



GOLDEN TRIANGLE

Early College High School

What Is Early College High School?

- Early college is an innovative model that provides students with a pathway to and through college. Our program is a comprehensive four-year program in which students have the opportunity to earn a traditional high school diploma along with an Associate of Arts degree from EMCC.
 - All students are exposed to college coursework - beginning in the 9th grade - preparing them for college and careers, reducing time and cost toward postsecondary degrees, and building a college-going culture for all students.
 - Supports ALL students to meet and exceed college and career standards
 - Engages all students in a comprehensive support system that develops academic and social skills as well as behaviors and mindsets for college success.

How Does Early College Benefit Students?

- Power of place – Instruction takes place on campus rather than distance education
- Over 90% of early college students graduate high school vs. the national rate of 78% and a local average of 69.87%.
- **Nationally, 94%** of early college graduates earn some college credit for free
- The national average early college graduate earns 38 college credits

Logistics

- We are a public school and are part of the Lowndes County School District.
- We are currently in our first year of operation
- Students spend their four years of high school at GTECHS on the EMCC Golden Triangle campus in Mayhew, MS
- Transportation is provided by each school district to GTECHS .
- GTECHS has its own calendar, which is different than all districts served
- Tuition fees for EMCC classes are waived by EMCC and textbooks are provided by GTECHS.
- Students may choose, at the end of a school year, not to return to GTECHS; however, we do not replace students if they choose to leave.
- Join us on **Monday, February 15th** any time between 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to tour our classrooms and see how we operate!

A Day At GTECHS

- Students spend the majority of the day their 9th and 10th grade years in GTECHS classrooms - we run a modified block schedule
 - Classes currently taught at the high school level:
 - English 9
 - Math - Algebra I or Geometry
 - Biology I
 - Online history through MVPS (MS Virtual Public School)
 - Learning Strategies
 - College Courses - 6 hours in 9th grade year (CSS and Health) and up to 12 hours in the 10th grade year (Fine Art, Career Exploration, US Government, Chorus, World Religion, French I)

Who Can Apply To The Golden Triangle Early College High School Program?

- Any 8th grade student living in Clay, Lowndes, Noxubee or Oktibbeha counties.
- A cohort of 60 Freshmen will be selected each year
- Applications are available tonight and on the EMCC website at www.eastms.edu.

How Are Students Selected?

- Applications are due to 8th Grade Counselors by February 19th .
- An application committee will review all applications.
- Interviews will be held with each student AND a parent/guardian - tentatively March 5th.
- Names of qualified applicants will be sent to the SERVE organization at the University of North Carolina. Final selection is random and is based on the size of the student's local public high school.
- Students will be notified in early April of their selection status.

School	% of Cohort	Seats Allocated In Cohort	# of Applications	# Accepted
West Lowndes	4%	2	8	4
Noxubee	10%	6	16	8
Caledonia	10%	6	11	8
New Hope	13%	8	7	6
West Point	17%	10	32	13
Columbus	21%	13	37	15
Starkville/Okt. County	25%	15	8	7
Total	100%	60	119	61
	Applicant Pool		Total Accepted	
Male	40	34%	16	30%
Female	79	66%	37	70%
Black	87	73%	36	68%
White	30	25%	16	30%
Mixed Race	2	2%	1	2%

Partnerships

- EMCC Golden Triangle in Mayhew, MS
- Breakthrough Learning (North Carolina), a non-profit that supports the 75+ ECHS in NC, wrote MS into their \$20 million i3 Scale Up grant over the next 5 years. The grant will provide in-kind services, professional development, and resources to replicate their ECHS success. The grant does not provide funds to operate the school.
- MDE, Mississippi State University, RCU, and EMCC are all committed to ECHS success in Mississippi
- BankFirst Financial Services
- 4 County Electric Power Association

Questions?

Please ask.....we'll tell you what
we think!

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