

Early College High School at Brookhaven College

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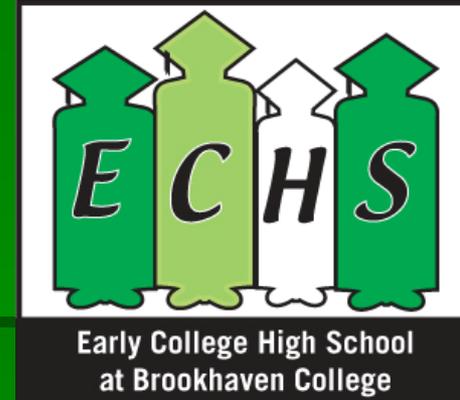
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History of ECHS

- Work began in late 2004 with exploring concept.
- Funding began with Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation ■ Communities Foundation of Texas University of North Texas ■ Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD ■ in conjunction with BHC.
- Initial ECHS implemented at BHC in Fall 2006
- Students recruited from all C-FB ISD Middle Schools.

ECHS Program Criteria



The ECHS Selection Committee uses the criteria below in selecting students for the program.

- First generation in the family to complete a 2-year Associate's Degree or a 4-year Bachelor's Degree
- Low socioeconomic background
- Academic performance, such as grades and test scores
- Recommendations from the staff of the middle school
- Personal characteristics such as maturity, persistence, and teamwork

Our ECHS Students



Ethnicity

	Hisp.	Af.Am.	Asian	Anglo	Total
■ Cohort 1 (12 th grade)	52	1	3	3	59
■ Cohort 2 (11 th grade)	66	8	2	8	84
■ Cohort 3 (10 th grade)	44	3	0	2	49
■ Cohort 4 (9 th grade)	<u>25</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>40</u>
as of 6/24/09	187	17	10	18	232
	81%	7%	4%	8%	100%

Our ECHS Students



Gender

	Male	Female	Total
■ Cohort 1 (12 th grade)	20	39	59
■ Cohort 2 (11 th grade)	24	60	84
■ Cohort 3 (10 th grade)	15	34	49
■ Cohort 4 (9 th grade)	<u>15</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>40</u>
as of 6/24/09	74	158	232
	(32%)	(68%)	

Our ECHS Students

	1st Generation	Economically Disadvantaged
▪ Cohort 1 (12 th grade)	59/59	31/59
▪ Cohort 2 (11th grade)	80/84	58/84
▪ Cohort 3 (10th grade)	49/49	17/49
▪ Cohort 4 (9th grade)	40/40	39/40
Total Per Cent for ECHS as of 6/24/09	98%	69%

ECHS Student Academic Progress



Cohort 1 – Rising Seniors—Class of 2010

Total college hours taken = **1733**

Average college hours per student = **21.932**

50 students w/18-35 hours

4 (8%) = 4.0 GPA

16 (32%) = 3.0-3.9 GPA

93% have met TSI Reading & Writing

Cohort 2 – Rising Juniors—Class of 2011

Total college hours taken = **571**

Average college hours per student = **6.42**

39% have met TSI Reading & Writing

Phi Theta Kappa



22 students were inducted into the Brookhaven College Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa this past year.

In spring 2009, **5** named to President's Honor Roll and **4** named to the Academic Recognition List.

Charter Class Projected Completion

- **26 (or 44%)** will receive AA/AS degrees by May 2010
- **21 (or 36%)** will be CORE complete by May 2010
- **28 (or 53%)** will be seeking 13th year status in order to complete



ECHS Student Academic Progress

Texas Assessment of Knowledge & Skills (TAKS) Results

- 2007 & 2008 – Acceptable
- 2009 – Anticipated to be *Exemplary*
- 2009 TAKS – Commended Performance by Grade

	<u>Reading/ELA</u>	<u>Math</u>	<u>Social Studies</u>	<u>Science</u>
Rising Seniors	20 (34%)	13 (23%)	27 (46%)	10 (17%)
Rising Juniors	12 (14%)	8 (10%)	40 (48%)	8 (10%)
Rising Sophomores	7 (14%)	13 (27%)		
Rising Freshmen	19 (44%)	10 (23%)		

ECHS Student Involvement in BHC Student Life

- During the past year, 11th grade students involved in Hispanic Heritage Club
 - Worked with BHC freshmen and sophomores as mentors
 - Participated in community service and fund-raising events
 - Were presenters during Cinco de Mayo celebration held at BHC



ECHS Student Involvement in BHC Student Life *continued...*

- Active in instrumental music ensembles
- Formed ECHS at BHC Club to support community activities and fundraisers for school-related activities
- 12th grade students will participate in BHC Student Leadership Institute next year

Special Academic Activities

- **CSI Brookhaven**
 - Planned and executed by BHC biology professors and IAs
 - Involved afternoon activities
 - DNA identification
 - Blood typing
 - Fingerprint ID
 - Showcased Biology with related applications
- 40 students involved in ENGL 1301/HIST 1301 and ENGL 1302/HIST 1302 **learning community** during the past year



ECHS at BHC Staff

- ECHS principal – Adriana Gomez (retired 6/25/09)
- Counselor – Pam Geisinger-Sandy
- 12 faculty
 - English Language Arts
 - Social Studies
 - Science
 - Spanish
 - AVID



Involvement of BHC Faculty

- Concerns of Faculty
- Formed ECHS transition team in Fall 2007
- During 2007-2008, involved BHC faculty in discussions with C-FB ISD curriculum coordinators and established discussion opportunities between BHC and ECHS faculty
- During summer 2008, began to integrate ECHS students into college classes. While concerns expressed initially by some BHC faculty, many became “converts”.
- During 2008-2009, encouraged BHC faculty with ECHS students in classes to maintain contact with ECHS principal and counselor.

Facilities Challenges/Plan

2006 – charter 9th grade class on BHC campus in temporary buildings

2007 – 9th and 10th grade classes on BHC campus

2008 – 11th grade class at BHC

10th grade class shifted to Ranchview High School

9th grade class started at Ranchview High School

- Brought about by both CFBISD budgetary issues involving utilization of personnel and space issues at BHC

Facilities Challenges/Plan continued...

2009 – 11th and 12th grade classes at BHC
9th and 10th grade classes at Ranchview High
School with 3 BHC classes offered at Ranchview
HS: PE, Health, Art Appreciation

2010 – Goal is to bring all ECHS students back to BHC in
slightly remodeled self-contained P Building.
-- New facilities and remodels of vacated spaces will be
complete and CFBISD/BHC commitment to
continuance is reaffirmed

Strengths of ECHS Initiative

- True partnership with Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD built on past relationships with BHC
- Solid working relationship among ECHS principal, BHC liaison, and ISD and college administration with support from University of North Texas (intermediary) and Texas High School Project (Communities Foundation of Texas) staff
- ECHS at BHC Transition Team
 - Co-chaired by BHC faculty member and interim VPI
 - Membership consisting of BHC and ECHS faculty members, ECHS counselor, BHC advisor, ECHS principal & ECHS liaison

Future of ECHS

- By Fall 2010, the “P” Building may be used completely by ECHS.
- We would prefer to have 9th-10th Grades located on BHC campus; however, C-FB may not have finances to add additional space they require.
- If 9th- 10th Grades remain at Ranchview, however, BHC can certainly make such a model work.



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