

Opening in 2010: Early College High School

Goose Creek CISD will open its fourth high school next year on the Lee College

The Goose Creek Board of Trustees approved the creation of an Early College High School partnership with Lee College in the fall.

Recently, the Texas Education Agency awarded Goose Creek CISD an Early College High School grant for \$455,500 to open the new school in the 2010-11 school year.

Early College High School is a promising high school reform model targeting students for whom the transition into post-secondary education is currently problematic.

Presently, Goose Creek CISD is advertising for a principal to oversee the latest innovative educational tool of the district.

This bold approach, based on the principle that academic rigor, combined with the opportunity to save time and money, is a powerful motivator for students to work hard and meet serious intellectual challenges.

"We are very excited about this opportunity for our students and community," said Suzanne Heinrich, Goose Creek CISD's Executive Director of School Administration.

"Goose Creek CISD and Lee College have a wonderful history of partnership and collaboration. This endeavor is another extension of that solid, productive relationship."

Goose Creek's Early College High School — which will be housed on the Lee College campus — will engage students in a rigorous and supportive academic program of study that blends high school and college work with the goal that students will graduate with a high school diploma and an associate degree or 60 college credit hours toward a baccalaureate degree — tuition free.

The schools are designed for low-income youth, first-generation college goers, English language learners, students at-risk of not graduating, and other young people underrepresented in higher education.

Recognizing the need for Goose Creek CISD to foster a more educated workforce to meet the demands of our changing economy inspired the creation of this innovative partnership with Lee College.

"Through our Early College High School, Goose Creek CISD will increase the number of first generation college graduates, equipping them with the education and experience they need to succeed in life and family-supporting careers," said Dr. Toby York, Goose Creek CISD Superintendent of Schools.

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