Texas Early College High School

Design Elements

All designated ECHSs (Provisional, Early College, Distinguished Early College) are required to meet all of the design elements for each benchmark annually.

Outcomes-Based Measures (OBMs)

All designated ECHSs (Provisional, Early College, Distinguished Early College) are required to meet OBMs on data indicators related to access, achievement, and attainment.

Needs Improvement

At any time, if an ECHS doesn’t meet the OBMs, the ECHS may be categorized as needs improvement and will receive targeted technical assistance and has no more than two years to meet the OBMs or no longer receive designation. If a Distinguished Early College doesn’t meet the OBMs, the ECHS will be designated as an Early College, given that they meet the Early College OBMs.

- **PROVISIONAL EARLY COLLEGE**
  - Provisional Early Colleges are new ECHSs that demonstrate they can implement all the design elements for each benchmark and meet the Provisional Early College OBMs. For public purposes, campuses are identified as Early College.

- **EARLY COLLEGE**
  - Early College designees maintain designation by demonstrating they can implement all the design elements for each benchmark and meet the Early College OBMs.

- **DISTINGUISHED EARLY COLLEGE**
  - Distinguished Early Colleges have been designated as Early Colleges for at least five years, and demonstrate that they can implement all of the design elements for each benchmark and meet the Distinguished Early College OBMs.