

Transmountain Early College High School

(TMECHS)

EL PASO INDEPENDENT
SCHOOL DISTRICT



What is TMECHS?

TMECHS is an **accelerated learning high school** which, through our collaborations with EPCC and UTEP, allows our students to finish 6 years of school in 4 years time!

Collaboration with **El Paso Community College (EPCC):**

- allows students to take courses at the EPCC Transmountain Campus
- Students earn an Associate Degree



Collaboration with the **University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP):**

- advanced students get to attend UTEP and take courses during the spring semester of their senior year





In 4 years,
students
achieve...

- a High School Diploma, AND
- an Associate of Science OR Associate of Arts Degree

TMECHS Students complete...



- A combination of Advanced Placement and Dual Credit courses on the high school campus.
- About 40% of their college courses on the El Paso Community College (EPCC) campus.



How much does an Associate Degree cost?

- Degrees from EPCC, assuming 60 hours of coursework, cost \$7,500 in tuition. Books can easily add \$2,000. Labs continue to inflate the expense.
- According to the Census Bureau, Associate Degree holders earn \$400,000 more over the course of their career than people with only a high school diploma.



- Dance KRU
- Student Council
- Technology Student Association
- Gay-Straight Alliance
 - Mu Alpha Theta
 - National Honor Society
- Community Service
 - High-Q
 - Drumline
- Dungeons & Dragons

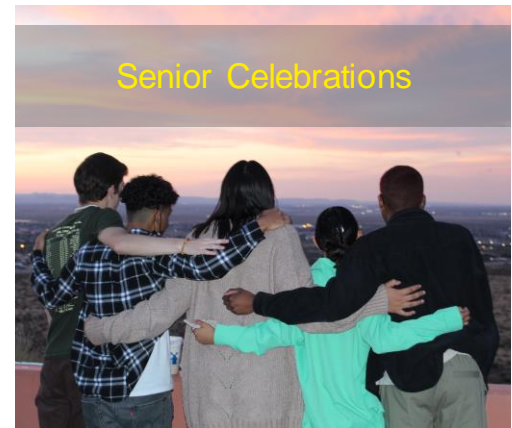


- Intramural Sports
 - Volleyball*
 - Soccer*
 - Basketball*
- UIL Competitions
 - Chess
 - Crafting
 - Yearbook
- Academic Decathlon
 - Youth for Christ
 - Esperanto Club
 - JROTC



Social & Academic Clubs

Annual Events



FAQs

Will I take classes at the high school or at El Paso Community College?

- BOTH! Freshmen year all your classes will be on our high school campus. Starting sophomore year, you'll cross the street and attend real college classes with other real college students!

How will I get to school?

- You can catch the bus at the high school you would go to based on where you live. Our buses make stops at all the EPISD high schools.

How do I get accepted to TMECHS?

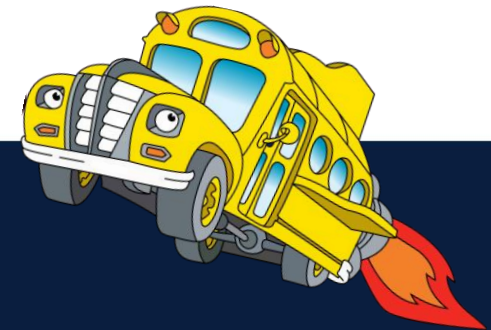
- We have 125 available spots each year for incoming freshmen. Students are randomly selected from all the applicants.

What if my grades aren't perfect?

- Your grades and test scores do not affect your application if you apply during the first round. We will ask for your grades and test scores for documentation.

Is there any cost to attend TMECHS?

- No! All El Paso Community College courses, fees and textbook expenses for classes going toward an Associate of Arts or Science degree are paid for by EPISD.



What is the Process?

Application

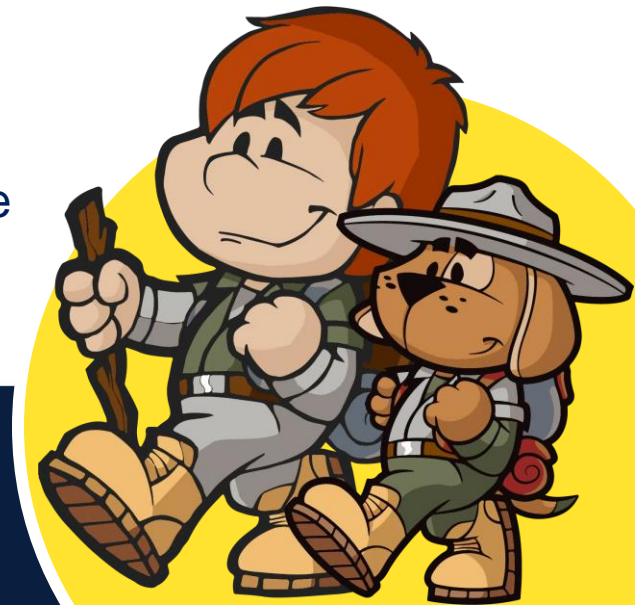
- Fill out and submit by the deadline, November 30th
- All students who complete the full application process are candidates for the first round of the lottery
- 125 students will be selected via lottery to be freshmen at TMECHS

Summer Bridge

- Students selected must attend the Summer Bridge Program for 2 weeks in June after their 8th grade year
- TSIA practice & testing (College Placement)
- Making friends, and doing fun projects & activities

TSI Testing (Texas Success Initiative)

Students need to pass TSIA exam to be eligible to take Dual Credit courses



Apply Now!

Current EPISD students can scan the QR code and apply right now!



Out-of-district students can access the paper application on our website!

