



IMPACT ECCHS

“Impacting lives today
and tomorrow”

Welcome

- ▶ Goal of this presentation: To share specific information about IMPACT Early College High School to give you a better understanding of our school. As your student considers the offer to attend, this information should help you decide if IMPACT is the best school for your student.

DECISIONS

- ▶ 8th graders had to decide where they want to attend high school.



YOUR STUDENT APPLIED FOR IMPACT AND WAS SELECTED IN THE LOTTERY! What next?

Why attend IMPACT Early College High school?

We blend high school and college coursework, to give students, the opportunity to earn up to two years of college credit (60 hours), tuition-free, while earning a high school diploma. The purpose is to increase the college readiness of students across Texas by providing rigorous instruction and coursework as well as academic and social support. At IMPACT we provide students with highly personalized attention and encourage lasting relationships with teachers and classmates. The experience creates a college-like culture that encourages students to continue their higher education journey.

We serve students in grades 9-12 and are partners with Lee College. **Our students attend classes here and at Lee College.** Throughout the day they walk back and forth as scheduled.

Our focus is academics. We are preparing our students for success as they continue on to complete their 4-year degree and beyond. This is a major factor students must consider before deciding that IMPACT is the school for them.



SPARTAN FACTS:

IMPACT students are Lee College students: Our students are both GCCISD and Lee College students and are able to participate in organizations and activities at Lee College in addition to those at IMPACT. We have students who travel with Lee College for Debate tournaments, to present at conferences, with the Model United Nations, and other activities.

Extra-curricular activities: **Extracurricular participation is an option but is limited depending on the individual student situation.** Students must know going in that academics are the priority and that they have to be willing to give up those activities if they are not doing well in their classes. If they plan to participate, students must make arrangements with the coach or teacher at their zoned campus and the participation must be after school, (parents are responsible for transportation).

Student life: We have our own school dances, prom, and other activities usually offered at the traditional high schools. We have campus competitions, clubs, organizations, and service-learning activities. Being active is an important part of Spartan life; academics are the focus, but we have fun too!

Community Involvement: Spartans make it a priority to contribute to the community. Through tutorials, Habitat for Humanity, Houston Food Bank, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and various community organizations. We give back to the community that has given so much to us!

FAQs

- **What does it take to be an *IMPACT student*?** Hard work, dedication, motivation, goals. Our students come from different backgrounds and different walks of life. Experience in Honors courses will help but is not a requirement. The main things they have in common are that they are self-motivated, take initiative to get help when they need it, they are goal-oriented, and they don't give up!



FAQs

- **How are students selected?** Any 8th grade student residing in the GCCISD attendance zone is eligible to apply. Approximately 125 students are selected through a lottery system. Once we have the lottery, students are notified of their offer for acceptance; others will be placed on a waiting list. If any of you decline or change your minds, we will go to the next students on the waiting list.
 - Selection: **The open-access lottery system encourages and considers applications from all students with a focus on historically underserved and at-risk students; all students have an equal opportunity for acceptance**, regardless of background or academic performance. Each junior school has its own “lottery” so that we have equal representation from across the district.
 - This also reinforces the importance of the decision to accept or decline. **We want students who WANT to be here so that they take full advantage of the opportunity.** If a student accepts who really has no desire to participate, they are taking a spot from another students who would love this opportunity.



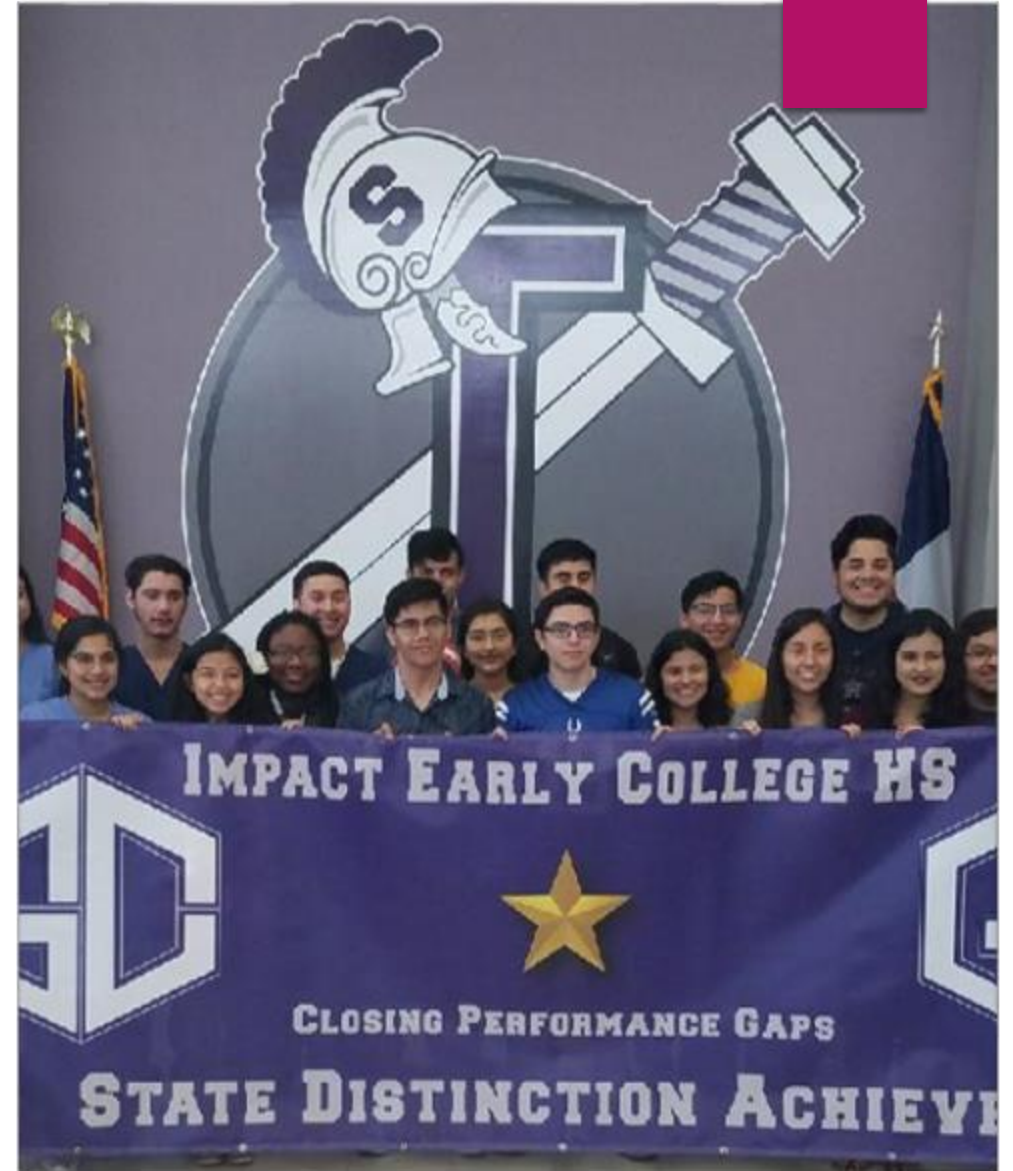
FAQs

▶ *Is Transportation provided?*

Yes, GCCISD provides bus transportation to and from school. Parents are responsible for any transportation to and from extra-curricular activities at the home school.

▶ *Is an associate degree “guaranteed”?*

Not guaranteed. If students stay on track and complete the coursework outlined in the graduation plans, they should become Texas Core complete and potentially earn an Associate’s degree. All students are on individual pathways and have different completion goals. Being college ready and having any college hours at all is a win!



Academics

What will an IMPACT schedule look like?

A combination of high school and college courses starting this year. Our current 9th graders are enrolled in a college class for the fall and for the spring semesters. Our school schedule is aligned with the Lee College schedule. We have an 8 period block, 8:00-3:30, Mon/Wed 1st -4th , Tue/Thurs 5th -8th, Fridays are 1st – 8th periods (shortened class times)

What academic supports are available?

We are a small campus, we can set up tutorials, and we have dedicated teachers and staff to help you, transportation provided. During the day we will utilize time as much as possible.

When do parents need to get involved?

From the beginning! 9th graders are in a new environment and need support from day one. Use Parent Portal to check on grades, have them log in to Blackboard to check college progress. If students are not meeting grade or credit requirements and/or are not making progress, teachers will communicate; if it is persistent, parent meetings will be scheduled.



Lee College

RECOGNITION AT LEE COLLEGE

Our students are Lee College students and are recognized for their accomplishments at Lee College events.

Our students stand out and shine on both campuses!



GRADUATION AT LEE COLLEGE

IMPACT students are Lee College students and those who complete their degrees participate in the Lee College graduation ceremony. They are eligible for all accolades that are available at Lee College and are recognized for any accolades and honors they received from Lee College.



Lee College

College expectations are based on self responsibility, maturity, and hard work.

Every student is on a different path. Completion of an Associate's Degree or Certificate program is **NOT** guaranteed. Student performance is essential to completion.

From the moment a student begins taking college classes it will be permanent (college classes are not practice while at IMPACT)

Attendance and successful completion are vital to your students success at Lee College.

Lee College Services and Campus Resources

Advising/Counseling Center

Student Organizations

Academic Workshops

Honors Program

Student Success Center

Library

Writing Lab

Math Lab

Tutoring

Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

- ▶ When a student reaches 18 or begins attending a post-secondary institution it is necessary to have **written permission** for someone other than the student to obtain grades, schedules or discuss progress.
- ▶ Parents are not able to call the college for information without this form being on file.
- ▶ A FERPA release of records form can be found at the Admissions Office at Lee College.
- ▶ A FERPA release must be completed and on file with the college each year.
- ▶ Parents cannot contact instructors or other college personnel directly; all communication must be from the student.



Dual Credit Courses

- ▶ Dual Credit courses allow students to earn both high school and college credit for classes.
- ▶ Dual Credit Readiness is not automatic. Students must make the minimum score on the TSIA.
- ▶ Students at IMPACT are often able to become Core Complete because they take Dual Credit Courses.
- ▶ Dual Credit courses are offered at all high school campus' in Goose Creek. The biggest difference is that IMPACT students attend class at Lee College, so our students have better access to more college classes which means they are able to take more classes by the time that they graduate from high school. This access also gives them a true college experience.



Graduation Plan & Degree Plan

- ▶ At IMPACT - a High School Diploma is our priority
- ▶ Our students graduate on the Distinguished Foundation High School Program with an Endorsement in Multidisciplinary Studies Dual Credit Option
- ▶ After becoming “College Ready” with the TSI, our students are able to become Texas Core complete and potentially earn an Associate’s degree in General Studies at Lee College
- ▶ Because of the variety of Dual Credit courses that our students take the only Endorsement available to IMPACT students is the Multidisciplinary Studies and the only college degree available is an Associate of Arts in General Studies



GCCISD/Lee College Instructional Days

- ▶ There are days when GCCISD has a student/school holiday and Lee College does not. **On those days, our students are still expected to attend their Lee College classes.** Our district has provided transportation on these dates, but you may arrange your own transportation as needed. This pertains specifically to college classes taught on the Lee College campus.
- ▶ A calendar of important dates (including these) will be sent out to all Spartan families near the first few weeks of school.

College is our goal!



- ▶ ***We will prepare students to become successful, independent college students by providing them with:***
- ▶ College-ready academic and behavior skills
- ▶ College placement exam preparation (TSIA)
- ▶ College course support
- ▶ ACT / SAT prep
- ▶ Help navigating college and utilize college support systems
- ▶ Assistance with college application and financial aid support



We ask students if they are:

- ▶ **Willing and committed to work as an “honors” level student?**
- ▶ **Ready to invest 4 years in high school to earn their diploma and college hours?**
- ▶ **Mature enough to handle the college setting?**
- ▶ **Planning to attend a university to complete a bachelor’s degree?**



We ask parents to:

- ▶ Ensure that their student has good attendance.
- ▶ Communicate with the school as needed to support their student.
- ▶ Monitor academic progress and create a positive environment for learning at home.
- ▶ Stay informed about IMPACT activities and participate.
- ▶ Ask questions and stay involved.
- ▶ Seriously consider if IMPACT is the best place for their child and guide them accordingly. If the student does not want to be here, they will not be successful.

Student Supports

- ▶ Academics are important, but students' safety, health, and well-being are the priority. We have several staff members on campus in addition to our teacher who support our students in different ways:
 - ▶ Student Wellness Interventionist, Ms. Erika Leal
 - ▶ Communities in Schools Site Coordinator, Ms. Erika Ramirez
 - ▶ At-Risk Interventionist, Ms. Amanda Dean
 - ▶ School Counselor, Dr. Nancy Orellana
 - ▶ College and Career Readiness Specialist, Ms. Crystal Grabill
 - ▶ School Nurse, Ms. Mayra White
 - ▶ Assistant Principal/Academic Dean, Dr. Helen Becker
 - ▶ Principal, Ms. Laura Reyes
 - ▶ Lee College Liaison, Dr. Marissa Moreno,
 - ▶ Lee College Advisor, TBD
 - ▶ Office/Clerical Staff

Our staff members may provide different types of support and resources, but we all work together to ensure that our students' and families' needs are being met.

Things to consider:



By accepting the offer to attend, you are making the commitment to attend IMPACT and graduate from IMPACT. It is so important to think about the decision you make!



It is going to be challenging sometimes, it can be a lot of work and will take a lot of effort from YOU to be successful. When things get tough, what kind of person are you? At IMPACT you need to be the kind of person who figures things out, makes it work, gets back on track, asks for help and doesn't give up!



Think about YOUR future! Friends are important, but don't make decisions based on what your friends are doing because it may not be the right thing for YOU. Sometimes it is hard, but your future is yours, not theirs, so think about that and make the best decision for YOU.



Ask questions! We are here to answer them and our students are the best representatives of our school and might help you in your decision making.

Commitment Forms

- ▶ Student and Parent Commitment Forms will be sent out to families and students to outline specific actions/behaviors that are needed for your student's success. PLEASE make sure to read these commitments! Your signature will signify that you and our new Spartan agree to the responsibilities.

Wrapping up

Safety on campus

- Officer on campus
- Crossing guard
- IMPACT Personnel on the Lee College Campus
- Lee College Security

Use of SchoolMessenger to communicate with families

- Please check your email, phone numbers, contact info for accuracy
- REMIND to communicate with students

IMPORTANT DATES TO KNOW:

- ▶ Decisions letters are due Tuesday December 13 to your junior school counselor. If you haven't already turned yours in, you need to turn them in by the deadline; your decision to accept or decline the offer to attend IMPACT is important – make the best choice for YOU.

Is IMPACT the best school for your student?

Students must seriously consider the commitment, hard work, determination, and self-motivation it takes and decide whether or not IMPACT is the school for them!



Please contact us with any additional questions through email or at 281-420-4802.

Specific contact information can be found on our campus website: www.gccisd.net/IMPACT