



Judson Independent School District

Office of Post-Secondary Education and Career Readiness

Early College High School

Parent Informational Meeting



Dr. Carl A. Montoya, Superintendent

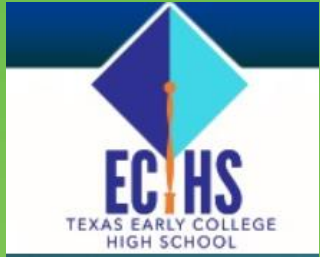
Today's Agenda



The purpose of today's meeting is to give students and families an overview of the Early College High School model. The presentation will include a response to the following questions:

1. What is an Early College High School (ECHS)?
2. What is the key difference of an ECHS?
3. What is the difference between an ECHS vs. Traditional Dual Credit?
4. What are the ECHS Logistics?
5. Who is the Higher Education partner?
6. Where can I get more information about ECHS?





What is an ECHS?

- Districts apply for the ECHS designation from the Texas Education Agency – our campus received provisional designation for implementation during the 2016-2017 school year.
- A partnership between a high school and a college
- A school that provides students with up to 60 college credit hours towards a Bachelor's degree at no cost to the student
- Students in grades 9 through 12 can earn a high school diploma AND up to 60 transferable college credit hours in four years at NO COST to the family.
- The model – a school within a school



Key Differences of an ECHS



ECHS students:

1. May earn equivalent to 2 years of college FREE
 - Tuition, books, instructional fees
2. Are grouped in a small cohort (a school within a school)
 - Fall 2017 – first cohort, maximum enrollment = 125 students
3. Able to participate in clubs and activities of their choice
4. Able to earn both college and high school (dual) credit.
5. May choose to transfer ECHS credits to most Texas public colleges and universities. Acceptance policies for private and out of state universities vary.



The Difference – ECHS vs. Traditional Dual Credit



DUAL CREDIT	EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL
Typically between 3 and 24 hours of credit	Offers up to 60 college credit hours free (Current cost - \$500 each course at Alamo Colleges)
Cohort of courses and/or random selection	Structured sequence of courses leading to associate degree or towards a bachelor's degree
Usually only offered in grades 11 and 12	Students begin taking college courses as early as 9 th grade
Students take courses at high school campus during the day or college campus outside the school day or summer	Students visit college campuses to experience the college culture

ECHS Logistics



- Transportation provided
- Students are taught study skills and organizational strategies to help them in their academic studies.
- Students will be challenged with a meaningful course of study and real world applications.
- Time provided to support student learning



Sample ECHS Schedule



9 th Grade	10 th Grade	11 th Grade	12 th Grade
English I	English 2	US History	College Prep
Algebra I or Geometry	Algebra 2 or Geometry	Algebra 2 or PreCal	
Biology or Chemistry	Chemistry or Physics	Physics or Environmental Systems	
Spanish 1 or 2	World History	College Prep	
PE	Spanish 2 or elective	Literary Genres	
Theater	College Prep		
College Prep			
NLC Courses			
BCIS 1301	GEOG 1303	ENGL 1301, 1302	ENGL 2322, 2327
EDU 1300	COMM 1307	HIST 1301, 1302	MATH 1314
	SPEECH 1311	PHIL 1301	BIOL 1308, BIOL 1108 (Lab)
	DRAMA/ARTS/MUSIC	PSY 2301	GEOL 1301
			GOVT 2305, 2306
			ECON 1301
TOTAL HS credits= 8 ½ NLC Hours - 6	TOTAL HS credits= 9 NLC Hours - 12	TOTAL HS credits= 8 NLC Hours - 18	TOTAL HS credits= 6.5 NLC Hours = 24

Higher Education Partner



- Initial conversations included partnerships with several higher education institutions.
- District considered:
 - ✓ Articulated current partnership with Alamo Colleges - track record of success
 - ✓ Opportunity for ALL Judson ISD ECHS students to earn an associate's degree
 - ✓ Accommodate student mobility
 - ✓ Share, if necessary, qualified teachers to teach college courses
 - ✓ Offer the option to transfer college credits to most Texas institutions via current articulation agreements
- District choice: Alamo Colleges, Northeast Lakeview College

Northeast Lakeview College



Questions? Wonderings?



“The Early College model is gaining national attention due to its success in raising high school graduation and college retention rates for students at risk of not graduating. The program provides student support systems, including tutoring, counseling, and mentoring while reducing barriers to college for students who might not otherwise achieve postsecondary success”

- Texas Early College High School Website

For More Information -



- Campus ECHS Directors –

Judson Early College Academy	210-619-0200
Judson High School	210-945-1100
Veterans Memorial High School	210-619-0220
Wagner High School	210-662-5000

- Texas Education Agency

[http://tea.texas.gov/Curriculum and Instructional Programs/College and Career Readiness/Early College High School/](http://tea.texas.gov/Curriculum_and_Instructional_Programs/College_and_Career_Readiness/Early_College_High_School/)

- District Contact -

Dr. Nellie Cantu

Assistant Superintendent for Post-Secondary Education & Career Readiness

email: ncantu@judsonisd.org

Phone number: 210-945-5100