2012-2013 Application for Admission

Submit by March 1, 2012

EARLY COLLEGE ACADEMY AT SOUTHRIDGE ALPHAS

Administration
Regina Owens, Principal
L. Claudia Glasper, Academic Dean

School Information
In 2011-2012, the Spring Independent School District and Lone Star College System the North Harris Campus jointly created the Early College. This unique school is specifically designed to provide students the opportunity to begin college during the ninth grade. The school redefines the typical comprehensive high school experience by providing a small school setting supported by a culture of high expectations, a rigorous curriculum and systemic support and empowerment. This program affords students the opportunity to progress in four years from ninth grade through the first two years of college earning both their high school distinguished diploma and an Associates of Arts (A.A.) degree.

Section A. Student Information

Name: **Last** **First** **Middle Initial**	☐ **Male** ☐ **Female**	
Current Middle School:	**Zoned High School:**	**Last Grade Completed:**
DOB (Month/Day/Year):	**Social Security Number:**	
Name of sibling(s) attending Spring ISD:		
Name of sibling(s) attending Early College Academy:		
Have you attended Spring ISD for the entire 8th grade school year? ___ Yes ___ No		
Student Cell Number:	**E-mail Address:**	
The name of the person with whom you reside:	**Relationship of the person with whom you reside:**	
How did you hear about Early College: ☐ **ECAS Student** ☐ **Middle School** ☐ **Information Session** ☐ **Marketing – phone/website**		
Please check one (Optional): ☐ **African American** ☐**Asian or Pacific Islander** ☐ **Hispanic** ☐ **White** ☐**Other (Please specify) _____**		

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PARENT

Parent/Guardian Name:		**Social Security Number (Required)**
Address:		**City/State/Zip Code:**
Home Phone:	**Work Phone:**	**Cell Phone:**
E-mail Address:	**Alternate E-mail:**	

SECTION B. Applicant Response

Please answer the following questions **in your own handwriting.**

1. Why do you want to attend Early College? Check all that apply and explain if needed.

   □Parents did not attend college □College is not affordable

2. Why not attend a traditional high school?

3. Please describe a relationship with a teacher that offered you a challenge. What would this teacher say about you? What was the lasting effect? If applicable, what could you have done to improve this relationship?

4. What career are you interested in?

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5. What do you want your high school experience to entail (academics, extra-curricular, student government)? Describe the perfect high school for you to be successful?

6. In your eyes, what will it take to be successful in college? Where do you want to go?

Section C. Parent/Guardian's Perspective of the Applicant's Development

1. Why do you want your child to attend Early College?

2. What do you see as your child's greatest strength?

3. Please comment on your child's relationship with family members, teachers, and mentors who have influenced his/her development.

SECTION D. Selection Process

Applications must be submitted and/or postmarked no later than March 1, 2012. All applications received after the deadline will be processed and placed directly on the wait list. Students who submit completed applications by the deadline will be reviewed by committee for admission consideration.

Parents and students that wish to mail the application directly to Early College Academy, you must be sure to have it postmarked by March 1, 2012 and you must have the recommendation letter sent with the application.

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO:	**Middle School Main Office** **By the close of the school day on March 1, 2012.**	**Early College** **Spring Independent School District** **Attn: Academic Dean** **1001 Southridge** **Houston, TX 77090.**

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REQUIRED ITEMS CHECKLIST:

- Completed application (all sections).
- Copy of fall semester report card for 8th grade.
- Copy of TAKS scores for the 7th grade year.
- Copy of the report card for the end of the 7th grade year.
- If applicable: Copy of gifted/talented, at-risk, economic disadvantage documentation, individual education plan (IEP) or 504 information.
- Copy of student's discipline record.
- Proof of residency (utility bill, water bill, or lease agreement).
- One academic reference form given to counselor/lead counselor/designee and must be returned with application in signed sealed envelope by March 1, 2012.
- Attend the student/parent interview, write an on-site essay and complete a basic skills mathematics exam.

Note: Incomplete applications (required items) or falsified information will result in the removal of the applicant's name for admission consideration or will disqualify the student's approved admission status if already accepted.

SECTION E. Student/Parent Interview and On-site Writing Sample:

Students should be prepared to attend with a guardian the student/parent interview. The student should also be prepared to provide an on-site writing sample and take a basic skills mathematics exam.

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SECTION F. Academic Recommendation

To the Applicant

Complete this section only and give this form to your counselor or the lead counselor of the school

1. Name_____
Last First Middle Initial

2. Date of Birth____/____/____ Gender: ❑Female ❑Male Student ID#: _____

3. Address_____
Street City State Zip Code

4. Home Phone_____ Student's Email_____

5. Parent's Daytime Phone_____ Evening Phone _____
6. Current School _____ School Phone _____
7. Counselor's Name _____ Counselor's Extension _____

Counselor/Lead Counselor

The student named above is applying for admission to Early College. A forthright evaluation is extremely helpful in choosing from among highly qualified candidates. Thank you for your assistance. Return this completed form in a sealed and signed envelope with the application which is due on February 13, 2012.

Program Description

In 2011 Spring Independent School District and Lone Star College jointly created Early College. This unique school is founded on the belief that many young people are ready and eager to do serious college work. It enables highly motivated students to move in four years from the ninth grade through the first two years of college, earning the Associate of Arts (A.A.) degree. Students from many different backgrounds who have a strong record of excellence and diverse interests will benefit from Early College curriculum. Using primary source materials and experimental data for research, students will become equipped with the analytical skills needed to pursue their intellectual and artistic passions.

1. How long have you known the applicant?

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2. Please list the courses you have taught this applicant if applicable:

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3. Please assess this applicant's love of learning, capacity for independent work, and contribution to class discussion.

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4. Every student has individual habits of study, patterns of development, and occasional difficulties, what can you tell us about the applicant in this regard?

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5. In comparison to other students in his/her grade, please rate the applicant on the following criteria:

	No Basis	Poor	Average	Very Good	Excellent
Motivation	❑	❑	❑	❑	❑
Intellectual Ability	❑	❑	❑	❑	❑
Written Expression	❑	❑	❑	❑	❑
Disciplined Work Habits	❑	❑	❑	❑	❑

Additional Comments:

6. Does the student have a history of disciplinary concerns? Please explain.

□Major □Minor

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7. Please check below and explain if needed.

___ I recommend this candidate without reservations

___ I recommend this candidate with reservations.

___ I do not recommend this candidate.

Printed Name **Position** **School Name**

Signature **Date**

Please place this completed form in a sealed and signed envelope with application and have it ready at the front office no later than March 1, 2012 by the end of the school day. A staff from Early College Academy will pick it up by the end of the day or the beginning of the next business day. Counselors/lead counselors please inform parents and students that if they wish to mail the application directly to Early College Academy, they must be sure to have it postmarked by March 1, 2012 and they must have the recommendation letter sent with the application.

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