

Portrait of a Tyler ISD Early College High School Student

Early College High School efforts shall identify and recruit students who:

- Are historically underrepresented in colleges and universities
 - First generation high school graduates
 - First generation college goers and/or graduates
 - Sub-populations such as Hispanic, African-American, Limited English Proficient, and others
- Are economically disadvantaged students
- Have never thought that going to college was a real option available to them
- All students are encouraged to apply

Portrait of an Early College High School

Early College High Schools are designed to reach out students who may be best suited for:

- A non-traditional high school setting
- May feel more comfortable in a smaller setting that focuses on academics
- Wants a more personalized, supportive, and collaborative learning environment
- Seeks a deeper and more rigorous curriculum and accelerate their learning
- Willing to forego participation in certain extra-curricular activities – For example, team sports and band
- Students may participate in individual sports – For example, golf, tennis, track, cross-country and powerlifting
- To graduate under an advance high school diploma plan
- The opportunity to graduate from high school with 60 college credits or an Associate Degree
- Becoming one of the first in their family to earn a four year college or university degree

Early College High Schools are designed to provide:

- Immersion of every student “in a college culture”
- Immersion in a rigorous curriculum (Pre-Advanced Placement, Advance Placement, and dual credit courses)
- Full immersion in the college campus during years three and four
- Opportunity to earn up to 60 college credits and/or an Associate’s Degree at **no cost** to the student or family
- A small personalized academic environment with a dedicated staff and administration
- Academic, social, and emotional support systems to ensure successful completion of high school and college
- Seamless entry into a four year public or private college or university upon graduation from high school

Portrait of an Early College High School Graduate

Early College High School Graduates will graduate with:

- An advanced academic high school diploma with an appropriate endorsement
- Up to 60 college credits and or an Associate Degree
- Academic and technological skills to be successful in post-secondary education, career and life
- Possess the experiences and social skills to be successful in post-secondary education, career and life
- Possess the skills to effectively communicate in written and verbal form in any setting
- Possess the self-discipline, drive, resiliency and confidence to be successful in any endeavor of their choosing