



JAMES M. STEELE

EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

James M. Steele Early College High School Profile

“Choose Your Future”

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Community

Northwest Independent School District (NISD) encompasses 234 square miles and serves students from Tarrant, Denton, and Wise counties. At the start of the 2026-2027 school year, approximately 35,000 students attend schools in Northwest ISD (NISD). Currently, the district consists of 4 high schools, 8 middle schools and 25 elementary schools utilizing a PK-5, 6-8, 9-12 grade-level configuration. Northwest ISD also operates a 193-acre Outdoor Learning Center available to all campuses. We are a fast-growth district.

School

James M. Steele Early College High School (SECHS) is a four-year public high school with a current enrollment of 360 students in grades 9-12. The school opened in 2010 and graduated its first senior class in December of 2010. James M. Steele Early College High School is accredited by the Texas Education Agency and is an NCAA approved school. The student body at Steele ECHS is 47% Caucasian, 25% Hispanic, 13.0% African American, 10% Asian, 1.0% American Indian, and 2% Two or More Races. 26% Economically Disadvantaged.

Curriculum

The academic program is organized in eight periods utilizing a block schedule. Eight credits per year is the standard course load with each class period approximately one hour and 30 minutes in length. Students participate in the following graduation plan: Foundation with Endorsements. All students earn an endorsement in Multidisciplinary Studies and have the option of earning additional endorsements. Endorsements earned are one or more of the following designations: Arts & Humanities, Business & Industry, Public Service, Multidisciplinary Studies or Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).

Steele ECHS offers a wide range of expanded dual credit options for students registered in 9-12 grades. Students classified as freshmen, sophomores, juniors, or seniors may earn credit toward high school graduation by

completing a college-level course from an accredited college or university. Students have the option to earn a maximum of 60 college hours over four years of coursework. The following dual credit courses offer an example of a small selection of the courses: Composition 1 & 2, US Government, Texas Government, Psychology, Sociology, Public Speaking, US History, College Algebra, Pre-Calculus, Statistics, Theatre Appreciation, Learning Frameworks, and British Literature. Steele ECHS has a partnership with Tarrant County College (TCC) and students take dual credit courses with Steele ECHS/TCC professors, visiting TCC professors, and/or online with TCC professors. Because we are a Texas Early College High School, our focus is on dual credit coursework. This year, we will offer AP Statistics and AP Art.

The Early College High School (ECHS) program is offered at Steele Early College High School. Students participating in the Early College High School are provided with a sequence of courses to complete college core curriculum and potentially earning an associate degree from Tarrant County College (TCC). The courses are transferable to all public universities in Texas. The graduating class of 2026 had 84% of the students graduating with an associate degree from college, and 91% of the students graduated with 42 or more college hours.

Steele Early College High School competes in Academic University Interscholastic League (UIL) in District 7-4A. Students compete in UIL Academics, Debate, Speech, Oral Interpretation (OI), and One Act Play (OAP). Steele ECHS has two main student organizations, Student Council (StuCo) and National Honor Society (NHS). Steele students compete in Microsoft competitions. In addition, students compete in eSports and are very active in many student clubs and activities on campus. We have a strong community service/volunteering program (Green Cord program), and during the 25-26 school year, we had 55 students complete over 100 hours of service. In total, students on campus volunteered 10,711 hours during the 25-26 school year.

Campus Recognition

In 2026, Steele ECHS was rated by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) as an “A” campus with a 99 out of 100 accountability rating and the campus received four out of seven academic distinction designations. In 2025, Steele was rated by TEA with a 98% accountability rating, and we have held an “A” campus rating for at least 8 years straight. In 2026, U.S. News & World Report ranked Steele ECHS the #94 high school in Texas out of around 1,592 campuses and ranked the campus #703 nationally out of 17,945 high schools. James M. Steele Early College High School was ranked the #1 high school in Northwest ISD. Last year, we had two students win state and compete at Nationals for Certipoint Microsoft Nationals. One of our students, won nationals and represented the United States of America at the Certipoint Microsoft World competition. The student placed 8th in the World for Microsoft Powerpoint Apps 360.

Grading and Class Ranking

Northwest ISD determines both an un-weighted grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale and a weighted GPA on a 7.0 scale. The unweighted GPA is considered the student's GPA and is reported as such. The weighted GPA is only used in the determination of class rank. The college admissions process generally allows students to indicate if the GPA and class ranking are weighted.

The calculation of class rank is calculated using grades earned for high school credits in the following subjects and for electives under these subject areas: English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, and World Languages.

Level 2 Courses On-level, Inclusion, & Special Education Courses	Level 3 GT & Honors	Level 4 Dual Credit Courses & AP Courses
4.0 - 5.0 = 90-100%	5.0 - 6.0 = 90-100%	6.0 - 7.0 = 90-100%
3.0 - 3.9 = 80-89%	4.0 - 4.9 = 80-89%	5.0 - 5.9 = 80-89%
2.0 - 2.9 = 70-79%	3.0 - 3.9 = 70-79%	4.0 - 4.9 = 70-79%

***Northwest ISD does not offer any courses that are weighted at Level 1.

Class of 2026

There were **74** graduates in the Class of 2026.

Weighted GPA	Un-weighted GPA
8 earned a 6.0 – 7.0	4 earned a 4.0
44 earned 5.0 – 5.99	44 earned 3.5 – 3.99
14 earned 4.0 – 4.99	16 earned 3.0 – 3.49
6 earned 3.0 – 3.99	7 earned 2.5 – 2.99
2 earned 2.0 – 2.99	3 earned 2.0 – 2.49
0 earned 1.0 – 1.99	0 earned 1.5 – 1.99

SAT School Day March 2026 (Class of 2027)

	Steele	District	State	Global
Total Mean	1138	979	964	964
ERW Mean	593	502	490	493
Math Mean	545	477	475	471

Vision Statement

James M. Steele Early College High School will be nationally recognized as a prestigious and innovative learning community where every graduate is empowered to choose a lifetime of learning and success.

Mission Statement

James M. Steele Early College High School prepares every student for life by collaborating, building relationships, and offering unique and challenging opportunities that empower students to choose their future.

SCHOOL MOTTO

Choose your future.

SCHOOL SLOGAN

Aspire. Advance. Achieve.

Post High School – Class of 2026

- **Four-Year University** **93%**
- **Two-Year College** **3%**
- **Trade/Professional School** **3%**
- **Career – Workforce** **1%**

Steele ECHS – Class of 2026

- 62 students graduated with their TCC college associate degree (60 college hours).
- 84% of the Senior class graduated with an associate degree.
- 67 students graduated with 42+ college hours. (91%)
- 28 students graduated with their Microsoft Master certification.
- 73 students graduated with one or more industry certifications.
- \$12,903,112 offered in scholarships to the Class of 2026.
- The Class of 2026 graduated with over 535 industry certifications.

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