



EASTLAKE H S
ECHS Renewal Application
2023-2024

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Background

District Affiliation

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Region: 19

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Academy Information

What is the academy name?

Falcon Early College

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?

9
10
11
12

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

135

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

135

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

135

Enter the number of students that you plan to serve in 12th grade.

135

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Narratives

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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.

Agriculture
Arts AV Tech & Communication
Business Marketing Finance
Education and Training
Health Science
Hospitality & Tourism
Human Services
Information Technology
Law & Public Service
STEM

Select the Program(s) of Study your academy plans to offer.

Animal Science

Select the Program(s) of Study your academy plans to offer.

Design and Multimedia Arts

Select the Program(s) of Study your academy plans to offer.

Business Management

Select the Career Cluster(s) that your academy plans to offer.

Programming and Software Development

Select the Program(s) of Study your academy plans to offer.

Teaching and Training

Select the Program(s) of Study your academy plans to offer.

Exercise Science and Wellness

Select the Program(s) of Study your academy plans to offer.

Culinary Arts

Select the Program(s) of Study your academy plans to offer.

Family and Community Services

Health and Wellness

Select the Program(s) of Study your academy plans to offer.

Information Technology Support and Services

Networking Systems

Web Development

Select the Program(s) of Study your academy plans to offer.

Law Enforcement

Which of the following credential(s) does the academy plan to offer students?

AD

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

Item

Interdisciplinary Studies/General Studies

Recruitment and Enrollment

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

We have open enrollment each year following several months of recruitment from our feeder pattern schools. This year, our recruitment has been conducted through virtual class visits with 8th grade students at both of our feeder pattern middle schools. Additionally, we met with students in the middle school AVID and WIN programs to ensure we targeted our at-risk populations. Our recruitment efforts also included several virtual meetings with parents. Students and their parents were invited to apply using our online application system. Students will then be chosen using a blind lottery system that will be conducted virtually using the applications submitted through our SISD online application. Students and parents will be notified through our SISD Lottery system if they were chosen as one of the students in the cohort or the place number they received on our waiting list.

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 |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| AA Criminal Justice | University of Texas at El Paso | BA Criminal Justice |
| AS Biological Sciences | University of Texas at El Paso | BS Biology |
| AA Psychology | University of Texas at El Paso | BA Psychology |

Narratives: Strategic Partnerships

Strategic Partnerships

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Dean of Dual Credit and Early College High Schools

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.

The articulation agreement (Interlocal Agreement) between Socorro Independent School District (SISD) and El Paso Community College (EPCC) addresses Benchmark 2, Curriculum Alignment, under Section 5 Academic Plan. An academic plan is developed for each student to enable them to earn a high school diploma and an associate degree. In addition to college credit being earned through dual credit course work, Falcon Early College is responsible for administering all End-of-Course (EOC) exams and transcribing all college courses to the student's transcript according to the district defined crosswalk. Pathways to an associate degree are additionally outlined in the articulation agreement through defined courses of study and curriculum alignment. Falcon Early College students are provided with courses of study that meet the requirements of the Associates of Arts or Science Degree, as well as the Distinguished Level of Achievement diploma in the following endorsement categories: STEM, Business and Industry, Public Service, Arts and Humanities, and Multidisciplinary Studies. Additional courses of study must be approved by the campus principal and the appropriate EPCC dean on an individual basis. The curriculum for Falcon Early College students is developed to ensure that each student has the ability and opportunity to earn a high school diploma and an associate degree in four years. Course and curriculum alignment is reviewed annually by the Advisory Committee as outlined in the articulation agreement.

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

Falcon Early College has a dedicated counselor and director as defined in the articulation agreement to ensure students are advised on the transferability of all college credit offered and earned. All Falcon Early College students have access to EPCC Student Services including EPCC counseling services. In addition to the requirements in the agreement, seniors will have access to a transition counselor who further advises students on the transferability and applicability of their course work to baccalaureate degree plans at their planned college of choice. Falcon Early College students' dual credit courses are transcribed onto the high school transcript as outlined in Section 5 of the articulation agreement. When students take college courses at EPCC, the Falcon Early College counselor and administrator are

responsible for transcribing student grades following policy EIC(LOCAL). Students who take college classes at the early college site with a credentialed SISD teacher have their grades transcribed automatically through the student information system. All grades adhere to the requirements outlined in the IHE syllabus as well the appropriate grade conversion for the high school grade as stated in policy EIC(LOCAL). Falcon Early College students have full access to El Paso Community College Student services as outlined in Section 10 of the agreement. Student services provided by EPCC include the issuance of an EPCC ID, access to EPCC's online library databases, materials, resources, on-campus and virtual tutoring centers, Academic Computer Services labs and libraries, and access to participation in student government, clubs, and organizations.

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.

Socorro Independent School District ensures that transportation routes for students attending courses at all EPCC site facilities are available during the fall and spring terms. Bus routes also include round-trip transportation for students to attend official school activities, such as daily classes in an approved class, orientation, etc. Beyond the requirements outlined in Section 10E of the agreement, SISD provides early college students transportation for summer classes scheduled at EPCC sites and for students who attend The University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) throughout the year. In the event of nonrenewal or termination of the agreement, students are afforded the opportunity to complete their course of study. Section 18, Renewal or Termination, states that termination will not occur during the middle of a school year in order to avoid disruption of the academic progress of Falcon Early College students. If the agreement is terminated, Falcon Early College will continue operation through the 11th grade cohort's scheduled graduation from high school. Students enrolled in the 9th and 10th grade will also be able to continue through graduation by agreement. In the event of a termination, Falcon Early College will not be able to enroll any additional students in grades that have been phased out but will continue to meet all the required design elements and provide full support for those who are still enrolled in Falcon Early College.

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

Per the articulation agreement, data is shared and collected for required reporting purposes and for internal purposes to include student level data. The school district and the IHE agree to share any data required for the successful completion of the Falcon Early College students' graduation plans and with the hiring of qualified staff members for dual credit teaching assignments. When sharing teacher data for qualifications, EPCC discipline faculty will serve on the Falcon Early College teacher hiring committees. The school district and EPCC will collect and review the following disaggregated data: number of credit hours taken and earned; GPAs; Falcon Early College EOC results; SAT/ACT/PSAT; TSIA2 readiness by grade level; qualifications of early college staff; and the location(s) where courses are taught. Any program improvements are based on the collection, review, and sharing of the following data: EPCC data; SISD data; articulation of high school students in four-year colleges/universities and level of entry and enrollment/retention rates; and leaver codes and attrition rates by grade level. Additionally, Falcon Early College will participate in instructional success and faculty satisfaction surveys. Survey data is shared by EPCC the semester following the evaluation and may be used in program improvements.

Narratives: Advanced Academics

Advanced Academics

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

DC

AP

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

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?

Recruiting and retaining educators who are credentialed through EPCC is one of the greatest challenges facing Falcon Early College. When a credentialed teacher leaves, it is very difficult to find teachers who have the correct SBEC certificate and EPCC credentialing. To address these challenges, the district has implemented a dual credit teacher scholarship with UTEP and Grand Canyon University (GCU) in which interested teachers apply for and, if accepted, take graduate level coursework that leads to credentialing in areas of high demand such as biology and economics. To address retention of credentialed staff, teachers who go on to receive the Dual Credit Scholarship must commit to three years with the district upon credentialing and they will receive a stipend for each dual credit section they teach. At the campus level, the Falcon Early College director supports the dual credit scholarship by identifying future courses based on student needs to recruit teachers to apply for the scholarship. To support current staff, EPCC hosts faculty and online facilitator workshops at the beginning of each college term as well as required discipline meetings that include learning objective and syllabus updates. The Falcon Early College Director also provides specific professional development for the faculty to enhance classroom instruction and provides TSIA2 workshops for purposeful student tutoring. With the combined efforts of the campus, district, and IHE, the district continues to recruit, educate, and place credentialed teachers in the early college.

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 |
|---|---|
| AVID | In order to support our early college students, all freshman and sophomores are enrolled in an AVID I or II class. As we continue to include cohorts, our Juniors and Seniors will take AVID if requested or needed based on TSIA2 scores and EPCC Academic Standing, or they will be used as Peer Tutors in the AVID I and II class. |
| Falcon Early College Advisory Committee | Our Falcon Early College Advisory Committee members are assigned as mentors to students who are struggling or are on probation or suspension from the IHE to ensure their future success. |
| Bridge Camps | Bridge Camps are held during each intersession (March and October) and during the summer to allow students to sharpen their skills through targeted academic interventions and TSIA2 preparation. |
| Tutoring and Interventions | Tutoring is available daily in the morning and after school. Students also have access to EPCC online tutoring services. Tutoring is mandatory for students who fall below a 75 during any marking period. |

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 |
|--------------------------|--|
| Bridge Camps | Bridge Camps are held during each intersession (March and October) and during the summer to allow students to sharpen their skills through targeted academic interventions. |
| CIS and Counselors | Our campus provides a counselor specifically to address the needs of our early college students. Our counselor has a rotation of counseling sessions for our students to include high school course of study, HS to IHE Side-by-Side Comparison, Financial Aid, Pathway to Post Secondary Readiness, and Healthy practices in dealing with stress. Additionally, we have Community in Schools counselors to provide additional social services for our students. |
| Parent Learning Sessions | Parents are provided sessions in the areas of: High School Graduation Requirements, District Grading Policy, District Attendance Policy, High School Endorsement, Pathway to an Associate Degree, Choosing the Right College Courses, Alignment of the Associate Degree to Post-Secondary Readiness, and The High School to College Timeline. |

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

Falcon Early College uses the access outcomes-based measures to drive recruitment efforts. Recruiting at Falcon Early College starts with general recruitment/presentations to all 8th grade students within our own feeder pattern. After student presentations, a general recruitment night is held virtually for all parents, students, and community members. Finally, Falcon Early College students and staff do additional recruiting in their feeder school 8th grade AVID and WIN classes. This allows for targeted recruitment of At-Risk, ELL, and first-time college students. These recruitment efforts have allowed Falcon Early College to apply for distinguished early college status. The achievement outcomes-based measures are used to shape Falcon Early College TSIA2 intervention and testing schedules. TSIA2 diagnostic data from those students who do not pass are used to help tailor specific remediation throughout the year. Additionally, diagnostic data is used when planning bridge camp activities, since all district 8th graders take the TSIA2 reading. Edgenuity Math is used in all Falcon Early College non-dual credit math courses to ensure that 45% of Algebra I students meet the advanced standard of EOC and are better prepared for the TSIA2, PSAT, and SAT. With the close monitoring and use of the achievement outcomes-based measures, Falcon Early College is able to design and advise students individually to ensure they are taking the appropriate classes (college-level English and Math in 11th grade) and completing the courses required by HB5 and their college degree plan to graduate with a post-secondary degree on or before their high school graduation.

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 - TSIA2 Readiness | As we move forward in offering an associate degree, one of the top priorities is ensuring students are qualifying for dual credit course work. In order for students to qualify for these courses, they need qualifying scores on the TSIA2 Reading, Writing and Math. Our readiness programs have to be comprehensive in nature in which we provide students one-to-one support through learning management systems such as Edgenuity and Shmoop and direct instruction from qualified staff. |
| Benchmark 1 - Target population | Reflecting on enrollment for the past three years, we missed the target enrollment demographics two out of the three years. For next school year, we will heavily recruit students in those areas. This is critically important for the success of Falcon Early College since our vision is to create social reform by empowering students through education. One area that we will concentrate in is economically disadvantaged, since these students are at greater need. |
| Benchmark | As we continue to add a fourth year to our Academy, building stronger partnerships |

**3 - School
Benchmark
Business**

Description with our business and community partners is a top priority. These partnerships allow us to create exposure possibilities for our students. Through community liaisons in industry, students can get a clearer picture of the workforce. Additionally, this is tied to the success of the academy because through them, we can provide our students with a clearer pathway and transition services from high school to career.

Narratives: Benchmark Products

Benchmark Products

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