

Dear Prospective Griffin,

Early Admission Program

I am very excited to announce that Northwest Early College High School (NWECHS) will be adding 8th grade students to our campus next year. I want to encourage you to be a part of this new opportunity! We will hold an informational meeting on April 20, 2017, at 6:00 PM in our cafeteria. You may download an application to apply from nwechs.canutillo-isd.org or request an application from your counselor. The application is due April 21, 2017, by 4:00 PM. For the 2017-2018 school year, there will be 30 slots for 8th graders.

It is important to know that you have choices for 8th grade and that you must carefully consider all of the options when making this important decision. NWECHS is a very special place that can help you move toward your dreams.

NWECHS allows students to earn two degrees at the same time: a high school diploma and a two-year college degree, called an Associate of Arts degree or an Associate of Science degree, from El Paso Community College. The program is completely free to students who enroll. In fact, most students finish their Associate's at the end of their junior year and take advantage of an additional scholarship available through UTEP which allows students to earn an additional 12 college hours free, earning up to 72 college hours, all free.

We received national recognition last year in *Newsweek* as a school that helps students "Beat the Odds." We have won every award given by the state of Texas for academic distinctions. No other west-side school in EPISD has achieved this. We produced the only National Merit Semifinalist in El Paso County.

Our high school is small, with a capacity of 400 students. Our teacher ratio is 1:18 which empowers our staff to provide more individual attention to each student. Although our focus is college preparation, we also support student growth socially and promote leadership through various clubs and events. As an 8th grader at NWECHS, you will be enrolled in Algebra I, 8th Grade Science, Humanities, Spanish, Physical Education, Business Information Management and College Preparation. You will be earning high school credit for ½ of your courses and you will be prepared to take and pass all 8th grade STAAR tests and the TSI (Texas Success Initiative) which is a college placement exam. You will be part of our school community in every way possible.

I encourage you to explore all of your options. Knowledge is power. This may be one of the most important decisions you make in your life.

If you would like more information, please call (915) 877-1701.

Sincerely,

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