



# TORNILLO EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

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## Admission Procedures and Lottery Process

### Admission Procedures

- Students complete the ECHS application and return it to the middle school counselor by deadline.
- Students and at least one parent/guardian attend a parent meeting with the ECHS Director and staff.
- All applying students interview with a committee.
- The district's ECHS enrolls 25 students per cohort. A weighted lottery process will be used to select the 25 students.
- Students who submit an application after the deadline will be entered into a lottery if spots are still available. If there are no spots available, students will be placed in the waiting list in the order their application was received.
- Students attend the mandatory Summer Bridge prior to entering 9th grade.

### PUBLIC STATEMENT REGARDING LOTTERY PROCEDURES

- To comply with the ECHS Blueprint from TEA, Tornillo Early College High School will implement a weighted lottery. All students who apply to attend the Early College High School will be entered into the lottery.
- The goal of the lottery is to be fair, equitable, and unbiased while targeting students who fulfill the mission of Tornillo Early College High School.
- The first 25 names that are drawn from the lottery will make up the accepted freshman class. The remaining names will be placed on a waiting list in the order they are picked from the lottery.
- Parents/guardians will be notified via e-mail of their student's acceptance or placement on a waiting list.

### WEIGHTED LOTTERY PROCESS

As a district decision, Tornillo Early College High School will only accept 25 students per cohort. If more applicants are received than spots available, a weighted lottery will be conducted. Tornillo Early College High School will conduct a weighted lottery process. Every student that applies will have at least one entry. Early College High Schools were designed so that young people who are traditionally underrepresented in higher education can experience a smooth transition to college; however, anyone regardless of socioeconomic status, gender, ethnicity/race, etc. may apply. A weighted lottery means that applicants who meet the ECHS's targeted population will receive an extra entry into the lottery based on the needs determined by the data (which will change from year to year depending on the number of applicants received). We will calculate the weights of entrants after receiving all applications. The first 25 names drawn will be a part of the incoming freshman class. The remaining names will be placed on a waiting list. The first 25 names must attend mandatory intersession TSI bootcamp and Summer Bridge Program.

