUDENT PHONE NUMBER</p> |                       |
| <hr/> <p>STUDENT SCHOOL EMAIL</p>   |                             |                                   |                       |

**PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION:**

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| <hr/> <p>PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME</p> | <hr/> <p>RELATIONSHIP</p> |
| <hr/> <p>PRIMARY PHONE</p>        | <hr/> <p>EMAIL</p>        |
| <hr/> <p>EMERGENCY CONTACT</p>    | <hr/> <p>PHONE NUMBER</p> |

**ACADEMIC INFORMATION** *(see your counselor/assistant principal for this information):*

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| <hr/> <p>8<sup>th</sup> Grade GPA</p> | <hr/> <p>7<sup>th</sup> Grade GPA</p> | <hr/> <p>Days Absent 8<sup>th</sup> Grade</p> | <hr/> <p>Days Absent 7<sup>th</sup> Grade</p> |
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**STAAR Scores:**

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| <hr/> <p>Reading</p> | <hr/> <p>Math</p> | <hr/> <p>Science</p> | <hr/> <p>Social Studies</p> |
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**Discipline Referrals:**

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| <hr/> <p>8<sup>th</sup> Grade</p> | <hr/> <p>7<sup>th</sup> Grade</p> |
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**Extracurricular Activities & Achievements:**

List clubs, sports, organizations, volunteer work, awards, or honors your have received in 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade:

| Club/Grade | Sport/Grade | Organization/Gr | Awards/Grade | Honors/Grade | Volunteer Work |
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### Personal Essay

**Essay Prompt:** In 500-750 words, please explain how being chosen for the Cotton Valley Early College Program would help you achieve your academic and career goals. *This essay will be scanned for plagiarism or use of AI – use of either will disqualify your application.*

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| <p>Include in your essay:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Why are you interested in the Early College Program?</li> <li>What are your academic and career goals?</li> <li>How will earning college credit while in high school benefit your future?</li> <li>What personal qualities make you a good fit for this rigorous program?</li> <li>How do you plan to balance the demands of high school and college coursework?</li> </ul> | <p>Essay Guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>500-750 words, typed</li> <li>Double-spaced, Times New Roman, 12-point font</li> <li>Include your name and student ID at the top of each page</li> <li>Attach your essay to this application packet</li> </ul> |
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### Letters of Recommendation

**You must submit two (2) letters of recommendation** from individuals who can speak to your academic abilities, character, and readiness for the Early College Program.

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| <p><b>✓ Acceptable References:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current or former teachers</li> <li>School counselors</li> <li>School administrators</li> <li>Academic coaches or tutors</li> <li>Community organization leaders</li> <li>Religious leaders who know you academically</li> </ul> | <p><b>✗ Not Acceptable:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Family members or relatives</li> <li>Friends or peers</li> <li>Employers (unless academic context)</li> </ul> | <p><b>Letter Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Letters must be on official school letter head (if applicable)</li> <li>Must include contact information</li> <li>Should address your academic abilities, work ethic, and character</li> <li>Should speak to your readiness for college-level work</li> <li>Letters may be sealed in an envelope and signed across the seal</li> <li>At least one letter should be from a current 8th grade teacher</li> </ul> |
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**Recommender Information:**

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| <p><b>Recommender #1:</b></p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Title: _____</p> <p>Relationship to Student: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Email: _____</p> <p>Phone: _____</p> | <p><b>Recommender #2:</b></p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Title: _____</p> <p>Relationship to Student: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Email: _____</p> <p>Phone: _____</p> |
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**Summer Bridge Program:**

**Mandatory Attendance Requirement**

All accepted students MUST attend the Summer Bridge Camp from **June 1-5, 2026**. This camp is designed to prepare you for success in the Early College Program.

**Camp Activities Include:**

- Introduction to college expectations and resources
- Team-building and networking activities
- Study skills and time management workshops
- TSIA (Texas Success Initiative Assessment) preparation
- TSIA testing for students pending exam passage
- Campus tours and orientation to El Paso Community College
- Meeting faculty and current Early College students

**About the TSIA:**

*The Texas Success Initiative Assessment (TSIA) is required for enrollment in college courses. Students who have not yet passed the TSIA will receive intensive preparation during the Summer Bridge Camp and will take the exam during the camp. Passing scores are required to begin college coursework in the fall.*

**Student & Parent Agreement:**

By signing below, we acknowledge that we have read and understand the requirements and expectations of the Cotton Valley Early College Program. We understand that:

- The student must maintain good academic standing in both high school and college courses
- The program requires dedication, time management, and strong study skills
- Attendance at the interview on March 28, 2026 is mandatory
- Attendance at the Summer Bridge Camp (June 1-5, 2026) is mandatory for all accepted students
- All application materials must be submitted by February 27, 2026
- Incomplete applications will not be considered

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Submit your COMPLETE application packet to:

Fabens Middle School Counselor  
Fabens Middle School Counseling Room #603

**Deadline: February 27, 2026**

Your complete packet must include:

1. Completed application form with signatures
2. Official transcripts (7th and 8th grade)
3. Attendance records
4. Discipline records
5. STAAR score reports
6. Personal essay (500-750 words)
7. Two letters of recommendation

**Incomplete applications will NOT be reviewed. Late applications will NOT be accepted.**

For questions about the application process, please contact the Fabens Middle School Counselor's Office.

**Good luck with your application!**

