

DeSoto Early College High School

Recruitment Timeline 2021-2022

Enrollment & Recruitment Efforts

The recruitment process for DeSoto ECHS students does not exclude students who are at risk, first-generation college students, economically disadvantaged students, or students identified in under-represented subpopulations in colleges and universities, such as Black or African American and Hispanic or Latino. DeSoto ECHS students are recruited through, but not limited to, the following methods:

- Parent Information Meetings
- Student Assemblies
- Campus Lunch Visits
- Marketing: Online Information, Brochures, & Mailed Flyers

Mailed Flyers

Flyers regarding Parent Information Meetings will be mailed to all 8th grade parents on the following date:

- Thursday, November 11, 2021

8th Grade Assemblies

In collaboration with DeSoto ISD middle schools, designated ECHS staff will host assemblies to inform 8th grade students on collegiate culture, classes, and expectations. The assemblies will occur on the following tentative dates:

- Katherine Johnson T.M.A. - Monday, November 29, 2021 (*Time TBA*)
- West MS – Tuesday, November 30, 2021 (*Time TBA*)
- McCowan MS - Wednesday, November 30, 2021 (*Time TBA*)

DeSoto ISD Parent Night

ECHS will participate in the DeSoto ISD Parent Night and provide information on the program to parents and students. The event will occur on the following date:

- Thursday, December 2, 2021

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Application Opens Online

A Google Slide presentation will be uploaded to the ECHS website for parents who missed Parent Information Night. Additionally, the application and supporting documents will be available via the ECHS website. Following the submission of applications, students must download, complete, and physically submit all required documents to the ECHS office. The ECHS Application will be available via the DeSoto ISD website on the following date:

- December 1, 2021

Parent Information Meetings

8th grade students and parents will receive information and necessary documents during the parent information meetings on the following dates:

- Tuesday, December 7, 2021 - 6pm-7pm (Virtual)

Middle School Lunch Visits

Designated ECHS staff members and students will report to middle school campuses during 8th grade lunches to recruit students. Paper applications will be provided to students that are interested in the program on the following tentative dates:

- Katherine Johnson T.M.A. - Tuesday, January 18, 2022 (*Time TBA*)
- West MS – Thursday, January 20, 2022 (*Time TBA*)
- McCowan MS– Friday, January 21, 2022 (*Time TBA*)

Application Closes

All applications and supporting documents must be submitted online or to the Early College High School Suite at DeSoto High School by 4:00 pm on the following date:

- March 1, 2022

Application Review Process

The ECHS admissions team will review applications for initial screening for our target population based on the Academy's Outcome Based Measures. ECHS applicants will be notified of status by mail.

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Acceptance Letters Mailed

Acceptance Letters mailed via US mail on the following date:

- Friday, March 25, 2022

Acceptance Decisions

Students accepting the offer of admission will respond via website by the following date:

- Friday, April 8, 2022

College Enrollment (with Cedar Valley College)

Both parents and students are required to complete the enrollment process for Dallas County College by the following date:

- Friday, April 22, 2022

TSI Boot Camp

ECHS admitted students will participate in a series of TSI Boot Camp for Reading and Writing strategies on the following dates:

- June 6-9, 2022

Summer Bridge for ECHS

ECHS students will participate in a mandatory summer bridge program that includes a TSI Reading, Writing, and Math curriculum and testing. Also, students will participate in enrichment opportunities that contribute to the ECHS culture. Summer Bridge will occur on the following week:

- Monday, June 6 - Thursday, June 9, 2020 - 8 am to 3 pm.

Freshman Orientation

ECHS students will participate in the DeSoto High School Freshman Orientation. ECHS staff will facilitate information sessions for ECHS students and parents.

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- August 2022 – TBD