

# Unlock Tomorrow, Today!

Empowering Students to  
Turn Dreams into Degrees  
at Northside ECHS



# Welcome!



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# What is an Early College High School?

A high school model that blends both high school and college level courses

- Students take college courses taught by their NISD high school teachers and receive both high school and college credits
- All courses taught at Jay High School
- Students graduate with both a high school diploma and an Associate's Degree from Northwest Vista College
  - Associate of Arts



# What makes Northside's Early College High School Different?

- ECHS students are a part of Jay's campus community and have access to the full spectrum of extracurricular activities -- athletics, band, fine arts, ROTC, clubs, etc.
- Students in the ECHS program still receive a complete high school experience at Jay.
  - Fosters friendships and connections across different programs



# Benefits of attending the ECHS program

- **SAVE TIME!**



- Students can graduate with a diploma AND an Associate's of Arts Degree and get a head start towards their Bachelor's Degree

- **SAVE MONEY!**

- Earn college credit hours for free - NO tuition or fees!



- **PREPARATION FOR COLLEGE!**

- Rigorous academic preparation while still in high school

- **HEAD START ON YOUR CAREER!**

- Faster entry into the workforce with college credentials



# What is Dual Credit?

- Partnered with Northwest Vista College
- DC courses are designed off a college curriculum and taught by high school teachers approved and hired as adjunct college instructors.
- Students take all of their dual credit courses at their home high school campus.
- Students earn one grade for the course.  
The grade earned in the high school course is the grade that appears on the college transcript.



# What is different about the ECHS program?

## DUAL CREDIT

- Students can take up to 14 college courses throughout high school
  - Equivalent of roughly 42 college hours

## ECHS PROGRAM

- Students have a designated pathway of dual credit courses that align with Northwest Vista degree requirements
- Students can earn 60 college credit hours = ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE



## Early College High School Program Crosswalk: Plan B

Degree: Associate of Arts Degree

# High School/College Crosswalk

## Associate of Arts - On Level Math

Northwest Vista College Courses: ECHS Plan B On Level Math Track		Northside ISD Graduation Requirements - 26 Credits
9th	EDUC 1300: Learning Framework: Effective Strategies for College Success SPCH 1315: Public Speaking *SPAN 2311/2312: Intermediate Spanish I/II TOTAL COLLEGE CREDITS: 12	English Language Arts - 4 Credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English 1</li> <li>English 2</li> <li>English 3</li> <li>English 4</li> </ul>
10th	HIST 1301/1302: United States History ARTS 1301: Art Appreciation TOTAL COLLEGE CREDITS: 9	Mathematics - 4 Credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Algebra 1</li> <li>Geometry</li> <li>Algebra 2</li> <li>Advanced Math</li> </ul>
11th	ENGL 1301/1302: Composition & Rhetoric GOVT 2306: Texas Government SOC1 1301: Sociology TOTAL COLLEGE CREDITS: 12	Science - 4 Credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biology</li> <li>Chemistry</li> <li>Physics</li> <li>1 additional science credit</li> </ul>
12th	ENGL 2328/2323: American Lit/British Lit MATH 1414/2412: College Algebra/PreCalculus BIOL 1406/1407: AP Biology GOVT 2305: US Gov't ECON 2301: Economics TOTAL COLLEGE CREDITS: 28	Social Studies - 4 Credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>World History</li> <li>US History</li> <li>US Government/Economics</li> <li>1 additional Social Studies credit</li> </ul> World Languages - 2 Credits* <i>*Must be 2 credits in the same language</i>  Fine Arts - 1 Credit Physical Education - 1 Credit Speech - .5 Credit Health - .5 Credit Electives - 5 Credits
Credits	61 College Credits	28 High School Credits
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Core Academic Classes can be taken as Advanced, AP, or OnRamps</li> <li>All Freshman will be enrolled in AVID 9 to align with EDUC 1300/SPCH 1315</li> <li>*SPAN 2311/2312 can be taken at 9th, 10th, or 11th grade (once prerequisites of Spanish 1 and 2 are met)</li> <li>Students must complete an Endorsement</li> </ul>	

# Enrollment Process

- Interested Students must complete the Enrollment Google Form
  - Available on the ECHS Program website ([www.nisd.net/early-college](http://www.nisd.net/early-college))
- Parents and students must commit to the program expectations
  - This is part of the Enrollment Google Form
- Students must complete the Dual Credit application process
  - This is a SEPARATE process from the enrollment form
  - This includes completing the [applytexas.org](http://applytexas.org) application as well as all of the requirements through Northwest Vista College
  - Step-by-step instructions will be sent out to everyone who completes the enrollment form by the deadline of December 20th .



## Additional Benefits

Opportunities beyond a 2-year degree:

UTSA BOLD Promise

Texas A&M San Antonio JAGUAR Promise



**Who's Eligible?** Texas residents who are first-time freshmen, have a family income of \$70,000 or less, and meet certain academic criteria.

**What It Covers :** Full tuition and mandatory fees

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# QUESTIONS

