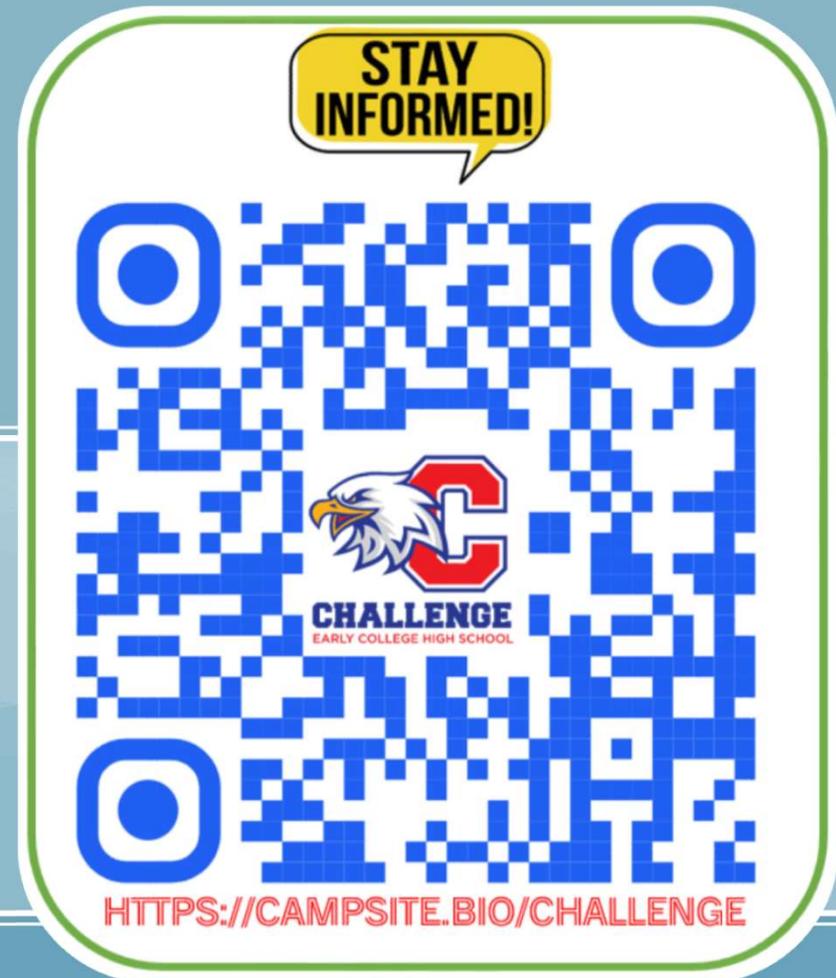


Open House

Challenge Early College HS

5:30pm – 7:20pm

September 14, 2023



Parent Sign-In for Open House

This year, we've designed Open House with flexibility in mind, making it easier for you to engage with your child's education.

Agenda:

- 5:30 pm - 6 pm: General Parent Meeting
- 6 pm – 7:20pm : Classroom/Department Visits

- We understand that many of our students are taking college classes, and this adjusted format will enable parents to finish early, as there won't be an HCC professor available during Open House. Instead, our HISD and HISD/HCC teachers will be on hand to welcome you.

- We kindly request your cooperation in the event that a classroom reaches its capacity. If this happens, please consider visiting another class or teacher to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to participate.

- For those of you with commitments, we hope this flexible format allows you to visit us at your convenience. Your presence and support are essential in fostering a strong partnership between home and school.



Registro de Padres para el Día de- Open House

Este año, hemos diseñado nuestro OPEN HOUSE teniendo en mente la flexibilidad, lo que facilitará su participación en la educación de su hijo/a.

Agenda:

- 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm: Reunión General de Padres
- 6:00 pm – 7:20 pm: Visitas a las Aulas/Departamentos

- Entendemos que muchos de nuestros estudiantes están tomando clases universitarias, y este formato ajustado permitirá a los padres terminar temprano, ya que no habrá un profesor de HCC disponible durante el OPEN HOUSE. En su lugar, nuestros maestros de HISD y HISD/HCC estarán disponibles para darles la bienvenida.

- Les solicitamos amablemente su cooperación en caso de que un salón alcance su capacidad. Si esto sucede, por favor, consideren visitar otra clase o maestro para asegurarse de que todos tengan la oportunidad de participar.

- Para aquellos de ustedes con compromisos, esperamos que este formato flexible les permita visitarnos a su conveniencia. Su presencia y apoyo son esenciales para fomentar una sólida colaboración entre el hogar y la escuela.



CECHS Open House
Fall Annual Meeting Parent Sign-In
Thursday, September 14, 2023



Welcome

- **Parent Sign-In**
- **Introduction of the Team**
- **Celebrations**
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- **Attendance Matters**
- **Important Dates**
- **Title 1**
- **Distribution of documents**
- **Open House Rotation Schedule**

Leadership Team



CHALLENGE
EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL



Mr. Santos
Principal



Dean Celestine
Assistant Principal
Gr 9



Dean Joseph
Assistant Principal
Gr 10



Dean Saikin
Assistant Principal
Gr 11 & 12



Mrs. Graur
Counselor



Mrs. Del Rio
Magnet Coordinator



Mrs. Salazar
Teacher Specialist
Literacy Coach

Admin Team

- Celestine, Tracy B – Dean of Students – 9th GR
- Joseph, Preeti– Dean of Students 10th
- Saikin, Christopher W – Dean of Students 11th & 12th GR

- Graur, Sara G – School Counselor – All Grade Levels
- Salazar, Esther E – Literacy Coach
- Del Rio, Laura O – Magnet Coordinator /Title 1

Education Support & Community Outreach Team



Mrs. Penna
**Student Case Worker/
Attendance / Grades**



Mrs. Moss,
**Front Office
Customer Service**



Mrs. Leal,
School Secretary



Nurse Culhane



Ms. Hernandez
Office Admin Support



Mr. Alvarado
IT Customer Service Rep



Mrs. M L Martinez
Office Admin Support

Office & Admin Team

- Alvarado, Brandon - Int IT Cust Serv Rep
- Gramajo, Lesly – Wraparound Specialist
- Culhane, Mary - School Nurse
- Hernandez Damian, Jacqueline – Office Support
- Moss / Johnson, Yvette G – Front Desk
- Leal, Rita – School Secretary
- Martinez, L M –Attendance
- Penna, Cynthia – Student Information Rep –Grades / Data Quality



CHALLENGE ECHS RANKINGS

Best High Schools according to US NEWS (Sep 2023)

#5 in Houston TX Metro Area High Schools

#5 in Houston Independent School District High School

#21 in Texas High Schools

#43 in Magnet High Schools

#148 in National Rankings

<https://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/texas/districts/houston-independent-school-district/challenge-early-college-high-school-19263>

#5 in Region - According to Children at Risk – Feb 2023

<https://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/education/article/best-houston-high-school-rankings-17772484.php>

HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



FAMILY FRIENDLY
SCHOOL

2022-2023

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Challenge Early College HS - PTO

2023-2024



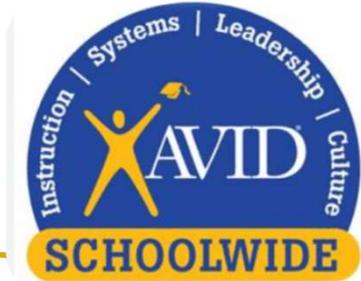
PTO Board

- Yolanda Mendoza: PTO President
- Manisha Dalwadi-Brahmnhatt: PTO Vice President
- Yazmine Marquez: PTO Secretary
- Elva Martinez: PTO Treasurer

Cash payments: Submit to the main office and obtain a receipt.

- General Membership \$25.00(membresia general)
- Bronze level \$50 (membership and one T-shirt (Membresia y una camiseta)
- Silver level \$100 (membership plus one hoodie) (membresia y una sudadera)
- Gold level \$200 (membership plus one T- shirt, one hoodie and Breakfast with the Principal) (membresia más una camiseta, una sudadera y desayuno con el director)
- Platinum level \$350 (Family membership plus two T-shirts, one hoodie and Breakfast with the Principal-Parents and student AND School Recognition) (membresia familiar dos camisetas, una sudadera y desayuno con el director los padres y el estudiante)

Programs



- HCC Dual Credit
- University of Texas at Austin – UT onRamps
 - Math 1314 – Alg 2 or Independent Math Studies
 - Chemistry
 - Physics
- AVID – Advancement Via Individual Determination



"UT OnRamps is not just another high school program; it's a comprehensive partnership between our high school and a world-class university. Its primary goal is to provide students with the opportunity to earn college credit while still in high school, giving them a head start on their higher education journey."

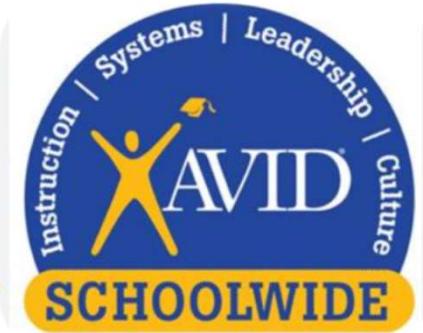
Key Components of UT OnRamps:

- **College-Level Courses:** "Through UT OnRamps, high school students have access to college-level courses taught by qualified instructors. These courses align with the rigor and standards of the University of Texas."
- **Dual Enrollment:** "Students who successfully complete UT OnRamps courses can earn college credit that is recognized by the University of Texas and many other colleges and universities across the country."
- **Support and Resources:** "UT OnRamps provides students with the support they need to excel in college-level coursework. This includes access to academic resources, tutoring, and mentoring."
- **College and Career Readiness:** "The program not only offers college credit but also prepares students for the academic expectations and challenges they will face in higher education. It fosters critical thinking, research skills, and academic confidence."



Benefits of UT OnRamps:

- **College Credit:** "By participating in UT OnRamps, your student has the opportunity to earn college credit that can be applied toward their future college degree. This can potentially save time and money in their college journey."
- **Academic Preparation:** "The program provides a challenging academic environment that prepares students for the demands of college-level coursework. This experience enhances their readiness for post-secondary education."
- **Enhanced Resume:** "Having college credit earned through UT OnRamps on their high school transcript can make your student's college applications stand out to admissions officers. It demonstrates a commitment to academic excellence."
- **Smooth Transition to College:** "UT OnRamps helps students become familiar with college-level expectations, which can ease the transition from high school to college. They enter college with greater confidence and academic skills."
- **Cost Savings:** "Earning college credit in high school can potentially reduce the overall cost of a college education. It's a cost-effective way to complete some of the required coursework."
- **Access to University Resources:** "Students in the program have access to university resources and support, providing them with an enriching and well-rounded educational experience."

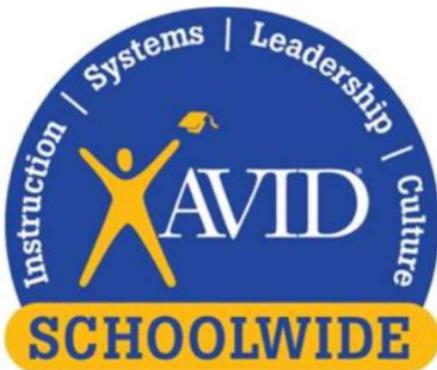


AVID is an acronym that stands for 'Advancement Via Individual Determination.'

It's a program designed to help students reach their full academic potential and prepare for success in college and beyond."

"AVID is not just another class; it's a comprehensive program that operates within the school to support students in grades 6-12. Its primary focus is to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society."

- **AVID Elective:**
 - **"In the AVID program, students enroll in an AVID elective class where they receive academic support, study skills, and college preparation guidance. This class is a pivotal part of the AVID experience."**
 - **Tutoring: "AVID provides students with access to collaborative in group study sessions."**
 - **College and Career Exploration: "AVID encourages students to explore various college and career options. It helps them set long-term goals and provides guidance on college admissions, financial aid, and scholarships."**
 - **Organization and Study Skills: "Through AVID, students learn essential organizational and study skills that are crucial for academic success. This includes note-taking, time management, and test preparation."**
 - **Cultivating Critical Thinking: "AVID promotes critical thinking skills, inquiry, and collaboration among students. It encourages them to ask questions and engage in meaningful discussions."**



Benefits of AVID:

- **College Readiness:** "AVID is a proven college readiness program. It equips students with the skills and knowledge they need to excel academically and prepare for college-level coursework."
- **Increased Academic Achievement:** "AVID students typically perform better academically compared to their peers. The program helps them improve their grades and achieve their academic goals."
- **Improved Study Skills:** "Through AVID, students develop effective study habits, time management skills, and note-taking strategies that serve them well throughout their education."
- **Access to Support:** "AVID students have access additional support and guidance, ensuring that no student is left behind."
- **College and Career Opportunities:** "AVID opens doors to college and career opportunities that might otherwise be challenging to access. It helps students navigate the path to higher education and beyond."
- **Stronger Sense of Belonging:** "AVID creates a supportive and inclusive community within the school. Students often develop strong bonds with their peers and mentors, fostering a sense of belonging."

Parental Involvement:

- "We encourage parents to be actively involved in their student's AVID journey. Attend parent meetings, stay informed about your child's progress, and support their commitment to academic excellence."



CHALLENGE EARLY COLLEGE HS

The three Rs: "Relationships, Relevance & Rigor"

SEPTEMBER EAGLE NEWS

23 - 24 School Calendar and Events

Celebrations 2023 - 2024

PTO - Parent Teacher Organization

College and Career Information (Scholarships / Dual Credit deadlines)

Student & Family Support / Apoyo para Estudiantes y Familia

Challenge ECHS Website



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Calendar of Events



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September 2023 - Eagle News



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**OPEN
HOUSE**

Thursday, September 14



Calendar of Events



Important Dates / Dias Importantes

- Monday, Sep 4 - Labor Day Holiday - NO SCHOOL = HISD & HCC
- Thursday, Sep 14 - OPEN HOUSE 5:30pm to 7:30pm
- Friday, Sep 15 - 1st Day for Clubs
- Progress Report 1 End Date - Sep 15
- **HCC - Sep 18 - 2nd Start Classes Begin**
- Wednesday, Sep 20 - SDMC 3:30pm - 4:30pm
- Friday, Sep 22 - International Festival during ADVOC/Club/Lunch Time
- Progress Report Card Go Home to Parents with Students - Sep 22
- Monday, Sep 25 - Fall Holiday - NO HISD SCHOOL
- HCC Classes are in session - students are responsible for attending their HCC classes. Check HCC calendar and communicate with your professor.
- Monday, October 2 - End date for first six weeks grades (Cycle 1)
- Friday, Oct 6 - 1st Six Weeks Report Card mail out to parents
- Oct 6. BLOOD DRIVE
- Wednesday, October 11 - PSAT / SAT Day

Title I Annual Meeting

These “supplemental” federal funds are used to:

- Accelerate instruction for struggling students,
- Provide professional-development for teachers, paraprofessionals, and administrators
- Hire **certified** personnel,
- Provide additional resources – technology, personnel, materials, instructional programs, software, and
- Encourage parent and family involvement.

Challenge ECHS

- At CECHS, we want you to be involved. Here are some ways that you can be involved in your child's school:
 1. Attend a school wide event
 2. Attend a parent conference(s)
 3. Join us on a Field Trips
Complete VIPS –Volunteer In Public Schools
 4. Submit your lunch application/school forms
 5. Check your students report cards/grade

Parent and Family Engagement

Research has **proven** that students whose parents are involved in their child's education have greater success in school.

So, the Title I Grant supports activities that focus on parental and family involvement.

Questions?

Challenge ECHS

Ms. Del Rio, Title I Contact

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713-664-9712



Thank you

Attendance Matters

- 90% rule: in order to receive credit or a final grade for a class, a student is required to attend class 90 percent of the days class is offered regardless of whether the student's absences are excused (see FEA) or un.excused. Atty, Gen. Op. JC-0398 (2001)

The only acceptable excuses for tardies and absences are (require documentation):

- Personal illness – requires doctor notes
- Illness or death in the family
- Weather conditions making travel dangerous – determined by HISD weather days
- Participation in school activities with permission of the principal.

Course Credit

Excessive Absences The Texas Education Code (25.092) sets a minimum attendance requirement of 90 percent (**no more than 3 absences**) of class meetings for the award of course credit. Houston ISD requires a minimum attendance of 90% of class meetings. In addition to a 90% requirement for course credit.

Students who have lost credit due to course attendance from 75% to 90% **(4 absences per semester per each class)** of class meetings may appeal for restoration of credit directly to the attendance committee. Upon successful completion of a plan approved by the committee, and reviewed by the principal, credit may be restored. This plan must provide for the student to meet the instructional requirements of the class.

**More time in school =
MORE TIME TO LEARN!**

Equates to 2
school days off
each year

Equates to 5
school days off
each year

Equates to 7
school days off
each year

Equates to 9
school days off
each year

Equates to 11
school days off
each year

Equates to 1
month off each
year

100%
Perfection

98%
Impressive

96%
Good

95%
Nearly There

94%
Needs to Improve

90%
Danger Zone

80%
Danger Zone

**On
Track**

**At
Risk**

**Off
Track**

4 absences = no credit

Miss Instruction /Make up Instruction

Must happen after school hours

- Tutorials after school
- Online Curriculum / APEX online
- Saturday School
- Spark Camps

Students can use these options towards their attendance appeal.

Deadlines

1. April 2024 – student who lost credit Fall 2023
2. June 5 2024 – student who lost credit Spring 2023

(NG) No Grade - Students will have to retake the class if they do not clear/complete their attendance appeals hours/Instructional time.

- Student will not have the option of taking credit recovery class.

TIME	SUBJECT	LOCATION
5:30-6:00	Parent Information Meeting	Room C108
6:00-6:10	SESSION I	
6:10-6:20	SESSION II	
6:20-6:30	SESSION III	
6:30-6:40	SESSION IV	
6:40-6:50	SESSION V	
6:50-7:00	SESSION VI	
7:00-7:10	SESSION VII	
7:10-7:20	SESSION VIII	

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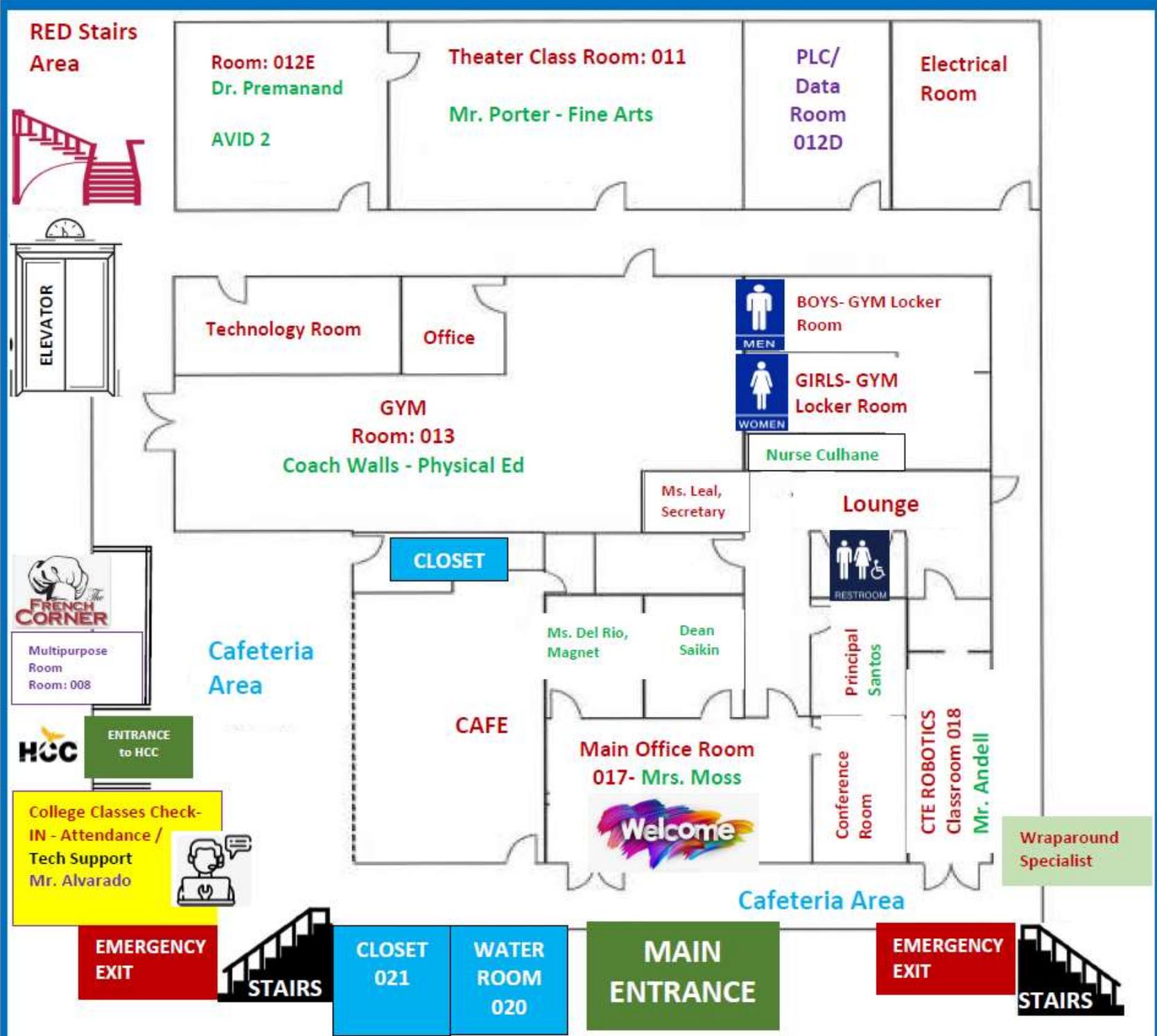
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Session Location Choices

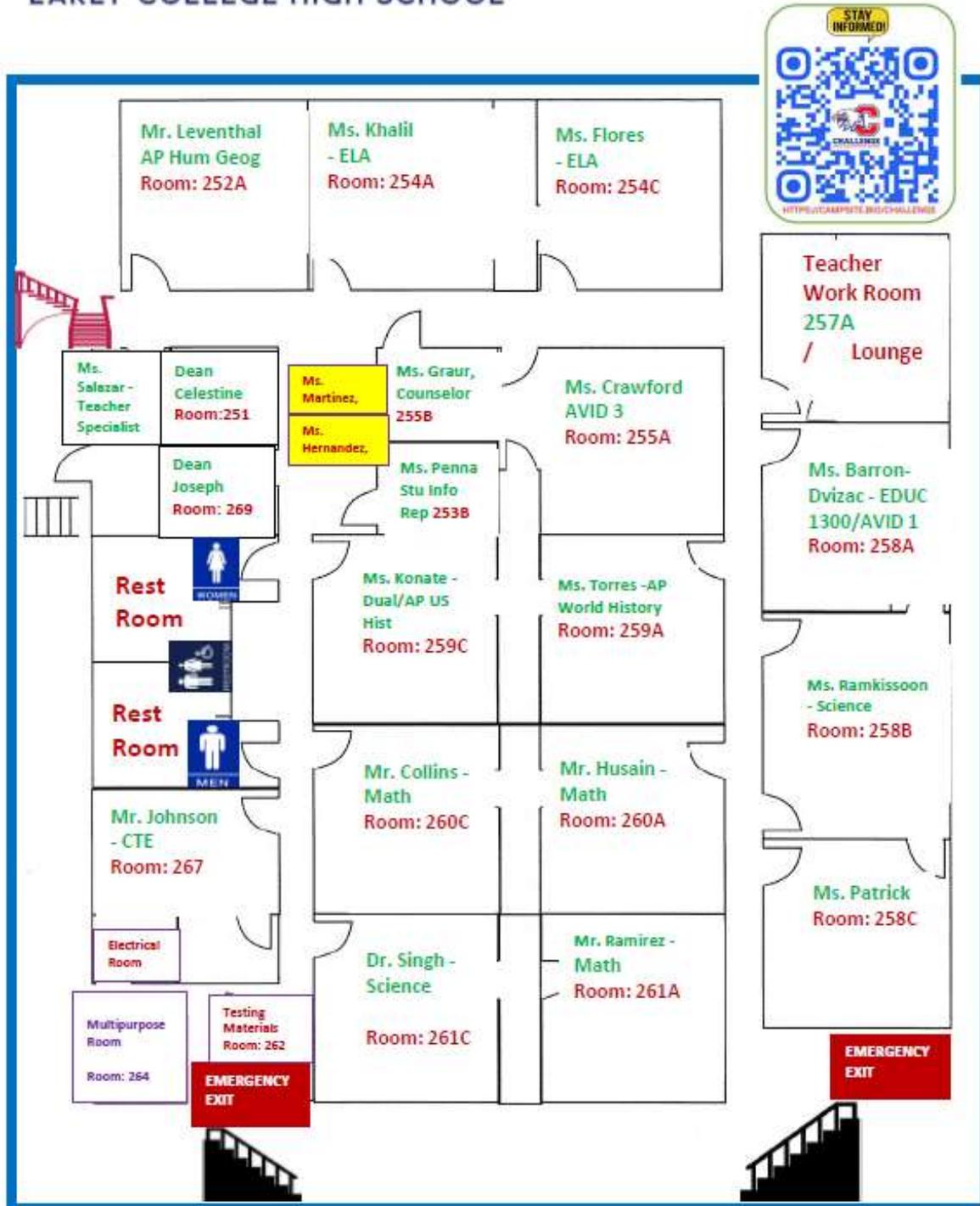
Choice	Location		Choice	Location
Collins	Classroom		Admin	MOCA
Dostert	Classroom (Crawford)		Celestine, Del Rio, Graur, Joseph, Saikin, Salazar, Santos	
Flores	Classroom			
Husain	Classroom		Attendance	MOCA
Khalil	Classroom		Penna, Hernandez, Martinez	
Konate	Classroom			
Leventhal	Classroom		PTO	MOCA
Mack	Classroom (Ramkissoon)		Parents	
Patrick	Classroom			
Ramirez	Classroom		Nurse	MOCA
Ramkissoon	Classroom		Culhane	
Singh	Classroom			
Torres	Classroom		HCC Reps	MOCA
			HCC personnel	
Electives				
Andell, Johnson, Porter, Walls	Theater classroom			
AVID				
Barron, Crawford, Gomez, Premanand, Simon	CAFETERIA			



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Second Floor



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Customer Service**



Thank You!

**José R. Santos, Principal
Challenge Early College High School**

