

Campus and Program Overview

Rowlett High School is a comprehensive high school that is partnering with Eastfield College to offer an Early High School (EHS) program to incoming 9th graders for the 2020 – 2021 school year. The program is designed to offer students the opportunity to earn up to 60 college credits at no cost. Students may earn an Associate's degree while completing their high school graduation requirements. The courses are primarily housed at Rowlett High School; however, all dual credit faculty are credentialed by Eastfield College. Additionally, the EHS embeds social/emotional supports throughout the program to support young learners who have the desire to take advanced coursework. The goal of the EHS program is to support and provide educational opportunities for traditionally underrepresented students in higher education including at-risk, low income, English language learners, and first generation students. Interested students should possess a high level of commitment, academic tenacity, and desire to do college-level work while in high school.

Admission Policy

All students interested in a rigorous and supportive dual credit experience that leads to earning a high school diploma concurrently with an Associate's degree are encouraged to apply. As stated in The Early College High School Handbook, the Rowlett EHS shall target, recruit, and enroll students who are at risk of dropping out of school as defined by the Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) and who might not otherwise go to college.

Student Eligibility Criteria

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) sets forth criteria for EHS programs that targets at-risk, low income, English language learners, and first generation students. As a result, the following criteria will be used in determining student eligibility for the Rowlett EHS program:

- reside within the Garland ISD school zone
- be classified as a first-time, incoming 9th grader
- Motivated by taking advanced coursework
- Want to attend college and willing to work hard
- Willing to learn college readiness skills and use them daily

Applications and admissions information will be available online through our application skyward, our application system which can be accessed through the GISD website and Rowlett High School website.

Selection Process

The following outlines the application and selection process:

- Students will submit a completed application through skyward for Rowlett ECHS by the GISD Magnet deadline.
- Students and parent will attend an ECHS orientation meeting.
- If more eligible students apply than available seats, GISD advance academics department will place students in a lottery and seats will be offered in order they are chosen.
- Students will attend the ECHS summer bridge program prior to the start of 9th grade.