**Benchmark 1: Target Populations and Application**

**Tioga ECHS Admissions Policy**

Tioga ISD Early College High School’s primary focus is on providing students from underrepresented backgrounds (i.e. at-risk, low income and/or first generation college attendees) the opportunity to earn 60+ college credits free of charge while attending high school. As a designated Early College High School we must target students from underrepresented backgrounds; however, we encourage students of all backgrounds to apply.

Tioga ISD Early College High School offers all our students the opportunity to earn an Associate Degree while also earning a High School Diploma. We do this with our Institute of Higher Education, Grayson College.

The Tioga Early College High School is a stand-alone comprehensive program that offers four pathways that lead to post-secondary credentials. These pathways, while well-defined, are designed to be fluid so that students may transition seamlessly between them.

* **College Ready:** Earn a high school diploma and be college ready
* **Career Ready:** Level 1 Certificate for highly skilled, high paying job opportunities and a high school diploma
* **Core Complete:** up to 42 college credits and a high school diploma
* **Associate Degree:** students can simultaneously earn an Associate Degree or 60 college credits and a high school diploma

These pathways will insure that students are college and career ready upon graduation.

* Our ECHS is 100% paid for including tuition and books.
* Some students may choose to work on a trade certificate instead of the more traditional academic classes. Tioga ECHS partners with Grayson College to provide has programs for Welding certification, as well as Cosmetology.
* All students may take advantage of the program to become college ready.
* Our application process: We will talk to all our 8th graders about the program. Then we have a parent information meeting to recruit our students. Announcements are made through social media as well as in the school website. Any parent that wants additional information is encouraged to meet a Counselor or with ECHS staff.

Note: In accordance with the Texas Education Agency rules for ECHS Blueprint Benchmark 1, academics, discipline, state assessments and/or teacher recommendations cannot be considered in the selection process.

Tioga ISD ECHS does not discriminate on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, transgender, disability, race, color, age or national origin as required by Title IX, Section 504 and Title VI.

**Tioga ECHS Admissions Process**

1. Student or parent expresses a desire to pursue ECHS.
2. The student and parent/guardian will complete and submit to TISD administration the Permission for Dual Enrollment From.
3. The student must apply to Grayson College through Apply Texas. <https://www.applytexas.org>
4. The student must meet Texas Success Initiative, or TSI, standards set forth by Grayson College.