



Arlington Collegiate High School Information Sheet

The AISD and Tarrant County College Southeast Campus have collaborated to open the first early college high school in Arlington. Arlington Collegiate High School opened in August 2014.

An Early College High School is a designation through the Texas Education Agency for innovative high schools located on or near a college campus that allows students who would not otherwise consider attending college an opportunity to earn a high school diploma and an associate's degree (up to 60 college credit hours).

Establishing ACHS allows the AISD a unique opportunity to serve students with college potential. Our campus currently serves over 400 students in grades 9-12 and will add approximately 100 students each year as an incoming freshman class. Students have access to Tarrant County College facilities, resources and services, including the faculty, libraries, labs, artistic and cultural activities, and extracurricular activities, as appropriate. There is no cost to the student to attend. The Arlington ISD will pay for tuition, fees and required textbooks to the extent those charges are not waived by Tarrant County College.

Students who are in eighth grade may apply to attend ACHS beginning Monday, November 11, 2019, by completing an application online. Applicants are screened to identify whether they meet established criteria, included in the application, and then identified applicants will become part of a selection process. Completed applications will be due by Thursday, January 30, 2020, and student acceptance/denial letters will be mailed out no later than Saturday, March 21, 2020.

ACHS includes strategies and activities to create a college-going culture and enables students to build the skills and knowledge, including academic behaviors, necessary for college success. ACHS provides academic, social and emotional support services to ensure student success while also including parental and community outreach programs to build a widespread understanding of college culture.

If you have any questions, please call Arlington Collegiate High School at 817-515-3550. You can also visit our website at www.aisd.net/achs for more information.

(See reverse for frequently asked questions and for parent information session dates)



Arlington Collegiate High School Frequently Asked Questions



FAQ's for Arlington Collegiate High School

Who can apply to attend ACHS? Any eighth grade student can apply to ACHS

How are you accepted into ACHS?

All students interested in attending ACHS must fill out an application completely. All applications are screened and then the selection process will begin which may include student and parent interviews, parent information sessions, and possibly a lottery.

What type of student is accepted to ACHS?

We are looking for students who need us the most. We are also looking for students who are determined, focused on college, have a good attitude and are willing to work hard without giving up when faced with adversity. Due to the rigor of the program, disciplinary issues cannot be tolerated, and excellent attendance is essential.

When and where will applications be available?

Applications for the 2020-2021 school year will be available starting November 11, 2019 on the [AISD Specialized Programs](http://www.aisd.net/specialized) website or at <http://w4.aisd.net/echs/> and on the ACHS website at www.aisd.net/achs.

What is the cost to attend ACHS? There is no cost to attend ACHS

How much college credit can a student earn at ACHS?

A student can earn an associate's degree and up to 60 college credit hours at ACHS. ACHS students begin taking dual credit classes as a freshman.

How many students can attend ACHS?

ACHS accepts approximately 100 incoming freshman each year. The entire student population at ACHS consists of approximately 400 total students in grades 9 through 12.

Do you have sports or fine arts at ACHS?

No competitive sports or fine arts are available at ACHS. Students who attend ACHS are not allowed to compete in these areas for other high schools.

Do ACHS students have to wear uniforms?

ACHS adheres to the AISD dress code and no uniforms are required. ACHS students are required to wear a designated ACHS shirt when on the main TCC-SE campus during their 9th and 10th grade years for certain activities.

How can I find out more information about ACHS?

Check the ACHS website at www.aisd.net/achs or call us at 817-515-3550. ***Attend any one of the required parent information sessions held in November, December or January. The meeting dates, times, and locations are:**

November 19, 2019 – 7:00PM in the ACCHS Cafeteria at 4900 W. Arkansas Lane Arlington 76016

December 2, 2019 – 7:00PM at AISD Professional Development Center at 1111 W. Arbrook Boulevard
Presentations in both English and Spanish at the PDC

December 5, 2019 – 7:00PM at Carter Junior High Cafeteria

December 10, 2019 – 7:00PM at Nichols Junior High Cafeteria

January 25, 2020 (Saturday) – 10:00AM in the ACHS Cafeteria at 2224 Southeast Parkway Arlington 76018

****STUDENTS WILL ONLY BE CONSIDERED FOR ADMITTANCE IF A PARENT ATTENDS ONE (1) PARENT SESSION. PARENTS CAN ATTEND ANY ONE OF THE ABOVE SESSIONS EVEN IF IT IS NOT AT THEIR CHILD'S CURRENT JUNIOR HIGH.****

