



Transmountain Early College High School

EL PASO INDEPENDENT
SCHOOL DISTRICT

TMECHS Transmountain Early College High School

TMECHS is a STEM School, and through collaboration with EPCC, allows students to take courses at its Transmountain Campus and receive an [Associate Degree](#) before their high school graduation. It has also collaborated with the [University of Texas at El Paso](#) to allow its advanced students to attend UTEP and take courses (up to 9 credit hours) their senior year upon the early completion of their Associate Degree.

What is an Associate Degree?

An associate degree is a two-year degree, meaning that for most people, it takes two years of full-time study to earn this degree. When you have your associate degree, you will have completed your freshman and sophomore years of college.

To earn an associate degree, you will need to complete 60 semester credits of study. This equals about twenty college courses. So, instead of taking 4-5 years to complete a bachelors it will **ONLY** take you 2-3 years!

What type of Associate Degree will you earn?

Multidisciplinary Studies in Science



Program Requirements



Application

- Fill out and submit to your counselor by deadline
- Attend appointment for Interview and Essay session at TMECHS on a Saturday in February
- All students who complete the full application process are candidates for 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
 - focus on TSI practice & testing (College Placement)
 - Focus on team building, character development & PBL's

TSI Testing (Texas Success Initiative)

- Students need to pass the Reading TSI with 351< to take Dual Credit courses



Benefits for Students



- Associate Degree Paid for by \$16,500 scholarship/grant (savings to parents)
- **Transportation** is provided for EPISD students (pick up and drop off is home HS Campus).
- Small, family-like environment (total enrollment under 450 students); smaller class sizes
- Extra Curricular Clubs: Student Council, Robotics, Astronomy, PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports),
- Academic Clubs: Math, Social Studies, Science, and English UIL, Academic Decathlon, High Q, Yearbook, National Honor Society, TSA (Technology Student Association)
- Student Interest Clubs: Craft Club, Interact Club, Intermural Sports, Anime, Dungeons and Dragons, Community Service, Tennis, and many more
- Tutoring for all subjects: Mornings, Lunch, and Afterschool



TMECHS Accolades



- Designated a Blue Ribbon School
- Met all Accountability Standards (STAAR)
- 91% of TMECHS staff is dual credit credentialed
- 2017 Best attendance for all high schools (97.4%)
- 89% of graduates complete the Associate Degree and go on to pursue a Bachelor's Degree
- Students have participated in:
 1. Summer Research Programs with EPCC/UTEP
 2. T-STEM Best Practices Conferences
 3. Space Shuttle Endeavor Program
 4. "Top Four Virtual Research" Project



Dates to Remember

- Applications due to Middle School Counselor
 - January 5, 2018
- Middle School Counselor Distributes Acceptance/Denial Letters to Students
 - March 6, 2018 through March 8, 2018
- Student Response Slips due to Middle School Counselor
 - March 21, 2018

