

# Hector J. Garcia Early College High School

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## Student Application

Hector J. Garcia Early College High School (GECHS) is a partnership between the Laredo Independent School District and Texas A & M International University (TAMIU). GECHS is a small public high school (a maximum of 480 students) that draws students from every middle school in the Laredo Independent School District of Laredo, Texas. The mission of Garcia Early College High School is to provide our students with the cognitive skills and subject area knowledge that students need to master in order to succeed in today's colleges and universities. Students have an opportunity to earn 60+ hours of college credit at no cost to them or their families. In order to reduce the gap of the at-risk student's enrollment between the district and GECHS and comply with Benchmark 1 of TEA's Early College High School Blue Print, we shall serve in conjunction with C.I.S, a minimum of 4 recruitment sessions during the year to increase the number of at-risk students applying to our institution. In addition,

- Students who have not had access to the academic preparation needed to meet college readiness standards
- Students that are enrolled in one of the Laredo ISD's middle schools or reside within the district boundaries
- Mostly first generation college goer students,
- Students for whom the cost of college is prohibitive, English Language learners, and under-represented backgrounds,

in an effort to increase opportunities for post-secondary success; however, we encourage all students of all backgrounds to apply.

### Phoenix Pledge

As the mighty Phoenix that we are,  
We come together as one.  
Our dreams continue to light  
With the flames of knowledge that ignite.

Draped in maroon and silver,  
WE pledge to uphold our values;  
Respect, integrity, and commitment-  
All which make us valuable.

WE continue our journey  
With our heads held high.  
We are the mighty Phoenix of  
Garcia Early College High.  
We won't give up without a fight.

Information gathered shall not be used to select or reject any student.

It is the policy of the Laredo Independent School District/Garcia ECHS not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, religion or age in programs admissions as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

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## What GECHS has to Offer:

- A curriculum of Pre AP and AP classes, and University courses
- A rigorous standard-based curriculum that holds all students to college level expectations to and prepares them to face the challenges they will face in their professional career
- Academic catch-up program that combines basic skills with advanced concepts
- TWO YEARS OF COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY LEVEL COURSES APPLICABLE TO A BACHELOR'S DEGREE (FREE OF COST TO STUDENTS AND PARENTS)
- Parents and students save upwards of \$30,000 for 60+ credit hours of tuition plus other savings like books and fees
- Differentiated instruction that meets the learning needs of our students
- Instructional delivery that incorporates advanced technology and media
- **All of our students receive a laptop to have 24/7 access to internet, and their high school assignments and university portal**





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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ID# \_\_\_\_\_

# 2020 - 2021

**INCOMPLETE APPLICATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

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HECTOR J. GARCIA EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATION



Student Name

Student ID#

**Required Items Checklist**

Completed Application

Proof of Residency (lease agreement or utility bill-gas, water, electric)

Copy of 8th grade Report Card (1st Semester) & 7th Grade Report Card

Copy of all State Assessments for 7th Grade

**By signing below, I acknowledge and agree that all information submitted in this application is accurate and valid.**

Parent Signature

Date

**Required Writing Component**

Extracurricular activities at Garcia Early College are limited. In fact, there are no sport teams and no band or music groups. Course work is rigorous and it is highly recommend that students get a B or better in all their high school and university classes. During their high school senior year, students are enrolled mostly in university courses. **With this said, why do you want to attend Hector Garcia Early College High School?**

**Laredo Independent School District**

**Hector J. Garcia Early College High School at Texas A&M International  
University Application for Admission for 2020-2021**



GECHS offers a rigorous and demanding curriculum designed for motivated students with the ability to successfully handle both a PreAP/AP high school curriculum while simultaneously earning college credit hours. Students admitted into the program will have the opportunity to earn up to 60 college credit hours. Students are expected to earn a minimum 30 hours of college credit while attending the GECHS. In order to be successful in meeting the expectations of the GECHS, students must be able to meet the standards of the TSI, a required college entrance exam, and must be willing to work hard, attend tutorial sessions and be dedicated in order to complete both high school and college work.

<b>Section A: Student Information</b>		<b>Deadline to Apply: March 06, 2020 by 5:00 pm</b>		
Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	Male	Female
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Current Middle School:	High School (Home Campus):	Date of Birth:	LISD Student ID#	
Student Social Security # (Required for TAMIU Registration):				
Student Address:	Student Contact#	Person Reside with:	Relationship:	
<i>Siblings that attended GECHS: If applicable</i>		How did you hear about GECHS?		
<b>Section B: Parent Information</b>				
Parent/Guardian Name		Home Phone	Work Phone	
Address	City, State, Zip Code			
			Cell Phone	
<b>Parent/Guardian Previous Education</b>				
Father/Legal Guardian	<input type="checkbox"/> No High School <input type="checkbox"/> Some College	<input type="checkbox"/> Some High School <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's Degree	<input type="checkbox"/> High School Dip./GED <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate/Professional Degree	
Mother/Legal Guardian	<input type="checkbox"/> No High School <input type="checkbox"/> Some College	<input type="checkbox"/> Some High School <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's Degree	<input type="checkbox"/> High School Dip./GED <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate/Professional Degree	
<b>Section C:</b>		<b>School History</b>		

Pre K:		4th Grade	
K		5th Grade	
1st Grade		6th Grade	
2nd Grade		7th Grade	
3rd Grade		8th Grade	

**Section C: School Information**

**To be completed by Campus Administrator**

Our records indicate that \_\_\_\_\_ ID# \_\_\_\_\_ has accumulated :

	# of days Enrolled	# of days Absent		#of days Enrolled	#of days Absent
7th Grade			8th Grade		

<b>Campus Administrator</b>	<b>Date</b>
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<b>To be completed by Campus Administrator</b>	<b>For Administration Only: Check what Applies</b> Sp. Ed. ___ 504 ___ At-Risk ___ Eco. Dis. ___ LEP ___
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Campus Administrator will attach a Printout of Discipline report as per Skyward. Record in the space below the information requested.

L.I.S.D. Student Code of Conduct Violations  
 (Please attach copy of individual student 7th and 8th grade discipline report)

7th Grade	# of Discipline Referrals		8th Grade	# of Discipline Referrals	
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**Administrator Signature**

Date



## Hector J. Garcia Early College High School



Students succeed best when the school, the parent and the student work together. Please sign below if you agree to the following expectations as parents/guardians.

- I agree to support and make every effort to make sure my child is at school and on time every day.
- I understand satisfactory progress, demonstrated self-discipline, and regular attendance are mandatory for continued study at GECHS.
- I agree to attend and support school functions including but not limited to: Open House, Parent Meetings, conferences, parent information sessions and access parent portal via Skyward.
- I will encourage and expect high academic and behavior standards from my child.
- I will exhibit and encourage my child to exhibit the following character traits: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship.
- I understand that GECHS will operate on a calendar similar to Texas A&M International University.
- I understand my child is required to be in attendance when GECHS is in session as well as when TAMIU is in session. Due to the rigorous nature of the coursework, exemplary attendance is expected and required. Students who have more than 3 unexcused absences as well as excessive late arrivals are subject to removal from the program.
- I understand that my child will be required to devote a minimum of 2 hours each evening to homework and that he/she will be expected to attend the Texas A&M International University tutorial center for additional assistance.
- I understand my child will be taking college level courses and these courses will be taught at the college level and will require reading college level materials not typically read in High School
- I understand that my child will be afforded an opportunity to earn up to 60 college credit hours. He/She is expected to maintain a grade point average of 2.5 and will follow the university grading guidelines. Failure to meet GECHS and TAMIU grading requirements may result in removal from the program.

I understand that my child must comply with all Laredo I.S.D. and Texas A&M International University regulations at all times. Any level III or above violation under LISD Student Code of Conduct and/or violation to TAMIU student Code of Conduct that result in an arrest or expulsion from TAMIU are grounds for immediate removal from the GECHS program, and student must return to home campus.

I understand that my child will be expected to attend summer Bridge Program.

I have read these statements and agree to abide by them as well as all rules and policies of Hector J. Garcia Early College High School at Texas A&M International University.

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Parent Signature

Date