Scaling Early College High School

A Powerful Strategy For Increasing Student Success

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• Better college outcomes: Enrolling in college after high school, persistence in college, higher GPA, better college graduation rates

• Positive impact for students who enter high school performing below grade level

• Especially powerful for minority students, low-income youth, 1st generation college goers

• Demography does not have to be destiny, we need different strategies
WHAT IS AN EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL?

Early College High Schools (ECHS) are innovative high schools that allow students least likely to attend college an opportunity to earn a high school diploma and 60 college credit hours.

Early College High Schools:
- provide dual credit at no cost to students
- offer rigorous instruction and accelerated courses
- provide academic and social support services to help students succeed
- increase college readiness, and
- reduce barriers to college access
A POWERFUL STRATEGY

Expanding Dual Enrollment & Early College Opportunities

• A number of studies (National, State and Local) show the transformational power of students taking college classes while in high school.

• This includes studies conducted by Jobs for the Future (Boston, MA), the American Institute for Research (Washington, DC), the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, RAND Corporation (and a number of Community Colleges and Universities in Texas.)

  ➢ Texas new higher education plan 60X30TX, focuses on the common goal by striving for 60% of the 25-34 year olds in Texas to hold a certificate of degree by 2030.
## DISTRICT DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Enrollment – 32,353

Total Number of Schools – 43

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DISTRICT-WIDE SCALE UP

COLLEGE FOR ALL

Stand Alone
- PSJA T. Jefferson
- T-STEM ECHS
- Pilot Lab Setting

School Within A School
- Small schools offering an Associate Degree and/or up to 60 college hours for a cohort of students within our large comprehensive high schools.

Scaling to School-wide, District-wide
- Redesign of entire high school to install supportive pathways that allow every student a possibility to earn up to 60 college hours or an Associate Degree.

Timeline:
- 2008: Stand Alone
- 2010-2014: School Within A School
- 2014-2018: Scaling to School-wide, District-wide
FOUR-YEAR GRADUATION RATE (2007-2016)

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District wide pathways aligned to degree plans and certifications

Focuses on building career pathways “To & Through” College with high wage-high demand fields of study

Specialized programs clustered at various high schools
Early College Results
Class of 2017

- Total High School Graduates: 2051
- Had College Hours: 1420 (70%)
- Had 12+ College Hours: 1023 (50%)
- Had 30+ College Hours: 627 (30%)
- Had 60+ College Hours: 338 (16%)
- College Certificate (Blue) & Associates Degree (Yellow): 507 (25%), 302 (15%), 205 (10%)
CERTIFICATES

Medical-Office-Specialist
Cyber/Digital-Forensics
Automotive-Tech
HR-Payroll
Computer&Internet-Specialist
Architectural-Engineering
Multimedia-Specialist
Emergency-Medical

Advanced-Manufacturing
Computer-Applications-Specialist
HR-Recruiter

Computer&Network-Specialist

Welding-Structural
Patient-Care
Electrician-Asst.
• Texas Workforce Commission
  Emergency Medical Technician
  $218,889.00

• Texas Workforce Commission
  Advanced Manufacturing Technology- Machinist (AMT)
  $342,740.00
START COLLEGE NOW! COMPLETE EARLY! GO FAR!
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