

200 Lee Drive

Impact Early College High School at Lee College opened August, 2010 with a class of 107 freshmen students.

The Early College High Schools are small innovative high schools located on or close to a college campus that allow students least likely to attend college an opportunity to earn a high school diploma and 60 college credit hours or an associate's degree.

The purposes of the initiative is to:

- Provide dual credit at no cost to students
- Create a seamless transition from high school to college
- Offer rigorous instruction and accelerated courses
 Provide academic and social support services to help
- Provide academic and social support students succeed
- Increase college readiness
- Reduce barriers to college access

Impact opened through a partnership between Goose Creek CISD and Lee College and the issuance of a grant from the Texas Education Agency.

During the summer orientation students selected three names to submit to the GCCISD school board; Impact Early College High School, Gulf Coast Early College High School, and Fred Pelly Early College High School.

The students looked at the names of other early college high schools around the state and noted that most of those schools chose a character trait or attribute as their name, others chose location names and that only a few selected the name of a person as their school's name.

The first choice that the students selected, Impact Early College High School was selected because students who attend the school believe that they will make an impact in their community, in their family and in their own future by attending college and getting an associate's degree. Student representatives met with the GCCISD school board and submitted their choices for name along with corresponding colors and mascot.

The board selected Impact Early College High School with the addition of "at Lee College" to demonstrate the partnership between GCCISD and Lee College.

Colors selected were purple and silver. Purple is a color that no other school in Baytown uses and silver or gray is a color that is reflected in the other three high schools. The choice of the two colors demonstrates that while we are unique, we also are a part of GCCISD.

The mascot chosen was the Spartan. Students researched various mascots and determined that the Spartans were small in number but had a fierce determination, just as students of Impact Early College High School at Lee College will be small in number but must demonstrate determination to accomplish their goals.

The logo for the school was designed and created by Paul Hollis, the uncle of an Impact Student.

The first faculty and staff of Impact Early College High School at Lee College included five teachers, one principal, one counselor, and a school secretary.

Teachers were: Ms. Patricia Adams, mathematics; Mr. Brian Courtney, AVID and computer science; Mr. Kade Griffin, social studies; Mrs. Rachel Jarreau, science; and Dr. Donna Woods-Stellman, English. Mrs. Karen Smithson served as principal, Mrs. Janet Filla was counselor, and Mrs. Irma Johnson was the first school secretary.

Students took high school classes on the third floor of the Advanced Technology Center, located on the Lee College campus.

In addition to high school courses the first class of students took Kinesiology and Learning Framework (EDUC 1300) their first semester along with Kinesiology and Basic Computer Information Systems (BCIS 1405) their second semester.

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