

Is the Early College High School Model Successful?

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 post-secondary success.

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Veterans Memorial Early College High School



College for All!


ECHS

PROGRAM



The vision of Veterans Memorial ECHS is to work collaboratively to prepare students academically, socially, and technologically as they become contributing members of our society.

What is an Early College High School?

Early College High Schools are innovative high schools that allow students least likely to attend college an opportunity to earn a high school diploma and 60 college credit hours. Early College High Schools:

- provide dual credit at no cost to students
- offer rigorous instruction and accelerated courses
- provide academic and social support services to help students succeed
- increase college readiness
- reduce barriers to college access.

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Veterans Memorial ECHS

Students have the opportunity to gain college credits while in high school.

- Earn up to 60 college hours
- May earn an AA in General Studies
- Rigorous level of instruction and advanced courses (Advanced Placement)
- Texas Success Initiative, SAT and ACT preparation and testing.

Institutes of Higher Education Partners



TEXAS SOUTHMOST
COLLEGE

The University of Texas
Rio Grande Valley

Course Crosswalk

9th Grade Courses

- Component area option (Speech or Spanish)
- Creative Arts (Music or Art)
- Behavioral Science (Psychology or Sociology)

10th Grade Courses

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- Creative Arts (Music or Art)
- Behavioral Science (Psychology or Sociology)
- Mathematics 1314

11th Grade Courses

- English 1301 (Composition I)
- MATH 1314 (College Algebra)
- Life and Physical Science (Biology) BIOL 1306/1106 and BIOL 1307/1107
- HIST 1301 (US History 1)
- HIST 1302 (US History 2)
- MATH 2412 (Pre-Calculus)

12th Grade Courses

- English 1302 (Composition II)
- English 2341 (Forms of Literature)
- Government 2305 (Federal Government)
- Government 2306 (Texas Government)
- ECON 2301