

W. CHARLES AKINS EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL



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SCHOOL DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY

Our school was named after Dr. W. Charles Akins, whose roots run deep in Austin Independent School District (AISD) and the community it serves. Akins Early College High School opened in August of 2000, as part of the AISD located in Travis County, Texas. Fourteen high schools, nineteen middle schools, and eighty-three elementary schools serve the needs of over **64,000** students in our state capital. Austin is a dynamic, diverse city at the center of a rapidly growing metropolitan region of 1.4 million people. In the southwest corner of Austin, outside the vibrant downtown sector but still inside the suburban communities booming along the IH-35 corridor, is Akins High School.

Akins is a challenge that presents an opportunity: It positions the school perfectly as a testing ground for the latest and best thinking on how to address the problems facing large urban schools. Accordingly, Akins' leadership has acted quickly to put it at the forefront of innovative school redesign efforts. In partnership with the Southern Regional Education Board and supported by a grant from the Gates Foundation, Akins converted over a decade ago to smaller learning communities. These smaller learning communities, or academies, are designed to foster effective advocacy for and mentoring of our students. Each academy has its unique personality and culture through which all academics are filtered. No matter the academy, the focus is on a rigorous preparation of 21st century knowledges and skills to prepare them for challenges our graduates will face. There are currently 6 academies for students to choose from: Academy Business Leadership and Legal Enterprises (ABLLE), Green Tech Academy (GTA), Arts and Humanities Academy (AHA), Social Services Academy (SSA), Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM), and the newest academy - Early College High School (ECHS).

GRADING SCALE

All regular classes are on a 4.0 scale.
Advanced academics are on a 5.0 scale.

ADVANCED ACADEMICS

25 Advanced Placement/
Advance/Honor Courses
6 University of Texas On
Ramps Courses

Standards Based Grading

Akins Early College High School follows a campus policy called Standards Based Grading for all classes except UT Onramps, ACC Dual Credit, and College Board Advanced Placement courses. This is a researched concept that allows students to learn at their own pace and demonstrate knowledge of the content they are learning at multiple points. You will not be graded on a 0 -100% scale as you have been in the past. Instead, you will have to switch your thinking to more of a growth mindset. Think of a target. When you throw an arrow at a target, you can hit it in different spots. Your ultimate goal is the bullseye, however the first time you throw the dart, maybe you land on the outside of the target (INS). The next time you throw the dart maybe you land closer to the center (AP). Finally, on your third throw, you hit the bullseye (MST). That is how your assignments will be graded.

Student Profile

African American	6.2%
Hispanic	79 %
White	10.1%
American Indian	.2%
Asian	1.9%
Pacific Islander	.3%
Two or More Races	2.4%
Economically Disadvantaged	63.8%
English Language Learners	35.1%
Special Education	17.1%
Total Enrollment	2196



INTERNSHIPS AND PRACTICUMS

- Austin Corps Government Internship
- Biomedical PLTW Science Sequence
- Business & Entrepreneurial Practicum
 - A+ Federal Credit Union Internship
- Computer Science & Maintenance Sequence
- Criminal Justice
 - Corrections Certification Internship
 - Courts & Mock Trial Practicum (Legal Eagles)
- Engineering
 - Biomedical Sciences Engineering (BSE)
 - Civil Engineering & Architecture (CEA)
 - Computer Integrated Manufacturing (CIM)
- Graphic Design Majors
 - Newspaper
 - Web Publications
 - Yearbook
- Health Science Technology Practicums/ Certifications
 - Clinical Medical Asst. Certification (CCMA)
 - Medical Asst. Certification (MAC)
- Horticulture/Floral Design Certification
- Human Services Practicum
- Junior Reserve Officer's Training Corps (JROTC)
- Park Ranger Cadet Practicum and Internship
- Ready, Set, Teach Internship
- Veterinary Asst. Certification Practicum

AKINS ECHS PROGRAM

Akins' Early College Program (ECP) is an educational partnership between Austin ISD and Austin Community College. Currently, Akins has the largest program in Austin ISD.

As part of this program, students have the ability to graduate from high school with both a high school diploma and an associate's degree or industry-based certification. Currently, 400 students are enrolled in Early College High School (ECHS) actively working toward an Associates of Arts in General Studies (60 credits) are pursuing the Pathways in Technology (P-Tech) track to learn an industry-based certification or post-secondary certificate in Real Estate Pathways. Students can begin early college courses as early as their freshman year. The class of 2023 included the highest of Austin ISD's Early College Program graduates – 40 students.

CLASS OF 2023 POST-SECONDARY PLACEMENT

- 41% Matriculated to 4-year institutions
- 19% Matriculated to 2-year institutions
- 1% Enlisted in military

Akins Graduates' Colleges Acceptances (Class of 2026)

Abilene Christian University	Midland University	Texas Lutheran University	University of Kansas
Angelo State University	Montana State	Texas State University	University of Mary Hardin Baylor
Austin Community College	New England Institute of	Texas Southern University	University of Memphis
Arizona State University	Technology	Texas Tech University	University of Mississippi
Baylor University	Norwich University	Texas Technical College	University of North Texas
Blinn College	Northern Arizona University	Universal Technical Institute	University of Oklahoma
Clemson University	Ohio State University	University of Alabama	University of Oregon
Colorado Springs University	Oklahoma University	University of Arizona	University of Southern California
Colorado State University	Our Lady of the Lake University	University of Arkansas	University of Texas at Arlington
Concordia University Texas	Prairie View A&M University	University of California	University of Texas at Austin
Dallas Baptist University	Sam Houston State University	University of California - Berkeley	University of Texas at El Paso
Denison University	St. Edward's University	University of California - Davis	University of Texas at San Antonio
DePaul University	St. Lawrence University	University of California San Diego	University of Texas Dallas
Grand Canyon University	St. Mary's University	University of Colorado Boulder	University of Texas RGV
Gonzaga University	St. John's College	University of Connecticut	University of Texas - Tyler
Houston Christian University	Stony Brook University	University of Houston	University of Washington at Bothell
Huston-Tillotson University	Tarleton University	University of Houston - Victoria	Vernon College
Lamar University	Texas A&M San Antonio	University of Illinois Chicago	
Louisiana State University	Texas A&M University	University of Incarnate Word	
Loyola University Chicago	Texas A&M University Corpus Christi		