Benefits of Mission Early College High School
- Earn a high school diploma
- Earn college credit towards an Associate degree while in high school
- Learn to navigate the college system in the safety of a small high school environment
- Connect with high school teachers who work with students as academic advisors
- Attend college classes and explore career options
- Make higher education more affordable and accessible
- Attend a school where learning takes place in a small, personalized environment

What Our Parents Say:
“When my son came home and said ‘I want to do this,’ my first reaction was ‘No.’ I didn’t know much about Early College but when I found out more, we decided to give it a try. It was the best decision we ever made.” D.T.

“Mission Early College changed my child’s outlook on school. She is happy now and looks forward to making future plans. The difference it has made in her life has changed our entire family dynamic for the better.” S.P.

“This program was a godsend for our child and when I say that it ‘saved him,’ I mean it....This program should not only continue, but should grow into something that more students can benefit from.” C.Z.

What Our Students Say:
 “[After] my first couple of days...I knew this was where I belonged!” M.N.

“At first, I missed my old school and friends.... But now, I could never imagine being anywhere else but MECHS.” A.S.

“I used to think about maybe going to college but didn’t know if I could make it. Now, I know that I will get my degree because I am already working on it here. I won’t lie – it is a lot of work, but it is so worth it.” J.R.

Frequently Asked Questions...
- **How much does it cost?** Students pay no tuition or registration fees - only a nominal $20 health fee each semester. All college instructional materials are purchased by MECHS.
- **What about extra-curricular activities?** Students can participate in clubs and student government at MECHS. They may also attend after school or evening events at the traditional high school like Fantastics, Battle of the Classes, Lip Sync, Homecoming, etc.
- **What about Prom?** Students enjoy the benefit of attending dances at their home high school, including Prom and Winter Ball.
- **What about sports?** Students can attend any of the sporting events at the traditional high schools. However, CIF rules do not allow students to play on a school’s team in which they are not
Mission Early College High School (MECHS) seeks to inspire and empower students to develop the skills of self-advocacy and independence that transfers to life beyond the classroom. MECHS provides students the opportunity to begin taking college classes within a supportive environment, and encourages students to continue their journey through post-secondary education to obtain a Bachelor’s degree or more.

Student Admissions
MECHS accepts incoming 10th and 11th grade students each school year. Students must submit an application and go through the admissions process. Admittance is selective and is not guaranteed.

MECHS is committed to providing a diverse learning environment in order for students to thrive.

What is Early College?
Early College is an innovative dual enrollment program that blends high school and college, and provides students an exceptional opportunity to earn a high school diploma and up to two years of college credit in three years or less.

Students take three high school classes taught by SCUSD instructors on the Mission College campus, and up to 15 units of college classes each semester with all tuition fees waived by Mission College.

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Small learning environments promote personalization, engagement, and supportive relationships among students and staff, with assistance based on the needs of each student. Whether you need to accelerate your learning or receive focused support, your needs will be addressed.

College degree and transferable credit
Students at MECHS earn a high school diploma and college credit towards an Associate Degree from Mission College tuition free. College credit is transferable to any UC/CSU in California, as well as many out-of-state institutions.

Location
Mission Early College High School is located on the new and improved Mission College campus with state of the art facilities. Students attend on-site 100% of their academic day.

Partnerships
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