

# EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAM:

DORCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT TWO





# **College and Career Readiness Defined**

- ▶ **Dorchester School District Two believes that College and Career Readiness are one in the same and we educate all students in a manner that promotes this belief.**
- ▶ **This provides students with opportunities and access to choose their own path while providing them the flexibility to change paths as needed to be competitive in the global society.**

# A Unique Educational Experience

- ▶ The Early College Program is founded on a community collaboration between Dorchester School District Two and Trident Technical College to serve eligible high school students.
- ▶ Through our partnership with Trident Technical College, students will be able to complete their high school diploma concurrently while completing credits toward a college credential (Associates Degree and/or Certificate).





# Characteristics of the Early College Program

- A small learning community within a high school/technical college setting
- The opportunity to earn college credits while in high school
- The expectation that students take responsibility for their learning in an adult environment

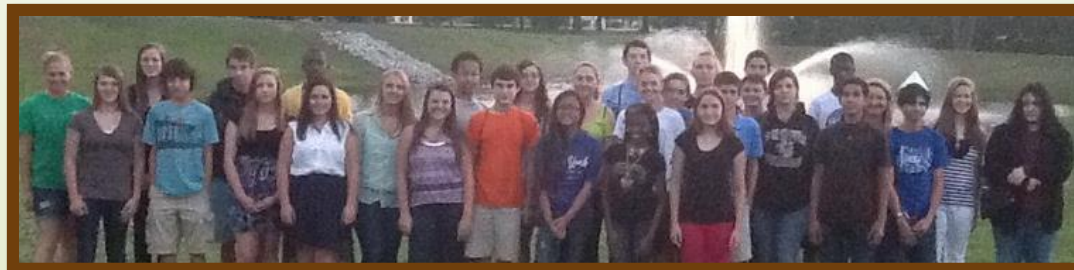


# Participants

- **The Early College Program will serve students in all district attendance areas. Recruitment will commence this fall for enrollment in Summer 2020.**
- **We will recruit a cohort of 90 9<sup>th</sup> grade students (30 students from each high school). All students are eligible to apply.**

# Program Alignment

- ▶ To enhance organizational effectiveness and efficiency, the Early College Program has been designed to align with current regional and local initiatives
  - ▶ **EDGE Career Academies – Regional Initiative with Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce**
  - ▶ **CATE Programs – State and Local Initiative with the Department of Education**
  - ▶ **Dual Enrollment – Local Initiative with Trident Technical College**



# College and Dual Enrollment Program Expectations

- Students who enroll in the Early College Program understand that they are part of a rigorous, adult, collegiate environment. The students will be challenged daily and therefore must be committed to academic excellence.
- Students are expected to be responsible for their learning and earn a passing grade (B or better) in all college and high school courses.
- Students who demonstrate difficulty with class assignments will be identified for early intervention and placed on a plan for educational support.

# College and Dual Enrollment Program Requirements

- Students must earn qualifying SAT, ACT or TTC placement (Accuplacer) test scores for the course(s) in which they wish to enroll.
- Students must submit a Dual Credit Application signed by the HS guidance counselor.
- Students will earn one unit toward the high school diploma for each three-semester hour college course successfully completed.
- Student performance in the college dual credit courses will directly affect the high school records and graduation requirements in accordance with the S.C. state policy.

**This is a three year program**





# Timeline

- October – December 2019

- Recruitment begins – IGPs, Classrooms, etc.

- Parent Information Nights

- Collect Student Application and Process

- Begin Student Interviews

- Date and Time

# Implementation Timeline

- January – March
  - Complete Student Interviews
  - Cohort Selection
  - Participation Contracts
  - Accuplacer Preparation and Administration
  - Schedule Planning Meetings with Counselors





# Summary

- **At little to no cost, students have an opportunity to accrue college credits towards an Associate Degree while completing their high school diploma.**
- **Students are given early access to post-secondary opportunities thus increasing their desire, comfort and confidence regarding college coursework.**

# Are You Interested?

- Please make sure you fill out the info sheet with your contact information before you leave.
- If you need more information:
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# QUESTIONS?

