



# HCS Early College High School

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## Home of the Trailblazers!

### Academic Opportunities

HCS Early College High School offers students the opportunity to complete the requirements for a SC High School Diploma and an associate degree from Horry-Georgetown Technical College (HGTC). Beginning in the first semester of the tenth grade, students can take dual-enrollment courses to earn high school and college credit. The partnership with HGTC under the guidance of HCS allows students to explore programs of study while earning college credits needed to earn an Associate of Arts degree from HGTC. Early College is a recognized Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) Site of Distinction. The AVID program provides Early College High School students with academic tutoring, college awareness preparation, and support with organization and study skills to help them succeed in both their high school level courses and their dual-enrollment college-level courses through HGTC. The Early College High School advantage includes 1) a small, personalized learning environment with increased access to teachers during the school day through Advisory, AVID, and Academic Coaching and 2) designated time available for peer support and collaborative work.



### Entrance Requirements

The ECHS Selection Committee will review each applicant's grades, attendance, discipline reports, and scores on MAP, SC READY, and other tests. To be considered for admission, students may not be classified as gifted and talented and must be first-generation college students. ECHS accepts approximately 100 rising ninth-grade students per year.

### ACADEMIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS & RECOGNITIONS

Early College High School had a 98.9% graduation rate in 2021 and 2022 and a 95.8% rate in 2023. The Class of 2023 earned over \$2.8 million in scholarships for college. Students completed 4,049 college credits at HGTC. Fifty-one percent (51%) of the Class of 2023 earned the Associate of Arts degree from HGTC.

Early College High School recognitions include:

- 2017 National Blue Ribbon School
- 2018, 2019, 2022, 2023 SC Report Card Excellent Rating
- 2018 and 2019 Palmetto Gold
- 2020 US News & World Report's Best High School
- 2021 National ESEA Distinguished School



**Transportation is provided to and from ECHS.  
Pick up times and locations vary with each attendance area high school.**





## ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES

Early College High School students can participate in athletics at their attendance area high school.

## FINE ARTS

Early College High School students may participate in performing arts opportunities at their attendance area high school. Orchestra students may participate in the Long Bay Youth Symphony.

## CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Early College High School offers 15 student clubs and organizations, and students are also eligible to participate in club activities through their attendance area school. Students can participate in Key Club, Art Club, Student Council, Recycle Club, Battle of the Books, Dungeons and Dragons, InvenTeam, Paparazzi Peeps, Disciples Making Disciples, Student Ambassadors, Debate, Yearbook, National Honor Society, Rho Kappa Honor Society, and Mu Alpha Theta Honor Society.

## COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS

100% of the Class of 2023 applied to a four-year college, and 92% were declared college- and career-ready. The students gained admission to one or more of the following schools: University of South Carolina-Columbia, Coastal Carolina University, Francis Marion University, Horry-Georgetown Technical College, Clemson University, Winthrop University, Mississippi State University, USC Upstate, The Citadel, USC-Sumter, and Newberry College.

## Examples of HGTC Programs of Study pursued by ECHS students:

- Associate of Arts
- Associate of Science
- Auto Tech
- Baking & Pastry Arts
- Civil Engineering
- Computer Programming
- Cosmetology
- Criminal Justice
- Culinary Arts
- Cyber Security
- Diesel Engine Tech
- Digital Arts
- Early Childhood Education
- Human Services
- IT/Networking
- Machine Tool Technology
- Outboard Marine Technology
- Patient Care
- Residential HVAC Services Tech
- Welding



## HCS Early College High School

**Mission Statement** The purpose of HCS Early College High School is to provide a small, personalized learning community that accelerates our diverse student population to become responsible citizens who are strong critical thinkers, collaborators, and communicators who can successfully meet and face the challenges of competing in an ever-changing global society. HCS Early College High School is located on the Conway campus of Horry-Georgetown Technical College (HGTC).

## Athletic Awards and Accomplishments

Early College has had numerous students who have participated in athletics at their attendance-area school and advanced to state-level competitions.



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