



VETERANS MEMORIAL H S
ECHS Renewal Application
2021-2022

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Background

District Affiliation

MISSION CISD

CD #: 108908

Region: 01

Mailing Address (Line 1): 1201 BRYCE DR

Mailing Address (Line 2):

City, State, Zip: MISSION, TX 78572

School Affiliation

VETERANS MEMORIAL H S

CDC #: 108-908-002

Region:

Mailing Address (Line 1): 1201 BRYCE DR

Mailing Address (Line 2):

City, State, Zip: MISSION, TX 78572

Academy Information

What is the academy name?

Mission Veterans Memorial Early College High School

Which model does the district intend to implement at this time? Within these models, there are variations.

School-Within-School (SWS) - A subset of students on the campus are enrolled in grades 9-12 are enrolled in the academy.

Distinguished Recognition

Grade Levels Served

What grade level(s) will your academy plan to serve in the 2021-2022 school year?

9

10

11

Enter the number of students that you plan to serve in 9th grade.

125

Enter the number of students that you plan to serve in 10th grade.

125

Enter the number of students that you plan to serve in 11th grade.

125

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Narratives

Current Designations at MISSION CISD:

- MISSION H S - ECHS - 1516
- MISSION H S - T-STEM - 1415
- VETERANS MEMORIAL H S - ECHS - 1819
- MISSION COLLEGIATE H S - ECHS - 1213

Previous Planning Year Applications at MISSION CISD:

Narratives

The majority of the following questions will be narrative response. Narrative responses are limited to a maximum of 250 words. We recommend writing your responses in a text-editing software such as Microsoft Word and then pasting your responses into the website when they are complete. Progress to the next section when you are ready.

Narratives: Degrees and Credentials: IHE Agreements, Degrees and Credentials, Recruitment and Enrollment

Degrees and Credentials

Select the Career Cluster(s) that your academy plans to offer in 2021-2022.

Architecture & Construction
Business Marketing Finance
Hospitality & Tourism
Law & Public Service
STEM

Select the Program(s) of Study your academy plans to offer in 2021-2022.

Architectural Design

Select the Program(s) of Study your academy plans to offer in 2021-2022.

Business Management

Select the Career Cluster(s) that your academy plans to offer in 2021-2022.

Engineering

Select the Program(s) of Study your academy plans to offer in 2021-2022.

Culinary Arts

Select the Program(s) of Study your academy plans to offer in 2021-2022.

Law Enforcement

Which of the following credential(s) does the academy plan to offer students in 2021-2022 school year?

AD
PC

What associate degree(s) does the academy plan to offer?

Item

Engineering Science

Business Administration

Architecture

What level 1 postsecondary certificate(s) provided by an IHE does the academy plan to offer?

Item

Basic Criminal Justice

Business Administration

Criminal Justice

Culinary Arts

Law Enforcement

Recruitment and Enrollment

Describe any changes in established plans for recruitment and enrollment process that meet open enrollment requirements.

The campus has created an online application that will be posted to the website, making it much easier for students to submit applications to the ECHS. Along with this, the ECHS is working on an online informational platform to provide additional information quickly and concisely for both students and parents.

Degrees and Credentials: IHE Agreements

Does the IHE partner currently have an articulation agreement with a four-year IHE detailing how a student's associate degree and accrued credits could lead to a baccalaureate degree?

Yes

Provide the university name that your IHE partner has an articulation agreement with and the bachelor degree that students could earn using their associate degree and accrued credits.

Each row represents a degree.

2-Year Degree	University	4-Year Degree
Core Complete, Associate Degree, AAS	Texas A&M University - Kingsville	BA, BS
Associate Degree - General	Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi	BA - Theatre
Core Complete, Associate Degree, AAS	University of Texas - RGV	BA, BS
Associate Degree	University of Texas - San Antonio	BA, BS

Narratives: Strategic Partnerships

Strategic Partnerships

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Coordinator for Dual Credit Pathways

The Early College High School shall have a current, signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for each school year that defines the partnership between the school district(s) and the institution(s) of higher education (IHE).

Describe how the IHE articulation agreement addresses the following IHE Blueprint Requirement: Curriculum alignment and courses of study, which enables a student to combine high school courses and college-level courses to earn either an associate degree, postsecondary certificate provided by an IHE, or industry certification.

Section 2 of the Memorandum of Understanding addresses the provision of courses: credit awarded for approved courses with dual-credit course agreements, teaching and evaluation of courses through the college curriculum approval process, and an understanding that policies that apply to regular college coursework is applied to dual-credit coursework. Section 6 of the MOU addresses grading periods and policies. This includes timeliness of grade reporting, academic advisement for struggling students, scholastic probation, and the grading system. Section 7 of the MOU addresses courses of study. The IHE and campus provides a course of study that leads to 60 hours that transfer towards the completion of a baccalaureate degree. Section 8 of the MOU addresses curriculum alignment. The IHE and campus creates a crosswalk of courses ensuring both a high school diploma and associate degree. Section 12b of the MOU, addresses the number of college-level courses a student may take during each of their four years in high school. It also limits the courses that a student takes to those that are on their degree plan and/or declared major, as well as the academic dual credit courses used to satisfy elective requirements. The maximum number of attempted credit hours caps at 68, with the exception of the Associate of Science in Engineering. Section 19 addresses the pathways alignment. The IHE provides a comprehensive guide to alignment of endorsements, courses, pathways, credentials, and industry certifications. Section 22 addresses college credit earned through dual credit.

Describe how the IHE articulation agreement addresses the following IHE Blueprint Requirements: Policies for: 1) advising students on the transferability of all college credit offered and earned, 2) ensuring the IHE transcripts college credit earned through dual credit in the same semester that credit is earned, 3) advising students as to the transferability and applicability to baccalaureate degree plans for all college credit offered and earned (college credits earned during high school should allow students to progress from an associate degree to a bachelor's degree and beyond in their chosen field), 4) students accessing the IHE facilities, services and resources

Section 6 of the MOU addresses grading period and policies. The IHE produces grade reports within 72 hours of the end of the academic term. Any corrections are made prior to the next grading period. The VETERANS MEMORIAL HS ECHS has a weighted system for the final grade posted to the high school transcript. Section 12d of the MOU addresses collaboration and outreach efforts. The IHE provides information sessions to students and parents regarding opportunities, benefits, costs, and resources. These sessions are available throughout the year and at the request of the ECHS. Section 12e of the MOU addresses advising. The types of advising listed are first time student, group enrollment using DegreeWorks, face-to-face advising, and training for high school counselors. Section 16 addresses access to college facilities, services, and resources. Access to the IHE facilities follow the IHE calendar. High school students and staff receive a college ID card and have access to instructional and certain agreed upon noninstructional resources available on the IHE campus. The MOU designates ECHS students as college students, thereby providing them with all resources to support academic success. Section 20 addresses advising students on transfer-ability and applicability. The IHE provides advising opportunities for students as to the transfer-ability and applicability to baccalaureate degree plans of all the college credit offered and earned.

Describe how the IHE articulation agreement addresses the following IHE Blueprint Requirements: Transportation costs and fees including provisions for discontinuing operation while ensuring students previously enrolled will have opportunity to complete their course of

study.

Section 4c of the MOU addresses the payment of the tuition and fees. The IHE waives tuition costs for the district, while the district pays for the transportation cost for any instructors traveling to the ECHS. Section 4d of the MOU addresses the instructor cost. The district pays the expenses to teach college courses on the ECHS campus. Section 4f of the MOU addresses student transportation. The district provides transportation for student taking coursework on the IHE campus, field trips, or any project-based-learning activities. Section 9 of the MOU addresses books and supplemental materials. The ECHS provides all textbooks, equipment, and supplemental materials for each cohort. The IHE will use the textbooks for four years, unless the textbooks are for a technology-based course and there is reasonable justification. The ECHS provides books to the students prior to the first day of instruction. Section 14 of the MOU addresses discontinuation of the ECHS operation. Any discontinuation is communicated immediately to the other party. The last accepted cohort of ECHS students continue as designated until they graduate from the high school. While there are still ECHS students, the campus continues to meet all design elements and provides full support for those students.

Describe how the IHE articulation agreement addresses the following IHE Blueprint Requirements: Data sharing agreement that includes provisions for teacher data such as qualifications and student level data such as credit hours taken and earned, GPA, formative data to assess if student is on track for college readiness

Section 15 describes the types of data that will be shared. This includes TSI testing data conducted during the Summer Bridge Program and other testing sessions, number of credit hours attempted and earned, GPAs, state assessment results, national test results (SAT, ACT, PSAT), ECHS staff qualifications, locations courses are taught, six weeks exam results, and benchmark results. Section 18 describes data sharing. FERPA allows the sharing of this data, and if the student is under 18, the parent may review any education record kept by the school district, including those disclosed by the IHE. The IHE provides data reports in a timely manner. There is a primary and secondary contact for the ECHS for the secure sharing of data between the entities. In the case of reports requested outside the scheduled report distribution schedule, as long as the request is made at least three business days prior to the data being needed, it is provided.

Narratives: Advanced Academics

Advanced Academics

Select the type of advanced courses (dual credit/AP/IB) your campus plans to offer students in 2021-2022.

DC

AP

What type of dual credit courses does your campus plan to offer?

WECM

AGCM

Describe any challenges in ensuring your academy has educators with qualification to teach dual credit. What steps did your academy take to address the need?

There has been a few challenges in finding the correct amount of instructors for the sections being offered. While the ECHS has been able to find instructors for the dual-credit, it has been a challenge to find instructors to teach the high school courses that will feed into the dual-credit coursework. The ECHS has worked hand-in-hand with Central Office and the CTE Director to find qualified instructors. In cases where there has not been a qualified instructor, STC has been able to always find enough instructors to fill the void. The district absorbs the additional cost to transport these instructors to the campus. The campus has also worked with its master schedule and moved courses to ensure instructors are able to instruct the dual-credit courses. Mission CISD is a District of Innovation, as such, it has made it much easier to find qualified CTE instructors for the credentials offered on the campus.

Is the academy a TSIA testing site?

Yes

Narratives: Curriculum and Support

Curriculum and Support

Provide examples of how the campus plans to provide students with academic services. List activities and brief descriptions of the activities. Add a new row for each provided service.

Activity	Description
Advisory Period	This time built into the master schedule bridges students from high school to college
Saturday Tutorials	TSI-Focused
College Transition Course	This course helps with any applications or important forms.
After-School Tutorials	TSI-Focused

Provide examples of how the campus plans to provide students with wrap-around services. List activities and brief descriptions of the activities. Add a new row for each wrap-around service.

Activity	Description
Internships/Business Partnerships	Royal Technologies provides activities for STEM students
Parent Meetings	TSI-focused informational meeting

How does your academy use the access, achievement, and attainment data for program improvement?

Currently the campus is using TSI data in addition to their regular course grades. The assessments and instruction provide targeted tutoring data for the students. Teachers and counselors monitor grades, making parent contacts for students who are struggling in their classes, occurring at minimum once every three weeks. Counselors pay extra attention to these students to ensure that they are all TSI-Ready by the end of their junior year. The campus works with the coach provided by Educate Texas and central office personnel to focus on the attainment of the OBMs.

Narratives: Leadership Team

Leadership Team

List the Leadership Team's three priorities for the next year and describe how the selected priority contributes to the academy's success. Each priority should be a benchmark from the ECHS/T-STEM/P-TECH Blueprint.

Benchmark	Description
Benchmark 5: Academic Rigor and Readiness	Students becoming TSI complete
Benchmark 6: School Design	Proactively providing academic safeguards for struggling students
Benchmark 6: School Design	Ensuring adequate, qualified personnel

Narratives: Benchmark 1 Products, Benchmark 2 Products, Benchmark 3 Products, Benchmark 4 Products,

Benchmark 5 Products, Benchmark Products, Benchmark 6 Products

Benchmark Products

Benchmark 1 Products

Provide a link to the academy's written admission policy and enrollment application.

<https://sites.google.com/missioncisd.org/patriot-echs/about-us/peca-blueprint>

Provide a link to the academy's written recruitment plan including a timeline of recruitment and enrollment events, and recruitment materials for distribution at feeder schools and other appropriate locations in the community.

<https://sites.google.com/missioncisd.org/patriot-echs/about-us/peca-blueprint>

Provide a link to the academy's brochures and marketing in Spanish, English, and/or other relevant languages.

<https://sites.google.com/missioncisd.org/patriot-echs/about-us/peca-blueprint>

Provide a link to the academy's written communication plan for targeting identified audiences, parents, community members, school board, higher educational personnel, etc.

<https://sites.google.com/missioncisd.org/patriot-echs/about-us/peca-blueprint>

Benchmark 2 Products

Provide a link to the academy's final, signed, and executed MOU with their IHE.

<https://sites.google.com/missioncisd.org/patriot-echs/about-us/peca-blueprint>

Benchmark 3 Products

Provide a link to the academy's leadership meeting agendas and minutes.

<https://sites.google.com/missioncisd.org/patriot-echs/about-us/peca-blueprint>

Provide a link to the academy's school board and board of regents' presentations.

<https://sites.google.com/missioncisd.org/patriot-echs/about-us/peca-blueprint>

Provide a link to the academy's description of each member and role in committee.

<https://sites.google.com/missioncisd.org/patriot-echs/about-us/peca-blueprint>

Benchmark 4 Products

Provide a link to the academy's 60 college credit hours crosswalk

<https://sites.google.com/missioncisd.org/patriot-echs/about-us/peca-blueprint>

Provide a link to the academy's calendar of family outreach events.

<https://sites.google.com/missioncisd.org/patriot-echs/about-us/peca-blueprint>

Provide a link to the academy's professional learning community agenda and notes

<https://sites.google.com/missioncisd.org/patriot-echs/about-us/peca-blueprint>

Provide a link to the academy's advisory/study skills curriculum material

<https://sites.google.com/missioncisd.org/patriot-echs/about-us/peca-blueprint>

Provide a link to the academy's Master Schedules

<https://sites.google.com/missioncisd.org/patriot-echs/about-us/peca-blueprint>

Benchmark 5 Products

Provide a link to the academy's calendar of TSI test administration dates.

<https://sites.google.com/missioncisd.org/patriot-echs/about-us/peca-blueprint>

Provide a link to the academy's aggregate reports of TSI exam performance

<https://sites.google.com/missioncisd.org/patriot-echs/about-us/peca-blueprint>

Provide a link to the academy's tutoring and bridge program schedules

<https://sites.google.com/missioncisd.org/patriot-echs/about-us/peca-blueprint>

Provide a link to the academy's Bridge program curricula

<https://sites.google.com/missioncisd.org/patriot-echs/about-us/peca-blueprint>

Benchmark 6 Products

Provide a link to the academy's mentor/induction program plans.

<https://sites.google.com/missioncisd.org/patriot-echs/about-us/peca-blueprint>

Provide a link to the academy's annual training or professional development plan with ECHS and IHE faculty.

<https://sites.google.com/missioncisd.org/patriot-echs/about-us/peca-blueprint>

Provide a link to the academy's ECHS leader/liaison meeting agendas and notes.

<https://sites.google.com/missioncisd.org/patriot-echs/about-us/peca-blueprint>
