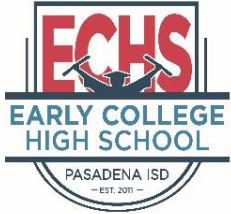
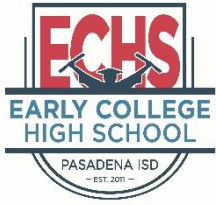


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# What is an Early College High School?

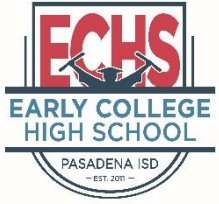
- › ECHS is a four year program which provides students the opportunity to earn an Associate's degree or 60 college hours along with their high school diploma.\*
- › Small learning community that fosters strong, positive relationships among staff and students
- › 125 – 140 students per grade level
- › Dean of Instruction and a Counselor dedicated to each ECHS
- › Pasadena ISD is expanding ECHS to ALL comprehensive high schools in 2017-2018!



## *A School Within a School Model*

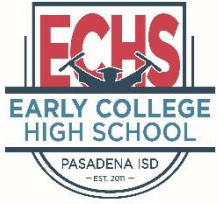
- › As a **Freshman and Sophomore**, students will take all classes at their zoned comprehensive high school campus:
  - **Pasadena High School**
  - **Sam Rayburn High School**
  - **Pasadena Memorial High School**
  - **Dobie High School**
  - **South Houston High School**
  
- › As a **Junior and Senior**, students will take all classes at:
  - **San Jacinto College – Central or South Campus**





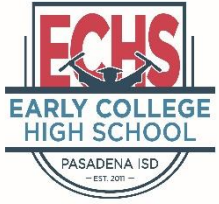
# South Houston Early College





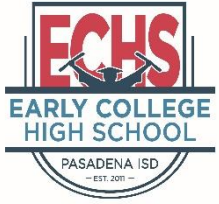
# Sam Rayburn Early College





# Pasadena Memorial Early College



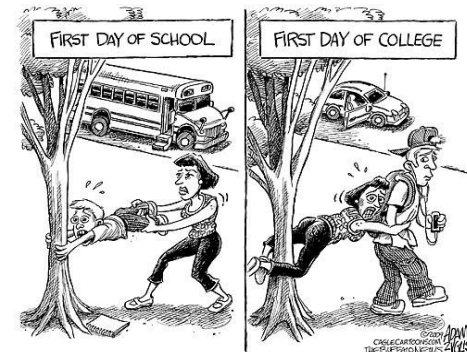


# Dobie 9th Grade Campus and ECHS

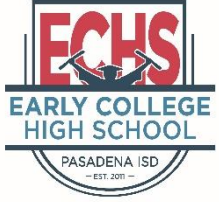


## Benefits of a *School Within a School Model*

- › Students are able to participate in sports, fine arts, and all of the clubs and organizations that the comprehensive high school has to offer.
- › Students get to experience high school and transition to college with support.
- › Begin with two college classes as a freshman and by senior year, students take a full college load.



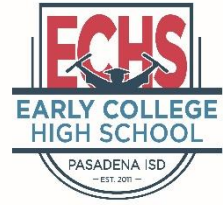




## SJC Degrees Available

- › Associate of Arts in General Studies
- › Associate of Arts in Business
- › Associate of Arts in Behavioral Science
- › Associate of Arts in Communications\*
- › Associate of Science in Life Science
- › Associate of Science in Mathematics

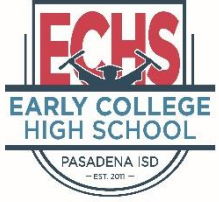




# ECHS is an Investment in the Community

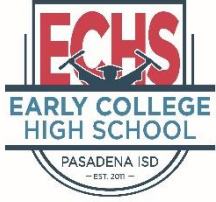


- › Tuition and textbooks are **FREE** to families.
- › Pasadena ISD pays for tuition and textbooks.
- › San Jacinto College provides discount on tuition.
- › Pasadena ISD provides transportation.
- › It is a scholarship based on what we know our students can achieve!
- › Research indicates that ECHS students often return to their community to work and live.



# Why Early College High School?

- › In today's highly competitive, global economy, *all* young people need a postsecondary education.
- › Students are able to attain a postsecondary credential that leads to a family-supporting career.
- › Internships are available with the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce and other community partners.



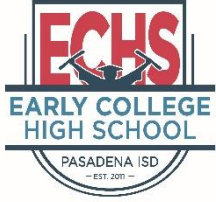
# Why Early College High School?

✓ **Students drop out of HS or do not attend college because:**

- › They do not feel challenged
- › They do not see a clear pathway
- › Not prepared for challenging academic work
- › Financial issues
- › Family obligations
- › Must join work force after high school graduation

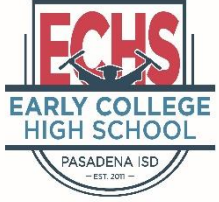
✓ **ECHS provides:**

- › Rigorous and relevant coursework
- › Degree plan leads to career options
- › Strong academic support
- › Tuition and textbooks are free
- › Students do not yet have a family of their own
- › Students are able to take advantage of time in high school



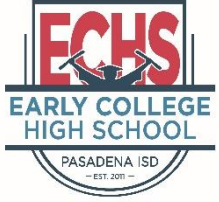
## ECHS Student Selection

- › ALL eighth grade students zoned to PISD are eligible to apply.
- › Online application was available from November to January.
- › 800 applications were submitted for 2017-2018 school year
- › Ideal candidates are motivated, determined, and committed.
  - First generation college goers
  - Have potential but need support
  - Economically disadvantaged
  - Traditionally underrepresented on college campuses



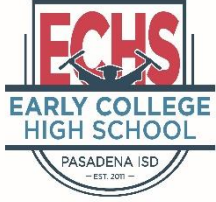
# Are 9<sup>th</sup> graders ready for college?

- › EDUC 1300 – provides a strong foundation of college ready skills
- › ECHS provides the academic, social, and emotional support that students need to be successful
- › Summer Bridge Program
- › Faculty mentors
- › Tutoring at the high school and college
- › Friday advisory sessions with counselor




# Family Support is Important

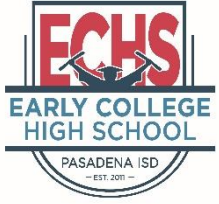
- › Students need a designated study area at home that is free of distractions.
- › It's helpful if students do not have to work.
- › Occasionally, parents may need to provide transportation to evening events or weekend tutoring.
- › We ask that parents attend regular meetings and conferences if needed.
- › ECHS students set a great example for younger siblings and family members.



# ECHS Students Are High Achievers

- › 2011 – **50** Freshmen  2016 – **135** Freshmen
- › The number of Associate's degrees and college hours has increased each year.
- › ECHS students have a higher passing rate on all STAAR tests.
- › SJC has reported that ECHS students often outperform the regular college students.
- › Several of our PECHS students have received invitations to the SJC Honors Program.





# PECHS Accomplishments

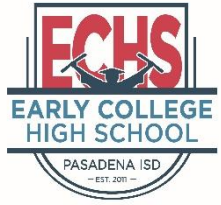
## Classes of 2015 and 2016

### Universities:

- › Texas A&M
- › University of Texas
- › University of Houston
- › UH – Clear Lake
- › University of St. Thomas
- › Georgia Tech
- › Military

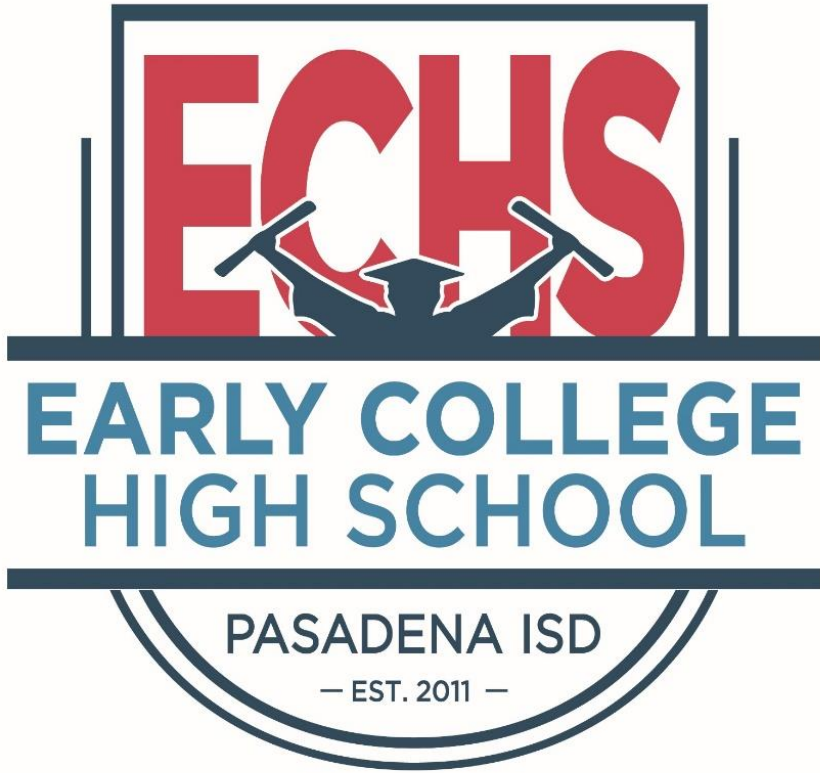
### Majors:

- › Mechanical, Chemical, and Petroleum Engineering
- › Education
- › Marketing
- › Business Administration
- › Healthcare Administration
- › Nursing
- › Biochemistry

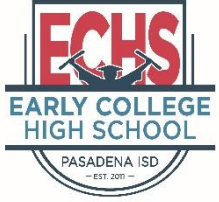


# Video: The Benefits of ECHS

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## Video: YouTube Link (if needed)

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