



EL PASO LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

2025-2026 Admissions and Acceptance Policy

Purpose

Tita Yanar Early College High School (TYECHS) expands access to rigorous college coursework for scholars in the El Paso Leadership Academy district. The program prioritizes students who are underrepresented in higher education including first generation college attendees, low income scholars, emergent bilingual scholars, and scholars at risk of dropping out.

TYECHS provides scholars the opportunity to earn up to 60 hours of free college credit while completing high school graduation requirements. The program is designed for scholars who demonstrate motivation, potential, and interest in a challenging academic environment.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. **Grade Level Requirement:** Only 8th grade students who will enter 9th grade in the 2026-2027 school year may apply.
2. **Commitment to Academic Rigor:** Scholars must express interest in participating in the high school and college coursework required for Early College.
3. **Strong Attendance History:** Applicants must demonstrate consistent attendance throughout their middle school years.
4. **Equitable Access Requirement:** Admission decisions will not be based on grades, test scores, discipline history, teacher recommendations, or language proficiency.



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Application Requirements

All applicants must complete the following steps:

- Submission of Application**
A completed TYECHS application submitted by the published deadline.
- Parent or Guardian Information Session**
At least one parent or guardian must attend an information session to understand program expectations.

Priority Admission Tiers

Applicants will be grouped into the following priority tiers:

- **First Priority:** EPLA scholars currently enrolled in 8th grade
- **Second Priority:** 8th grade students who do not attend an EPLA school

Enrollment Capacity

- TYECHS admits a maximum of **50 students** each year.
- All admission decisions, lotteries, and waitlists operate within this cap.

Lottery and Selection Process

If the number of applicants exceeds available seats within the 50 student cap, the following system is used:

1. **First Priority Lottery**
 - a. All first tier applicants enter a randomized lottery. Names are drawn until the 50 student cap is reached or the tier is exhausted.



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- b. Remaining first tier applicants are placed on a waitlist in the order drawn.
2. **Second Priority Lottery**
 - a. If seats remain after placing all first tier applicants, a lottery of second tier applicants will be held.
 - b. All unselected applicants join the waitlist in the order drawn.
3. **Waitlist Management**
 - a. Scholars on the waitlist are offered seats as openings occur.
 - b. Families must respond by the required deadline to keep their position.

Required Conditions for Accepted Students

All scholars offered admission must meet the following requirements to finalize enrollment:

1. **Mandatory EPLA Summer Bridge Program**
 - a. All admitted scholars must attend and complete the Summer Bridge program before entering ninth grade.
 - b. Failure to complete Summer Bridge may result in forfeiture of placement.
2. **Placement in Early College Cohort**
 - a. Scholars are placed in a cohort based on the lottery results and must remain in good standing.
3. **Continued Strong Attendance**
 - a. Scholars must maintain consistent attendance throughout the school year to remain eligible for Early College coursework.
4. **Program Commitment Agreement**



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- a. Families must complete all enrollment documents acknowledging expectations, responsibilities, and college readiness requirements.

Notification of Admission

Families receive written notification of acceptance, waitlist placement, or non selection. All required documents and commitments must be completed by the stated deadlines.

Appeals and Reconsideration

- Applicants who are not selected may submit a written appeal to the principal or designee
- Scholars who decline enrollment must notify the school in writing
- Seats may be offered to waitlisted applicants as space becomes available