TCC Southeast Mansfield Early College High School
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. Students who do not fit this profile can still apply and are accepted into Mansfield ECHS. Our ECHS students reflect the diversity of MISD. 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.

When did TCC SE Mansfield Early College High School open?

Early College High School opened fall 2017 to 9th graders only. We had our first graduating class in 2021 with an 81% associate degree attainment rate.

How many students can attend ECHS at full capacity?

Approximately 300 in grades 9, 10, 11 and 12.

Where is Early College High School housed?

The 9th and 10th grade scholars attend Early College High School only classes in a wing in Timberview High School. 11th and 12th grade scholars attend classes at TCC Southeast.

Why attend 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:

- Designing a structured school setting that helps students succeed in a college classroom.
- Compressing the number of years to a earn college degree.
- Removing financial and other barriers to college.

Are ECHS students Timberview High School Students?

No. Our students are Early College High School Stallions. We are a school of choice housed in Timberview High School. We are a separate educational entity.

Admission

How many students can attend the MISD Early College High School?
A minimum of seventy-five (75) to one hundred (100) students going into the ninth grade will be accepted in the fall. 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 is the admission's process for ECHS applicants?

- Students submit ECHS application
- Students participate in ECHS Interview
- Students will get notified of ECHS acceptance via email
- Students who get accepted must then confirm acceptance and apply to become a college student using the Apply TCC online application
- Students participate in Summer TSI Bridge Camp & register for TCC classes
- Families complete MISD registration

Can upperclassmen apply for admissions into Early College High School?

We accept 10th grade scholars on a case by case basis. Rising 10th graders can apply.

What type of student are 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. We also encourage underserved students and students who need the structure of our school. Due to the rigor of the program, disciplinary issues will not tolerated and excellent attendance is essential.

Enrollment and Transportation

When and where will applications be available?
Online applications are available on the ECHS website

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. Students will have to pay the clinic fee to keep up with their Meningitis Immunization.

Is transportation provided?
Yes. Students will be provided transportation to attend classes at Early College at Timberview High School and Tarrant County College Southeast Campus.

Academic Curriculum, Extra-Curricular Activities, Tutoring and Enrichment Services

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 UIL 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 through both the Early College High School, Timberview High School and Tarrant County College.

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 TCC Supplemental Instruction, AVID and after school tutoring

Will students be required to attend anything in the summer?

Yes, students will be required to attend a week-long summer bridge program.

What curriculum do you follow?

Students will follow the advanced curriculum and college curriculum created by the TCC instructor. Because this is a collegiate environment, we do not offer a modified curriculum. Our students will take advanced and accelerated courses.

What makes this a unique and structured setting?

- We offer the AVID elective, which has a college readiness curriculum that teaches students how to write, inquire, collaborate, organize and read in a collegiate setting
- We schedule "in school" study hall
- We offer Club and Organization times during the school day and after school
- Students have access to TCC, ECHS and THS tutorial services
- Students take college courses fall of their 9th grade year. Every year, the college course load increases so that a student will eventually take mostly college courses
- Counselor and principals knows and advises students
- Small school – family feel
- Like minded students
- Teaches how to be resourceful and think like a college student
- Last two years of ECHS, students will take all of their classes at TCC Southeast with high school and adult learners
- Teachers teach at the advanced level to prepare students for college classrooms.

- Most students who graduate will get accepted into a college with scholarship opportunity
- College and Career Development Opportunities
- Student Leadership is encouraged

Life at Tarrant County College Southeast Campus

Will all of my 11th and 12th grade classes be housed at TCC Southeast Campus?

Yes, all of your TCC and MISD classes are located at TCC SE. Transportation is provided for scholars.

What do I need to wear on TCC campus that distinguishes me as an Early College High School Student?

Have your ECHS & TCC ID accessible.

Will I take my college classes with ECHS only students?

No. TCC classes are blended with ECHS and adult college students.

Who from the high school will be on the TCC Southeast Campus with me if I need to go to them about a concern?

We have MISD teachers teaching MISD classes on TCC SE campus.

When will I have lunch?

You will not have a dedicated lunch time like you have in traditional school. Your lunch time depends on your college schedule.

What will my class schedule look like at TCC SE?

Your college schedule depends on how you register for your classes based on the associate's degree plan, college class availability, registering on time, etc. Your college schedule may look differently from one of your fellow ECHS peers.

Tarrant County College offers college classes in the following time frame:

6:30 – 7:50am
8:00 – 9:20am
9:30 – 10:50am
11:00 – 12:20am
12:30am – 1:50am
2:00 – 3:20am

There are also college classes offered beyond the listed timeframe. Students will be responsible for transportation to and from classes that do not fall in the MISD HS time window. If a student needs to take a college class in the evening or early morning, student is responsible for transportation.