



TEXAS
EARLY COLLEGE
HIGH SCHOOL

ECHS Blueprint Benchmark:

Benchmark 4: Curriculum and Support

Exemplary Campus Practice:

**Counseling and Student Support
Services**

Weslaco 21st Century CTE Early College High School



Creating a Positive School Culture

Counseling and Student Support Services Best Practices

Weslaco 21st Century CTE ECHS seeks to create a positive school culture by ensuring:

- The school environment is predictable, creating a common language, vision, and experience
- The school environment is positive
- The school environment is safe
- The school environment is consistent in its expectations

Counseling and Student Support Services contribute dedicated time and focus on cultivating positive school culture through collaboration with South Texas College staff.



Counseling and Support Services-Postsecondary

Opportunities for college academic standing advisement

- **College financial aid, Academic standing, Academic Probation/Suspension presentations** at the beginning of each semester
- College counselor's **mandatory advisement** at the end of the semester
- Class meetings with principal and/or counselor
- **Academic Probation/Suspension letters** sent out at the end of each semester by STC and Weslaco CTE Early College High School
- Phone alert messages sent
- College Satisfactory Progress Report/Academic Student Meeting
- Student **academic module** completion



College and Military Readiness Services-Postsecondary

Opportunities for college and military readiness engagement with college

- Recruitment meetings for students and parents
- Friday class meetings
- College admissions representative presentations
- Friday College Planning Workshops
- High School counselor pre-registration advisement
- High School counselor-student advisement
- College counselor advisement
- College degree audits



Financial Aid Counseling-Postsecondary

Opportunities for financial aid engagement with college

- FAFSA Drives
- College Financial Aid Presentations (students and parents)
- College counselor-student Advisement
- High School counselor-student advisement
- Friday class meetings
- Pre-registration advisement



Junior and Senior Workshop Activities

Junior and Senior Workshops are designed to help prepare seniors for post-secondary life.

Workshops begin in September and end by November. The workshops are conducted with the help of local colleges, universities, and teachers.

Seniors are divided up into smaller groups and attend 3-4 sessions.



Junior and Senior Workshop Friday Session Tasks/Topics

Social Emotional Learning

- Character Education
- College, Career, Life Readiness

College Investigation

- Recruiters
- Virtual college visits

College Applications

- 3 mandatory applications
- Essay writing
- Resume writing

Financial Aid

- FAFSA
- Scholarships
- Grants

College Acceptance Checklist

- Transcripts (STC & ECHS)
- Vaccinations
- Housing
- Financial award verification
- Testing

Graduation Prep

- College/workforce profile
- Cap/gown and invitation orders
- Final transcript orders
- Senior checklist



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EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER

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Texas Education Agency

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School Statistics:

- Established in 2014
- 246 students enrolled 2019-2020
- CTE focused ECHS in:
 - Advances Manufacturing
 - Diesel Technology
 - Welding
 - EMT
 - Criminal Justice
- TEA Distinction- "B" Rating