

ADMISSIONS POLICY

We at Dr. Dennis D. Cantu Early College High School (CECHS) are dedicated to providing the best education to all of our students. We are an open enrollment campus and our goal is to enroll 100 students per cohort. Our program is open to any individual who meets the following criteria:

1. The student must be a rising 9th graders (or a transfer student from another ECHS within our district).
2. The student must reside within Laredo Independent School District attendance zone or, if out of district, obtain administrator approval.
3. The student must comply with our District's registration procedures.
 - a. Complete online registration on Skyward
 - b. Provide proof of residency (copy of entire utility bill or lease agreement)
 - c. Provide a copy of the birth certificate (if coming from out of district)
 - d. Provide a copy of up-to-date immunization record (if needed)
4. The student must submit a completed the ECHS application with Parent/Student agreement signed
5. The student must have a desire to be part of the ECHS program and have a strong work ethics.

If we have less that less than 100 students apply to our program, due to our open enrollment policy, we will automatic accept all students who comply with our admissions criteria. If more than 100 students apply to our program, students will be selected by the lottery process described below:

Open Enrollment Policy

The Dennis Cantu Early College High School will use two performance blind, open-access lottery system based on LISD Administrative Policy which states,

First Generation (90%)

A student in this category will be awarded an multiple opportunities to participate in the lottery system based on the PEIMS identified at-risk indicators. Students will earn one opportunity for each indicator in which they are categorized. For example, if student meets the criteria of five of the at-risk indicators, their name will be placed in the lottery system five times. The opportunity to be admitted to the ECHS increase with the number of identified at-risk indicators per student.

Non First Generation (10%)

A student who falls under this category will have their name place in the lottery system which only lists non-first generation applicants. Like the first generation category, these students will also be given increased opportunities based on number of identified at-risk indicators that the student might be identified under.

Note: In accordance with the Texas Education Agency Design Elements for the ECHS Blueprint Benchmark 1, enrollment decisions shall not be based on state assessment scores, discipline history, teacher recommendation parent or student essays, minimum grade point average (GPA), or other criteria that create barriers for student enrollment.

RECRUITMENT AND ENROLLMENT PLAN

Dr. Dennis D. Cantu Early College High School is committed to a recruitment and enrollment plan that will focus on targeting:

- Students who are “at-risk” of not graduating as defined by PEIMS and/or who otherwise might not go to college,
- Students who are first-generation college goers,
- Students lacking access to the academic preparation needed to meet college readiness standards ,
- Students for whom the cost of college is challenging.
- Students participating in the English as a Second Language Program (ESL)

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APPLICATION PROCESS

