



WEST OSO EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL  
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## Early College High School Admission Procedures

Thank you for your interest in the Early College High School. Before completing the enclosed application, we request that you carefully consider the information below to determine if this program is the most suitable education experience for you/your child.

West Oso Early College High School's primary focus is on providing students from underrepresented backgrounds (i.e. at-risk, low income and/or first generation college attendees) the opportunity to earn up to 60 college credits free of charge while attending high school. As a designated Early College High School we must target students from underrepresented backgrounds; however, the Texas Education Agency rules and ECHS Benchmark 1, academics, discipline, state assessments and/or teacher recommendations cannot be considered in the selection process.

### Application Criteria

#### Eligibility

- Classified as a first year Grade 9 student.
- Identified as at-risk, English Language Learner, first generation to attend college, low socio-economic, and or an underrepresented student.
- Display the potential for college-level work while in middle school.
- Committed to education.

#### Application Process

1. Student and parent express a desire to pursue ECHS by attending mandatory West Oso Early College Information Meeting/Orientation.
2. Administrator and/or counselor conduct an in-depth orientation for both the parents and students. This orientation will cover the structure, goals, intent, and standard expectations of West Oso ISD and West Oso ECHS.
3. Student and parent/guardian will complete the ECHS application: answering designated questions and submit application in person to West Oso Junior High School Counseling Department or West Oso High School on or before the deadline.
4. Review of the ECHS application is done blindly with all identifying information hidden from the selection committee. The selection committee consists of Central Administration, Campus Administration, Counselors, and Teachers of West Oso Early College High School and West Oso Junior High.
5. Complete applications that meet the selection criteria are placed in a lottery pool in which students are chosen to become the future ECHS cohort by random computerized drawing.
6. Selected applicants and their parents/guardians are notified through official mail two weeks following the lottery drawing.
7. Parents/guardians and students have two weeks to return the WOECHS commitment form to the West Oso Junior High School Counseling Department of their acceptance of the invitation to become a member of the Early College High School.