

Victory Early College High School

Aldine I.S.D.



What is the purpose of Victory Early College High School?

An early college high school blends high school and college curricula into a simultaneous educational experience that gives traditionally under-served students (low socio-economic, first generation, students of color, etc) the chance to earn up to two years (60 hours) of college credit while finishing high school.



Where is Victory Early College High School located?

Victory Early College is located on the Lone Star College Victory Center Campus.

This setting makes higher education more accessible and helps students become more comfortable in a higher education environment.



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Victory Early College is located on the Lone Star College Victory Center Campus.

There is high security with minimal supervision on campus. Victory high school students intermingle with traditional Lone Star students

No metal detectors.

No visitor sign in and out at the main entrance.

No administrators/teachers on duty in every hall way at all times.

Lone Star security guard on patrol at all times.

Victory adheres to Lone Stars security policies and procedures.

Victory students will be in classes with traditional LSC students.

Family discussion: Will my student thrive in this that type of learning environment?

Victory Early College High School's objectives are:

- To create a means to higher-education for first generation college-going students.
- To provide dual credit at no cost to students.
- To deliver course work that mimics a college setting, to provide students intense academic counseling to help them develop skills essential for postsecondary success. **All students are enrolled in Pre-Advanced Placement level core courses.**
- To increase college attendance and success rates for all students.
- To strengthen the connections between high schools and higher education to promote a college-going culture.



Key elements of Victory Early College High School

- Class sizes are limited to provide highly personalized attention and to encourage the development of lasting peer and teacher relationships. This is why there are only 120 spots available per class.
- Victory fosters a college-going culture where the majority of students are traditionally under-represented or low-performing.
- A blend of high school and college curricula exposes students to all disciplines.

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The Three “R’s” at Victory

- Rigor- The high school curriculum is designed with a level of rigor that better prepares students for a successful college career.
- Relevance- EVERYTHING we do at Victory is in preparation for a successful college career.
- Relationships- Victory students function in a college environment and will be guided by adult advocates to develop a sense of responsibility for their own learning.



How do I start earning college credit?

You will qualify on the college placement test, the Texas Success Initiative Assessment (TSIA) in reading, writing, essay and math

AND

You will earn 70% or better on the five College Readiness Measures (CRMs). CRMs focus on the soft skills that a ninth grade student needs to master to be a successful college student.

These rigorous courses can start as early as the student's second semester of their freshmen year!



Is Victory Early College High School for me?

Is your goal to graduate from high school and continue your studies in a four-year university?

Then VECHS is for you!

FOCUS ON ACADEMICS

You'll save time and money by completing your first two years of college at Victory.



Is Victory Early College High School for me?

Victory will prepare you to be successful by providing beneficial college field trips. You will have the opportunity to visit many college campuses throughout your four years at Victory.



Is Victory Early College High School for me?

Do you want to make academics your focus?

Then VECHS is for you!

Victory students **DO NOT** participate in extracurricular activities like sports, choir, band, JROTC etc. The focus at Victory is ACADEMICS in preparation for matriculation to a four year university.

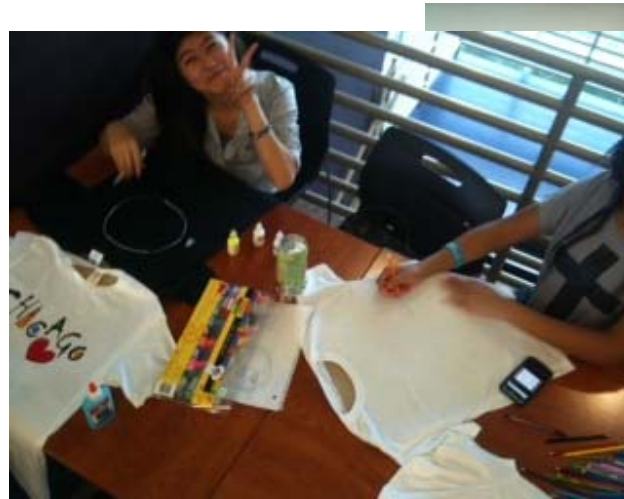


Is Victory Early College High School for me?

Victory students DO NOT participate in athletics, choir, band, JROTC, etc.

Victory focuses on academics but does have clubs that you can join.

- Running Club
- Helping Hands Club
- Visual Arts Club
- Game Club
- Movie Club
- Yearbook Club



among many others!

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Victory Early College students will answer some frequently asked questions based on their experiences.



What do Victory Early College
students do for fun?



Are your classes really hard?

How much homework do you
have every night?

Victory Students

How do Victory students get to Victory?

Is there a school bus?

Can you drive?



A misconception about Victory that I
had was...



What time does school start and end?



Do all of your hours transfer to any
university you choose?



Does Victory Early College offer
tutorials before or after school?



Is there a dress code?

Are electronic devices allowed?



Is Victory Early College High School for me?

Are you:

- ✓ Mature and an independent thinker?
- ✓ Ready for challenging, accelerated classes?
- ✓ Interested in being part of a learning community?
- ✓ Dedicated?
- ✓ Hardworking?

Then Victory may be a perfect fit for you!!!



How do I become part of the program?

Application Criteria:

The student must be enrolled in an Aldine I.S.D. middle school the entire 8th grade school year.

Complete an online application.

- Basic information will be collected (legal name, AISD ID number, home address, etc)

Complete an essay and interview at his/her middle school.

- The student will write an authentic essay.
- The student will interview with a Victory admissions panel.

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How do I become part of the program?

Online Applications will be available
November 28, 2016.

Go to the [Victory Early College](#) website and click on
[Admissions Application 2017-2018](#).

victory.aldineisd.org

Complete and submit your application online.

2017-2018 Applications
are due on or before
January 20, 2017.

How do I become part of the program?

2017-2018 Applications

Submitted on or before

January 20, 2017 will be considered for admissions.

A lottery will be held to determine final admissions for
120 slots.

Parents and students will be notified by U.S. mail if
selected no later than March 31, 2017.

Any questions about:

- Accelerated high school classes at Victory
- Lone Star College classes
- Fieldtrips
- Clubs



2017-2018 Admissions Application

Victory Early College

Admissions Application 2017-2018

4141 Victory Drive
Houston, Texas 77088
281-810-5675
victory.aldineisd.org



2017-2018 Admissions Application

A complete application from an Aldine ISD 8th grader satisfies all of the following requirements:

1. The student completed an online application on or before January 20, 2017.
2. The student completed and submitted an authentic essay.
3. The student completed an interview with the Victory Early College interview panel.

Only students who satisfy all three requirements will be considered for the lottery selection.



Essay and Interview Procedure

- Victory Early College will report to each middle school to conduct essay writing and interviews on the middle school campus.
- The middle school will inform VEC of the date and time that will work best for their 8th grade applicants.
- Only students who submitted an online application on or before January 20, 2017 will complete the essay and the interview.
- If a student is absent when VEC conducts essay writing and interview on their campus, then the student will be allowed to report to Victory on Essay and Interview Make-Up night. Absent students will be notified by Victory.



Essay and Interview Procedure

How will the students know the date and times of their essay writing and interview?

The middle school VEC representative will communicate the date and time of the essay/interview to their 8th graders.

Middle school VEC representatives are:

Aldine- Ms. Wiltz

Drew- Ms. Restivo

Grantham- Ms. Shields-Taylor

Hambrick- Ms. Jones

Hoffman- Ms. Humber

Lewis- Ms. Epling

Plummer- Ms. Studer

Shotwell- Ms. Prater

Stovall- Ms. Castillo

Teague- Ms. Barnwell

YES Prep- call and ask to speak with Mrs. Silva at Victory Early College



Can I earn my Associate's Degree at another high school in Aldine ISD?

Yes!

It is possible to earn your Associate's degree at any of the traditional high schools in Aldine ISD.

What does Victory offer that the other high schools perhaps do not?

- Dual Credit and College Credit free of charge to all students
- Rigorous and accelerated coursework for ALL STUDENTS
- Systems and structures to support academic and social success in preparation for student success
- Preparation for ALL things college
- Reduces the obstacles to college access

If you have specific questions about the dual credit program at an Aldine ISD high school other than Victory, please call that school directly and request to speak to the high school counselor in charge of dual credit.



2016-2017 Admissions Application

- **ANY QUESTIONS concerning the application or application process????**