Hillcrest E-TECH at Dallas College Richland

Admission and Enrollment Information

Hillcrest E-TECH at Richland College is designed to serve incoming ninth-grade students who are:

- Determined to attend college.
- First generation college students.
- Historically underrepresented in higher education.

The academy will accept up to 125 ninth-grade students per year and students will move together as a cohort as they progress through high school.

Students will attend ninth and tenth grade at Hillcrest High School in a dedicated wing of the building. For their eleventh and twelfth grade years, students will attend classes on the Dallas College Richland campus.

College tuition is paid through scholarships provided by Dallas College Richland. Books and transportation are paid for through Dallas ISD.

Admission Policy

The Hillcrest E-TECH recruitment and enrollment processes shall identify, recruit, and enroll the subpopulations of at-risk students, including, but not limited to, students who are of limited English proficiency, students with disabilities, or students who have failed a state administered assessment. Enrollment decisions shall not be based on state assessment scores, discipline history, teacher recommendation, parent or student essays, minimum grade point average (GPA), or other criteria that create barriers for student enrollment. Hillcrest E-TECH shall identify, recruit, and enroll subpopulations that are historically underrepresented in college courses (e.g., first generation college-goers, students of low socioeconomic status, African American, Hispanic, and Native American).

Hillcrest E-TECH shall clearly document recruitment and enrollment policies and practices; refining and improving them annually based on data reviews.

Recruitment and enrollment processes (including marketing and recruitment plans, materials, and timelines) shall include input from key stakeholders (e.g., parents and community members; postsecondary partners); target student populations as described in 1 and 2 above; and include regular activities to educate students, counselors, principals, parents, and school board and community members.

For admissions, Hillcrest E-TECH shall use either a performance-blind, open-access lottery system that encourages and considers applications from all students (all students have an equal opportunity for acceptance, regardless of background or academic performance) or a weighted lottery that favors students who are at risk or who are part of the targeted subpopulations for the ECHS.