

# *Early College High School at EMCC*

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## What is an Early College High School?

- Early college high schools (ECHS) are small schools, usually located on a community college campus, designed so that students can earn both a high school diploma and an Associate's degree or up to two years of credit toward a Bachelor's degree.
- Many early college school designs are available, but most target populations include low-income, minority, and/or first generation college students.

## Benefits of ECHS

- Personalization and student supports—students more likely to succeed because of support from ECHS and community college staffs
- Power of place—instruction takes place on campus instead of distance education through dual-credit or dual-enrollment
- 90% of early college students graduate, compared with 78% nationally.

## Partnerships

- Mississippi's first ECHS of this design is proposed to be located at EMCC Golden Triangle in Mayhew, MS
- North Carolina New Schools (NCNS), 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 consists of in-kind services, training, and resources to replicate their ECHS success.
- MDE, MSU, RCU, and EMCC are all committed to the success of ECHS in Mississippi.

## Service

- The GTR ECHS at EMCC would serve high school students in the Golden Triangle area.

## Who may apply?

- While all students may apply, the target population includes students who are first generation college students and those likely needing additional support to be successful in college, whether that support is academic or financial.
- Factors determining admittance include standardized test scores, free/reduced lunch status, first-generation college students, and potential to succeed.

## How will the ECHS be funded?

- Various sources of funding will be used to support the ECHS, including per pupil funding and other sources.

## Specific Details for 2015-2016

- ~50 students per year, from all area high schools (so 8-10 students per school)
- 3 teachers, 1 principal, 1 counselor in the beginning

## For more information...

- For more information about Early College High Schools, visit Jobs for the Future at <http://www.jff.org/initiatives/early-college-designs> or North Carolina New Schools at <http://ncnewschools.org/>.
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