



William B. Travis ECHS: Making College Accessible!

The Early College High School program at Travis High School provides an opportunity for students to obtain a two-year transferrable college degree while in high school at NO COST to the student or family.

Program Highlights

- ✚ Students can earn up to 60 FREE college credits that also satisfy high school requirements (dual-credit).
- ✚ Students can earn an Associate of Arts degree or complete the Core Curriculum by the time they graduate from Travis High School.
- ✚ All credits are guaranteed to transfer to any Texas public 4-year university. Private universities in Texas and out-of-state colleges will accept many of the credits as well.
- ✚ Students attend college classes during the school day at Travis or at ACC Riverside. Transportation to classes at ACC Riverside is provided.
- ✚ Students can access ACC support services, including advising, counseling and free tutoring. Students can use all ACC facilities and participate in ACC events for free.
- ✚ Students receive support through full-time ECHS coordinator, ECHS Counselor, AVID classes, tutoring and study halls. Students are encouraged to take other advanced academic classes such as pre-AP, AP and On-Ramps.
- ✚ *And best of all...there is NO COST to the student or family for tuition, transportation, or textbooks!*

Eligibility

The Travis Early College High School program is open to any student who meets one or more of the following criteria:

- 1st generation college potential (neither custodial parent has received a 4-year degree)
- belonging to a population that is under-represented in higher education
- seeking for an accelerated or more rigorous academic high school experience

Students must start the program while in 9th or 10th grade and will remain in the program until high school graduation. The program has two application periods throughout the year: **Fall and Spring.**

The **Fall** application is open to students in the 8th grade in any middle school within or outside of AISD. Students currently enrolled in the 9th grade at Travis can also apply for Fall.

The **Spring** application is open to students currently enrolled in the 9th or 10th grade at Travis.

Once students have applied, and are notified of program acceptance, they must take the TSI college readiness test. *Students must meet college-readiness in the Reading & Writing portion of this test to be eligible to begin taking college classes at ACC.* As soon as a student is college-ready, he/she may start ACC courses the following semester.

Application Process and Deadlines

Fall 2019

- Application deadline is **March 31, 2019**.
- For **current 8th or 9th graders**.
- Students that do not live in the Travis HS attendance zone, will be eligible for a district transfer to attend Travis HS.
- Once notified of acceptance, students will be required to **take the TSI test and attend a summer bridge** program where they receive program orientation, college readiness activities, and TSI test preparation as needed. If students meet TSI college-readiness scores by end of the summer bridge, they can begin taking ACC classes in the Fall semester.
- Students that do not meet college-readiness scores, will have the opportunity to participate in further TSI prep/review, and retest in the Fall to begin ACC classes in Spring 2020.
- **Incoming 9th grade ECHS students must also participate in the AVID program at Travis.** AVID provides support to students enrolled in ACC classes by offering tutoring, homework time, and academic/organizational checks. AVID teaches the study and organizational skills needed for college success and offers additional TSI preparation to those who need it. **All 8th grade applicants must submit an AVID application along with ECHS application by deadline.** You can find the AVID application on our website.

Spring 2020

- Application deadline is October 31, 2019.
- For **current Travis 9th or 10th graders**.
- If admitted, students will be required to take the **TSI test** and if meet college-ready scores, can begin taking ACC classes in Spring semester.
- Students that do not meet college-readiness scores will have the opportunity to participate in further TSI prep/review, and retest in the Spring/Summer to begin college classes in Summer or Fall of 2020.

To apply:

- Submit ECHS Program Application Form and Essay (paper or online)
- Submit **optional** Teacher Recommendation Form, STAAR Scores, Report Card, and/or Attendance Records
- Submit Travis AVID application (**if incoming 9th grader**)

Submit online application at:

<http://www.travisrebels.org/our-programs/echs/application>

Download paper application from website above

Or pick up a copy from the Travis front office or from Ms. Orozco in Room 700C

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