

# Early College Academy 2020-2021



## Rio Hondo College | South El Monte High School

### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Early College Academy at South El Monte High School is a four-year program that provides students with the opportunity to earn college credits and complete a high school diploma at the same time.

#### Benefits

- ♦ Earn college and high school credit at the same time
- ♦ Earn a high school diploma
- ♦ Complete at least 24 units of college credit for free (includes free books)
- ♦ Earn college credits that count towards transfer and college general education requirements
- ♦ Option of participating in the Rio Hondo Promise program after high school graduation. This program provides one year of free tuition and priority registration at Rio Hondo College.

#### How It Works

Students will take a Rio Hondo College course each semester and complete at least 6 units per year. Students may earn even more credits if they take a summer class. A student who successfully participates in the program all four years will earn 24 to 40 college credits. Our goal is that all students will earn one year of college credit and their high school diploma. In grades 9 and 10, a Rio Hondo College course will be taught on the South El Monte High School campus during the school day. In grades 11 and 12, students can be transported to Rio Hondo College for part of the day to take college classes and engage in an early college experience.

After graduating from high school, students may continue their education at Rio Hondo College and expedite completion of a degree through:

- ♦ Free one-year tuition and priority registration program, or
- ♦ Attend a four-year college/university

The Early College Academy at South El Monte High School is designed to support the success of students in college, career, and civic life.

#### Eligibility Requirements

- ♦ Current 8th grade student
- ♦ Enrolled/plan to enroll as a 9th grade student at South El Monte High School
- ♦ Minimum 2.5 GPA preferred
- ♦ Grades of B- or higher in Math and English
- ♦ SBAC score of 3 ("Met Standard") in ELA and Math
- ♦ Preference given to students who completed Algebra 1 or equivalent before Fall of 9th grade
- ♦ Completed application, with personal statement and parent signature
- ♦ Current transcripts
- ♦ Attend the orientation with a Parent/Guardian
- ♦ Interview may be requested at discretion of South El Monte High School

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## APPLICATION FORM

**Student's Last Name**

**First Name**

**Middle Name**

Date of Birth

Current School of Attendance

Primary Phone

Email

Address

**Father/Legal Guardian Name**

Primary Phone

Work Phone

Email

**Mother/Legal Guardian Name**

Primary Phone

Work Phone

Email

**The primary language spoken at home is:**

☐ English Only

☐ Spanish Only   ☐ English and Spanish

☐ Asian Language Group Only   ☐ English and Asian Language Group

If an Asian Language Group is  
Checked, Please Specify the Language:

☐ Other Bilingual/Multilingual, Please Specify:

**Are you currently a participant of a student academic enrichment program?**

☐ AVID

☐ Other, please specify:

**Do you plan to be involved in after school Sports/Activities?**

☐ Yes   ☐ No

If yes, please list which sport/activity:

