



BE A PART OF EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL!

If you are interested in an alternative to the typical large high school and are motivated, mature, and ready for the challenge of college classes, you are a perfect “fit” for our program!

COME VISIT US AND SEE IF WE ARE A MATCH FOR YOU!

ECHS FACTS

- A California Distinguished School
- A California Gold Ribbon School
- #1 API score among secondary schools in N-MUSD
- 100% graduation rate
- Highest pass rate in N-MUSD for 10th grade on the California High School Exit Exam (99%)
- “Top 10” ranking among all public schools in Orange County for three consecutive years by the OC Register
- “10/10” rating by the California Department of Education for 7 consecutive years

ECHS

Information Night

January 28, 2016

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Multi-Purpose Room

**ECHS is a public high school in
Newport-Mesa Unified School
District**



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earlycollege.nmusd.us

WHY ECHS?

- Smaller classes
- 8-period block schedule and a later start time
- Guidance from college and high school counselors
- Free tutoring support within the school day
- A safe, secure, “family” atmosphere
- College classes on campus during the school day
- High school and college credit for college classes completed
- Save money \$\$\$

AT ECHS YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EARN OVER 1 YEAR OF TRANSFERRABLE GENERAL EDUCATION COLLEGE CREDIT WHILE IN HIGH SCHOOL, TUITION FREE, THROUGH OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH COASTLINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

Students new to our district should call the Office of Community and Support Services at 949-515-6743 prior to applying, for address verification.

Interested students who reside within the boundaries of N-MUSD can download an application at earlycollege.nmusd.us. Go to “I Want to...” and select “Download an Application” from the drop down menu.



FAQs about ECHS

1. What are ECHS's expectations of students?

- A. We expect you to approach your studies with college as your goal and demonstrate the ability to make mature, independent, productive choices and accept responsibility for those choices.

2. How is ECHS different from other high schools?

- A. We offer college classes, as implied in the name, we have a smaller number of students, and we have a higher sense of camaraderie between students because of school wide competitions through our 4 Houses on campus.

3. How many students are accepted to ECHS?

- A. Up to 100 students per grade level and no more than 400 students as our total school enrollment. Our total school enrollment has averaged 250 students the last 6 years with a 25 student-to-1 teacher ratio in our classes.

4. How does ECHS prepare me for college?

- A. It allows the student to experience classes and take on the responsibility needed during their college years.

5. What types of college classes are offered at ECHS?

- A. General education classes that are needed for an Associate's degree. We also offer college math and Spanish, as needed, within the master schedule of classes.

6. How many college classes are you able to take each semester?

- A. It can be up to two or three classes, but it depends on the student's schedule.

7. How much college credit does an ECHS student acquire by the time they graduate?

- A. 24-36 college credits (3 college credits per semester class).

8. Do you offer any AP classes?

- A. Yes, AP Biology, AP Language and Composition, and AP Literature and Composition.

9. Can I take more than one elective class in my class schedule?

- A. Yes, as long as your schedule allows for it within the 8 periods offered. 9th-11th graders take a minimum of 6 total classes; 12th graders take a minimum of 5 total classes.

10. Why does ECHS start school later in the day?

- A. Research shows that the adolescent brain is typically not functional early in the morning. In order to have the students' full attention, classes start later in the day (9:05 a.m. on Mondays-Thursdays; 10:00 a.m. on Fridays).

11. How does the 8-Period Block Schedule work?

- A. You take odd-numbered classes (Periods 1-3-5-7) on Monday/Wednesday, even-numbered classes (Periods 2-4-6-8) on Tuesday/Thursday, and all classes except college classes on Friday.

12. What can we do during our free period?

- A. Students can do out-of-class work (homework), they can leave campus if they are an upper classman or don't have any classes left. There is tutoring available as well.

13. Why aren't there any bells?

- A. When ECHS partnered with Coastline Community College, it interfered with the college classes (which are 75 minutes long). We have a cowbell we ring to indicate the start of first class period of the day and the end of lunch.

14. Why is lunch so long on Mondays-Thursdays?

- A. Lunch is one-hour long because of tutorial labs. Tutorial labs are opportunities for students to get tutoring from other ECHS National Honor Society students.

15. What activities are there at ECHS?

- A. There are House Competitions, Spirit Weeks, Lunchtime Activities, Dances, Movie Night, and Prom.