


WISD ECHS


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What is an Early College High School (ECHS)?

- A partnership between Weslaco ISD and South Texas College.
- Gives students a head start on the rest of their lives!
- Students are provided a framework of support with tutoring and mentoring that builds success.
- Allows students to earn both a high school diploma and an associate degree or a certificate (up to 60 college hours) FREE!

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What is an Early College High School (ECHS)?

- Serves students who are at risk of dropping out or who wish to accelerate completion of the high school program.
- Provide for a course of study that enables a participating student to combine high school courses and college-level courses during grades 9 through 12.
- Provide a participating student flexibility in class scheduling and academic mentoring



• Our Focus

- Early College High School
- College and Career Pathways
- Postsecondary Completion
- Work-Ready Credentials
- Career Advancement

Target Population

- 8th grade students that have the desire and determination to attend college.
- 50% male and 50% female
- 50% at risk students
- 90% Minority population
- 80% Economically disadvantaged students
- Parental support



What are the benefits for the students?

- Students may graduate with both a high school diploma and an Associate's Degree
- Students will be part of a smaller school
- Students will not have to pay for the Dual Credit classes, textbooks, required supplies, etc.

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What is TSI?

The TSI Assessment is part of the Texas Success Initiative program designed to help your college or university determine if you are ready for college-level course work in the general areas of reading, writing, and mathematics.

TSI Readiness Standards:

TSI Math

At least 350

TSI Reading

At least 351

TSI Writing

At least 340 on the writing portion and at least 4 on the essay **OR** at least 5 on the essay with an ABE Diagnostic level of at least 4

Summer Bridge



- 2 weeks during the summer. June 4-14
- To assist our students pass TSI in Reading and Writing. Some students need to pass only writing and are still required to attend.
- Opportunity to retest at the completion of the summer bridge

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Texas Common Course Numbering System

College Credit Tracking System

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Weslaco Early College High Schools are part of the Weslaco ISD High Schools

- Program offers free/reduced breakfast and lunch.
- Transportation provided to students.
- Schools are fully staffed with an administrator, counselor and teachers.

Weslaco 21st Century T-STEM ECHS



Yvett Morales, Principal

Sandra Cerda, Asst. Principal

Eunice Leija, Counselor

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Weslaco 21st Century T-STEM ECHS

Associate of Science with a Field Study in Biology

Associate of Science with a Field Study in Math

**Associate of Science with a Field Study in
Engineering**

**Associate of Science with a Field Study in Computer
Science**

**Associate of Arts Degree with a Field Study
Interdisciplinary Studies**

Associate Degree in Criminal Justice

Weslaco East T-STEM Early College High School



Dr. Raul Cantu, Principal

Lisse Krink, Asst. Principal

Elvira Martinez, Counselor

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Weslaco East T-STEM Early College High School for Medical and Health Professions

Associate of Science with a Field Study in Biology
Associate Degree in Math
Associate Degree in Engineering
Associate Degree in Computer Science
Associate of Arts Degree with a Field Study Interdisciplinary Studies
Certificate in Medical Assistant Technology

Weslaco CTE Early College High School



Marco Zamora, Principal

Melinda Ortiz, Counselor

Yvonne Olivarez, Social Worker

Weslaco ISD 21st Century CTE ECHS

Associate Degree in Welding

Associate Degree Diesel Technology

Associate Degree in Advanced Manufacturing

Associate Degree in Criminal Justice

Certificate in Emergency Medical Technology



Weslaco ISD 21st Century

CTE ECHS

In partnership with



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Breakout Sessions

**Weslaco T-STEM ECHS
Room 137,138,145**

**Weslaco East T-STEM Early College High School
Room 135,136,146**

**Weslaco 21st Century CTE ECHS
Room 139,140**

**Labs
Library and Room 144**

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Ready?

<http://inf.wisd.us/echs.htm>



