



The Tarrant County College (TCC) Southeast Early College High School at Timberview Frequently Asked Questions

General Information

- **What is an Early College High School?**
Early College High Schools are small high schools where students earn both a high school diploma and two years of college credit (60 hours) towards a bachelor's degree. The Early College High School is designed to substantially increase the number of low-income students and first generation college-bound students who will pursue advanced studies. The Early College High School will provide academic, social and emotional support services to ensure students success. In addition, AVID instructional strategies and mentorship will continue to be an instrumental component of the Early College High School.
- **Why have an Early College High School?**
Early College High Schools have the potential to improve high school graduation rates and better prepare students for family-supporting careers by:
 - Changing the structure of the high school years.
 - Compressing the number of years to earn a college degree.
 - Removing financial and other barriers to college.
- **Do I need to live in the attendance zone of the program to attend?**
Mansfield ISD parents and students have the opportunity to apply for specific School of Choice programs, even if the program is located outside of their designated attendance zone.
- **If I already reside in one of the program school attendance zones, may I continue to attend that school?**
Yes, a student shall be assigned to the campus designated by the residence of the parent or legal guardian in accordance with Board-adopted attendance zones. FDB (LOCAL)
- **If I reside in MISD but currently attend a private, charter, home school, etc., may I still apply for this Power of Choice program?**
Yes.
- **Who is the District's institute of higher education partner?**
The Tarrant County College (TCC) Southeast campus is partnering with MISD as the higher education partner.
- **What will be the school hours?**
All School of Choice programs will follow the MISD [arrival and dismissal times](#).
- **Where can I send additional questions or comments that I may have after reading this FAQ?**
You can email ECHS@misdmail.org, and the appropriate personnel will get in touch with you as soon as possible.

Admission

- **How many students can attend the MISD Early College High School?**
Seventy-five (75) students going into the ninth grade will be accepted in the fall of 2017. A similar amount of students will be added each year to the incoming freshman class.



- **Who can apply to attend the MISD Early College High School?**
Any current eighth-grade student enrolled in MISD can apply to the MISD Early College High School.
- **How do you get accepted into the MISD Early College High School?**
All students interested in attending the Early College High School must fill out an application. All applications will be screened, and then the selection process will begin. The selection process will include student interviews and required parent meetings.
- **What type of student gets accepted to the MISD Early College High School?**
We are looking for students who are determined, focused on college and willing to work hard without giving up when faced with adversity. Due to the rigor of the program, disciplinary issues cannot be tolerated, and excellent attendance is essential.

Enrollment and Transportation

- **When and where will applications be available?**
Applications for the 2017-2018 school year will be available starting February 1, 2017 on the MISD website. Eighth grade students can also pick up an application from their counselor.
- **Where do I turn in applications?**
Applications can be turned in at the MISD Student Services office, located at 609. E. Broad Street, Mansfield TX 76063.
- **What is the cost of the Early College High School?**
There is no cost to attend for students who complete the application process and are selected to attend the Early College High School. In addition, tuition, fees and required textbooks are waived for Early College High School students.
- **Will transportation be provided?**
Students will be provided transportation and attend classes at Timberview High School year one (grade 9) and year two (grade 10) of the Early College High School. In year three (grade 11) and year four (grade 12), students will be provided transportation to the TCC Southeast campus for course work.

Extra-Curricular Activities and Tutoring

- **Do you have sports or fine arts at the MISD Early College High School?**
Since the focus of the Early College High School is academics, we will not offer UIL athletics or fine arts performance programs. Students who attend the Early College High School are not allowed to compete in these areas for any of the MISD high schools.
- **Will I be able to participate in clubs or organizations?**
Yes, many clubs and organizations will be offered to students for participation both through the Early College High School, Timberview High School and Tarrant County College.



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- **Will students have opportunities for tutoring?**

Yes, tutoring centers will be available to assist students at a variety of times and locations. Also, support structures will be implemented into the student schedule via AVID and core courses.

- **Will students be required to attend anything in the summer?**

Yes, students will be required to attend a three-day summer bridge program.