



ENABLING LEGISLATION

1. Early College Education Program

Texas Education Code
Chapter 29 Educational Programs
Subchapter Z. Miscellaneous Programs, 29.908
Link: <http://tlo2.tlc.state.tx.us/statutes/edtoc.html>

State law in Texas Education Code that enables the Commissioner of Education (TEA) to establish, adopt rules, and administer an Early College Education Program.

2. Commissioner's Rules Concerning Early College Education Program

Texas Administrative Code
Title 19, Education
Part II, Texas Education Agency
Chapter 102. Educational Programs, Subchapter GG.
Link: <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/rules/tac/chapter102/ch102gg.html>

Commissioner's rules in Texas Administrative Code that define Early College High School and detail the designation process for Early College High Schools.

3. Early College High Schools and Middle Colleges

Texas Administrative Code
Title 19, Education
Part I. Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
Chapter 4. Rules Applying to All Public Institutions of Higher Education in Texas
Subchapter G.
Link: http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/Rules/tac3.cfm?Chapter_ID=4&Subchapter=G#4.153

Commissioner of Higher Education (THECB) rules in Texas Administrative Code that provide oversight for public colleges or universities to engage in early college high schools or middle colleges, including instructions for institutions to notify the Board of intent to develop an Early College High School / Middle College entity.

SUPPORTIVE LEGISLATION

1. Commissioner's Rules Concerning High School Allotment

Texas Administrative Code

Title 19, Education

Part II, Texas Education Agency

Chapter 61. School Districts, Subchapter II.

Link: <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/rules/tac/chapter061/ch61ii.html>

An allotment of \$275 per high school student allocated to districts to prepare students to go on to higher education, encourage students to take advanced academic course work, increase the rigor of academic course work, align secondary and postsecondary curriculum and support promising high school completion and success initiatives in grades 6 through 12. The Commissioner of education rules define the High School Allotment and detail allowable uses.

2. Optional Flexible School Day

Texas Administrative Code

Title 19, Education

Part II, Texas Education Agency

Chapter 129. Student Attendance

Subchapter AA. Commissioner's Rules, 129.1027

Link: <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/rules/tac/chapter129/ch129aa.html>

Link: <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/school.finance/ofsdp/>

Optional Flexible School Day is a program approved by the commissioner of education to provide flexible hours and days of attendance for students in grades 9-12. The program is available to the following constituencies: students who are at risk of not graduating; students participating in an approved early college high school plan; or students attending a campus implementing an innovative redesign under a plan approved by the commissioner of education. The program is designed to enable districts and campuses to serve these students during non-traditional hours, days of the week, or locations within the district.