

# TRANSMOUNTAIN EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL



## Freshman Application for Admission Submission Deadline: November 30, 2025

**School Overview** Transmountain Early College High School (TMECHS) is a partnership between El Paso ISD, El Paso Community College (EPCC), Educate Texas, and the Texas Education Agency (TEA). Our school offers a rigorous STEM-focused curriculum with strong Fine Arts programs. Students can earn both a high school diploma and an Associate of Science degree in a small, academically focused environment on the EPCC Transmountain campus.

### Part 1: Admission Guide for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Applicants

#### Requirements to Apply

- Finish 8<sup>th</sup> grade and be ready to start 9<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Attend the two-week Summer Bridge Program in June 2026.
- Turn in the online or paper application by November 30, 2025.
  - Applications after this date will be placed on a waiting list.

#### Academic Expectations

- Pass the TSIA2 Reading and Writing test (college readiness test) by July 1, 2026 to be eligible to take college classes in 9<sup>th</sup> grade.
- You will have many chances to test during Summer Bridge 2026 and during freshman year.
- If you pass the test during 9<sup>th</sup> grade (instead of before), you may need to take summer classes before 10<sup>th</sup> grade to catch up.

#### Staying Enrolled at TMECHS

- Keep good attendance and arrive on time.
- Follow school rules and maintain passing grades.
- Show effort in your work and have parent/guardian support.
- If these expectations are not met, you may be required to return to your home high school.

#### School Life at TMECHS

- Students must carry their own books and supplies (no lockers).
- UIL Competitive Sports and Marching Band are not offered, but Fine Arts and other athletic opportunities are available.
- Roundtrip transportation is provided from various EPISD schools. Students must get to and from their pickup/drop-off location on their own. For more information about transportation visit [episid.org/o/tec](http://episid.org/o/tec).

#### Admission Process

- If more than 125 qualified students apply, a lottery will decide who is admitted.
- A total of 125 students will be admitted each year.

#### EPISD Non-Discrimination Clause

The El Paso Independent School District does not discriminate in its educational programs or employment practices on the basis of race, color, age, sex, religion, national origin, marital status, citizenship, military status, disability, genetic information, gender stereotyping and perceived sexuality, or on any other basis prohibited by law. Inquiries concerning the application of Titles VI, VII, IX, and Section 504 may be referred to the District compliance officer, Rosa Ramos, at 230-2031; application of Titles VI, VII, IX and Section 504 inquiries regarding students may be referred to Kelly Ball at 230-2856.

*El Distrito Escolar Independiente de El Paso no discrimina en los programas de educación o en prácticas de empleo usando el criterio de raza, color, edad, sexo, religión, origen nacional, estado civil, ciudadanía, estado militar, discapacidad, información genética, estereotipo sexual o sexualidad percibida, u otra práctica prohibida por la ley. Preguntas acerca de la aplicación del título VI, VII o IX, y la Sección 504 pueden ser referidas al oficial del distrito, Rosa Ramos al 230-2031; preguntas sobre la aplicación del título VI, VII o IX y 504 tocante a estudiantes pueden ser referidas a Kelly Ball al 230-2856.*

**Part 2: Student Information**

**Legal Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

**Preferred Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth (m/d/y):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Gender<sup>1</sup>:** \_\_\_\_\_ **EPISD Student ID:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address, Apt./Unit#, Zip Code

**Name of Current School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Counselor's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Part 3: Optional Information<sup>1</sup>**

**What do you want to study for your college degree?** \_\_\_\_\_

**If anyone in your immediate family (parents, brothers, sisters) graduated from college, please list the highest degree achieved:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Part 4: Parent/Guardian Information**

**Legal Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Secondary Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Relationship to Student<sup>1</sup>:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Part 5: Required Documentation<sup>2</sup>** You can turn in your application without these documents, but your application will not be considered complete or reviewed by campus administration until all documents are received. **Complete ONE option. Email documents to [applytmechs@episd.org](mailto:applytmechs@episd.org) by November 30, 2025.**

**Option 1-Submit BOTH:**

- 7th Grade Report Card
- 8th Grade Report Card (must include grades from the start of the school year up to now)

**Option 2-Submit Both:**

- Middle School Transcript
- 8th Grade Report Card (must include grades from the start of the school year up to now)

**Part 6: Signature** By signing below, you confirm that you have read the information on page 1 of this application. If accepted, you agree to work hard, challenge yourself, and live up to the high standards at TMECHS. As the parent/guardian, you agree to ensure regular attendance, provide cooperative support, and partner with the school to help your student succeed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

<sup>1</sup> Information needed for reporting purposes only-not considered for admission decisions.

<sup>2</sup> These documents are not used in admission decisions. They are for scheduling and staffing purposes only.