

**WEST OSO  
EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL**

Congratulations and Welcome to Bear Nation! The West Oso Early College High School provides selected students an opportunity to earn a high school diploma and a two year college degree with the preparation and skills necessary to enjoy a successful career and a productive life.

Our dedicated staff prepares ECHS students for the rigors and expectations of college classes (e.g., High-quality work; Timeliness in turning in work; Advocating for self; Ability to pass each college class and earn credit).

Upon graduation, our students demonstrate that they are able to effectively work on a professional team (problem-solving, critical thinking, teamwork).

**ACADEMIC CODE OF CONDUCT**

ECHS students are expected to adhere to the highest standards of **academic integrity**. As an ECHS student, you must:

- take responsibility for your actions and choices.
- understand that academic honesty is an expectation and a requirement for all students attending West Oso ECHS.
- understand that academic honesty is required in order to demonstrate respect for the work and thoughts of others, and to demonstrate your true mastery level of the content you learn.



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It is the policy of West Oso Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, or handicap in its vocational programs, services or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

West Oso Independent School District will take steps to ensure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational programs and services.

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**2020 – 2021  
SCHOOL YEAR**

**RHONDA GARCIA**  
ECHS COORDINATOR

**TERRY AVERY**  
WOHS PRINCIPAL

**LEADERSHIP. SERVICE. TRADITION.**

## WHAT IS AN EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL?

As defined by the Texas Education Agency, “early college high schools (ECHS) are innovative high schools that allow students an opportunity to earn a high school diploma and 60 college credit hours.”

- ⇒ Provide dual credit classes at no cost to students
- ⇒ Offer rigorous instruction and accelerated courses
- ⇒ Provide academic and social support services to help students succeed
- ⇒ Increase college readiness and reduce barriers to college access



## AS AN EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT...

- \* **You** have a vision for your future.
- \* **You** look forward to participating in a non-traditional high school environment and a rigorous course of study
- \* **You** are prepared to challenge yourself academically.



## KEY FEATURES THAT PROMOTE SUCCESS FOR ECHS STUDENTS



### SMALL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT:

Early College High School provides a small student learning environment to promote personalization engagement and supportive relationships among students and staff.

### COLLEGE DEGREE AND TRANSFERABLE CREDITS

Early College High School students are able to earn a high school diploma and an associate degree from Del Mar College. All college credit can be transferable to any four-year college or university in Texas, and many out of state institutions.

### PERSONALIZED STUDENT SUPPORT

Our faculty, staff and teachers are ready to assist students based on their individual needs. Whether our students need to accelerate their learning or receive focused support, our students needs will be addressed.

### PARTNERSHIPS:

The West Oso Early College High School was created through a strong partnership between West Oso Independent School District and Del Mar College. Students will take classes from both WOISD highly qualified teachers and Del Mar College Faculty.



## BENEFITS FOR STUDENTS & FAMILIES

- ⇒ Increases high school graduation rate
- ⇒ Increases college persistence by supporting students past the high school credits to graduate threshold
- ⇒ Exposure to college academics
- ⇒ Opportunity to earn 60 college hours
- ⇒ Students and families will save on tuition costs
- ⇒ Allows students to complete a four-year degree sooner.
- ⇒ These students are more likely to continue to master or doctorate level programs.



The Texas Success Initiative Assessment, better known as the TSI test, is a program which determines the appropriate level of college course work for an incoming student. The TSI test consists of three separate exams: Mathematics, Reading, and Writing.

### TSI TUTORING & TESTING

Saturday Tutorials  
September—October 2019  
January 18– February 22, 2020  
**WEST OSO HIGH SCHOOL**  
9:00 am—12:00 pm

