

# South Texas College Early College High School Summer & Fall Bridge Initiatives

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South Texas College in partnership with 15 local school districts has developed a customized Summer and Fall Bridge Program for Early College High Schools (ECHS). The students attend a half day seminar during the summer and or fall months prior to starting the spring semester of their freshman year in high school. The Bridge program is meant to introduce incoming 9th grade ECHS cohorts to the college environment through an array of college readiness activities. They engage in team building, time management, and goal setting to help them prepare for the rigor and coursework they will encounter as college students. The program allows students to visit and tour the Pecan, Mid-Valley, and Starr County Campuses as well as familiarize them with the different departments and student services.

Below is a synopsis of the topics that are covered.

- Classroom etiquette
- Campus etiquette
- Strategic thinking
- Time and stress management
- Degree plan overview
- Goal setting
- Apply Texas sessions
- College Knowledge



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