



**TO: Prospective Early College High School @ MC Applicants and Parents/Guardians:**

*Thank you for your interest in the Early College High School. Before completing Apply Midland application, we request that you give careful consideration to the information below to determine if this school is the most suitable education experience for you/your child. Admission to this school is open to all applicants meeting the guidelines listed below. Please make special note of the expectations you and your child will be agreeing to if he or she accepted.*

**Campus Overview**

The Midland Independent School District is pleased to continue the partnership with Midland College in implementing the *Early College High School*, otherwise known as **Early College High School @ MC**. The school, located on the Midland College Campus, began with approximately 100 Grade 9 students in the fall of 2009. Each year approximately 100 eligible students will be randomly selected to enter **Early College High School @ MC** as a Grade 9 student cohort.

**Early College High School @ MC** is designed to provide students the opportunity to earn a high school diploma and a college associate's degree at no cost to students or their families.

**Early College High School @ MC** is designed to improve outcomes for students underrepresented in higher education, including at-risk low income students, English language learners, and first generation college students. Students must display a motivation for learning with the potential for college level work while in high school and demonstrate the personal characteristics to function in a demanding nontraditional school environment.

**Weighted Lottery**

The student population of **Early College High School @ MC** reflects and values the diversity of MISD. The criteria considered that impacts the weighted lottery is as follows:

- Maintain residency in the MISD attendance boundary zone
- Classified as a first year Grade 9 student.
- Identified as an at-risk student, English language learner, first generation to attend college, low income, and/or an underrepresented student.
- Desire to be intellectually challenged and committed to embrace education.
- Demonstrate personal characteristics to function in a demanding nontraditional school environment (i.e., maturity, work habits, citizenship, team work).
- Make education a priority.

**Selection Procedures**

The selection utilized to determine qualified applicants consists of the following steps:

**STEP 1:** The applicant must complete the *Student Application on the Apply Midland website*.

**STEP 2:** Each applicant will participate in a conference

**STEP 3:** A random, computerized lottery process will select approximately 100 eligible applicants.

### **General Program Requirements/Expectations**

Students will be required to:

- Fulfill the *Distinguished Achievement Graduation Plan*.
- Meet the District's promotion requirements.
- Attend a summer bridge program prior to starting Grade 9.
- Maintain excellent attendance with no more than 3 absences each term.
- Meet all college admissions criteria before enrolling in college coursework.
- Participate in scheduled activities hosted by the school.
- Maintain a minimum of a 2.5 grade point average.
- Participate in community service activities (9<sup>th</sup> grade: 20 hours, 10<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> grade: 40 hours a year).
- Represent the school and college in a professional manner.
- Participate in an PATH CC course.

### **APPLICATION DEADLINE**

**January 28, 2022**

### **Notification of Selection**

**March 2022**

*Dates may be subject to change.*

**For more information, call (432) 685-4636**