

Arlington Collegiate High School FAQs

Arlington Collegiate High School (ACHS) is an innovative high school that allows students who likely would not otherwise consider attending college the opportunity to earn a high school diploma and an associate degree simultaneously.

What will be different about this school than a traditional school?

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

Who is eligible to attend ACHS?

ACHS 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.

An Early College High School allows the Arlington ISD a unique opportunity to serve students with college potential.

How much college credit can a student earn at ACCHS?

ACHS students can earn up to 60 college credit hours, an associate of arts or associate of applied science degree.

How and when can I apply?

Students who are in eighth grade may apply to attend ACHS beginning at 9 a.m. Monday, November 11, 2019, by completing an application online at www.aisd.net/specializedprograms. 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 at 4 p.m.

How do I know if I was accepted and when will I find out?

Parents will receive a decision letter by email by March 21, 2020 and will have until March 24, 2020 to respond.

Is it free?

There is no cost to attend ACHS. The Arlington ISD will pay for tuition, fees and required textbooks to the extent those charges are not waived for Tarrant County College.

Is there transportation?

Yes, there are school buses that travel from and to each traditional high school in the district on each school day to ACHS. Students are picked up at the traditional high school they are zoned

to attend then driven to ACHS each day. They ride the bus back to the traditional high school each afternoon.

How many students are accepted versus how many people apply each year?

Approximately 100 students are accepted each year. More than 350 students apply each year.

What are the qualifications you are looking for to be accepted?

We are looking for students who work hard and have a positive attitude on a daily basis. Students at ACHS will go to a campus that creates a college-going culture that enables students to build the skills and knowledge, including academic behaviors, necessary for college success.

Are there other schools I can go to if I don't get into this one?

Yes. Students can also apply to the STEM Academy at Martin High School or Arlington College and Career High School. All program information is available at www.aisd.net/specializedprograms.

Can I apply to more than one school at a time?

Yes, a student can apply to all three programs.

Do you accept out of district students?

Out of district applicants will only be considered for admission should slots be available after all resident applications have been placed. However, out-of-district siblings of current ACHS students are exempt from this requirement.

Are there any information meetings?

Yes, there will be meetings scheduled at selected junior highs, ACHS, ACCHS, and at the PDC.

Parent Meetings will be held on:

November 19, 2019 at 7 p.m. at ACCHS, 4900 W. Arkansas, 76016

December 2, 2019 at 7 p.m. at the PDC

December 5, 2019 at 7 p.m. at Carter Jr. High

December 10, 2019 at 7 p.m. at Nichols Jr. High

January 25, 2019 (Saturday) at 10 a.m. at ACHS

Is attending an information meeting required?

Yes, attending a meeting is a requirement for admission to ACHS.

Can my child play sports or participate in fine arts while at this school?

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.

Who do I contact for more information?

To learn more about the ACHS program, or any of Arlington ISD's specialized programs, go to www.aisd.net/specializedprograms or email specialprograms@aisd.net.