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LA FERIA ISD 3.4 - LOTTERY SYSTEM

La Feria Early College High School Selection Committee will meet and review to select their Rising Freshman Early College High School cohort on an annual basis. Cohorts will be selected based on the requirements as set forth in the Texas Early College High School Blueprint-Benchmark 1: Target Population to ensure each designated Early College High School meets their thresholds for their specific student populations.

La Feria Early College High School is implementing a standardized practice that is delineated by the College and Career Readiness School Models. A performance-blind or open-access lottery system will be utilized to ensure all selections are kept anonymous, biased, and adhere to the Early College High School Outcome Based Measures (OBMs) requirements. Student's names will be removed from the applications and the only student identifier will be their student identification number. This system will encourage and consider applications from all students (all students have an equal opportunity for acceptance, regardless of background or academic performance). In addition to the lottery system, students who meet the requirements of the ECHS Blueprint - Benchmark 1 : Target population will be given a larger weight in the lottery. For example , each student will be entered into the lottery system once , and those meeting the requirements of the blueprint (at risk, emergent bilingual, economically disadvantaged, or students with disabilities) will be placed in an additional time per indicator.

Notification – When the ECHS selection is complete, the student, and parent listed on the application, will be emailed either a Letter of Acceptance or Letter of Denial to the ECHS Program. The campus will contact and provide more specific dates and information regarding the timeline of events for the program.

Accepting – In your Letter of Acceptance, to accept the entrance into the ECHS program, the student and/or parent/guardian will need to complete the ECHS Decision Form and attend an in-person or virtual meeting (to be determined by campus). The Enrollment Decision Form will need to be submitted by the designated date.

Declining- In your Letter of Denial, no further action is necessary. Nevertheless, through the partnership between La Feria ISD and Texas Southmost College (TSC), La Feria ISD is still able to offer your child/student with the opportunity to acquire college credits and possibly earn an associate degree from TSC and can acquire core curriculum college credits, all free of charge. Please visit with your student's high school counselor to ensure you are provided with information of the various programs/courses and/or requirements that may be offered to them and to ensure all high school/college coursework interests are reviewed and are met.

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