

*Rising Raptors:*  
A Model for Bringing  
ECHS to Primary Grades

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Judson Early College Academy

# Judson Early College Academy

- Stand-alone IHE
- Partnership with ACCD
- 130 students accepted each year
- Applicants from five JISD middle schools and students who live in the JISD boundary



ALAMO  
COLLEGES

NORTHEAST LAKEVIEW COLLEGE

TEXAS EARLY COLLEGE  
HIGH SCHOOL

# The Early College High School Blueprint

## **Benchmark 1: Target Population**

The Early College High School shall serve, or include plans to scale up to serve, students in grades 9 through 12 and shall target and enroll students who are at risk of dropping out of school as defined by the Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) and who might not otherwise go to college.

# At-Risk Indicators

A student at-risk of dropping out of school includes each student who is under 26 years of age and who:

1. is in prekindergarten, kindergarten or grade 1, 2, or 3 and did not perform satisfactorily on a readiness test or assessment instrument administered during the current school year;
2. is in grade 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12 and did not maintain an average equivalent to 70 on a scale of 100 in two or more subjects in the foundation curriculum during a semester in the preceding or current school year or is not maintaining such an average in two or more subjects in the foundation curriculum in the current semester;
3. was not advanced from one grade level to the next for one or more school years; (Note: From 2010-2011 forward, TEC 29.081 (d-1) excludes from this criteria prekindergarten or kindergarten students who were not advanced to the next grade level as a result of a documented request by the student's parent.)
4. did not perform satisfactorily on an assessment instrument administered to the student under TEC Subchapter B, Chapter 39, and who has not in the previous or current school year subsequently performed on that instrument or another appropriate instrument at a level equal to at least 110 percent of the level of satisfactory performance on that instrument;
5. is pregnant or is a parent;

# At Risk Indicators

6. has been placed in an alternative education program in accordance with TEC §37.006 during the preceding or current school year;
7. has been expelled in accordance with TEC §37.007 during the preceding or current school year;
8. is currently on parole, probation, deferred prosecution, or other conditional release;
9. was previously reported through the Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) to have dropped out of school;
10. is a student of limited English proficiency, as defined by TEC §29.052;
11. is in the custody or care of the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services or has, during the current school year, been referred to the department by a school official, officer of the juvenile court, or law enforcement official;
12. is homeless, as defined NCLB, Title X, Part C, Section 725(2), the term “homeless children and youths”, and its subsequent amendments; or
13. resided in the preceding school year or resides in the current school year in a residential placement facility in the district, including a detention facility, substance abuse treatment facility, emergency shelter, psychiatric hospital, halfway house, or foster group home.

# Data for At-Risk Students

## 2015-16 Student Program Reports

Texas Education Agency

Total Enrollment Counts in Student Programs

PEIMS Data 2015-16

Statewide

Total Enrollment	Total G & T Students	Total CTE Students	Total ELL Students	Total Bilingual Students	Total ESL Students	Total Economically Disadvantaged Students	Total Title I Students	Total At Risk Students	Total Military Connected Students	Total Foster Care Students	Total Students Receiving Special Education Services	Total Dyslexic Students
5,299,728	404,646	1,285,605	980,487	535,660	433,475	3,122,903	3,435,157	2,649,069	87,034	14,319	463,185	141,033

# Data for At-Risk Students

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Region	Total Enrollment	Total G & T Students	Total CTE Students	Total ELL Students	Total Bilingual Students	Total ESL Students	Total Economically Disadvantaged Students	Total Title I Students	Total At Risk Students	Total Military Connected Students	Total Foster Care Students	Total Students Receiving Special Education Services	Total Dyslexic Students
20	451,786	29,038	104,103	52,529	33,558	19,022	278,645	270,046	234,743	11,527	1,716	44,390	13,889

# Data for At-Risk Students

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Texas Education Agency  
Total Enrollment Counts in Student Programs  
PEIMS Data 2015-16

District Name (District Number)	Region	Total Enrollment	Total G & T Students	Total CTE Students	Total ELL Students	Total Bilingual Students	Total ESL Students	Total Economically Disadvantaged Students	Total Title I Students	Total At Risk Students	Total Military Connected Students	Total Foster Care Students	Total Students Receiving Special Education Services	Total Dyslexic Students
Judson ISD (015916 )	20	23,286	1,669	6,330	2,092	1,365	715	15,113	10,648	18,025	2,007	153	2,426	1,366



# Benchmark 1



- JECA recruitment plan before 2015-2016
- JISD as an ECHS District
- Long-term sustainability of qualified, targeted applicants
- Email to counselors
- *Monday Memo*
- Raising awareness
- Answering parent questions
- Clarifying misconceptions

# *Rising Raptors* Itinerary

- Student IDs
- Tour of campuses
- Student panel
- Goal-setting
- Strategies for success in middle school
- Commons



# The Technological Alternative



- Presentation tailored to young children
- Virtual field trip using video chat software
  - JECA student gives the tour
  - Elementary students get to ask questions
- Elementary students answer questions about JECA
  - Raptor “spirit stick”

# *Rising Raptors* Presentation for Parents



- Partnerships with elementary school
- Getting parents to be reflective
- Presentation for parents
- Q & A session



# Rising Raptors Program



# Why did I start Rising Raptors?



Rising Raptors is a fun way to share what it is to be a JECA students with kids in elementary school.

- Visit JECA and Northeast Lakeview College (NLC)
- Learn about what a school day is like at JECA
- Talk to JECA students
- Learns ways to be successful in school
- Set goals for the future

# What is so great about JECA?

- 100% Graduation Rate
- 100% College Acceptance Rate
- 100% Pass Rate on STAAR
- 100% Pass Rate on TSI by 11<sup>th</sup> grade
- Highest attendance rate in the school district
- Ranked 11<sup>th</sup> in Texas\*
- Ranked 152<sup>nd</sup> in the U.S.\*
- PSAT and SAT scores about state/national averages
- Distinguished High School Diploma
- Associated Degree in Liberal Arts from ACCD
- FREE!



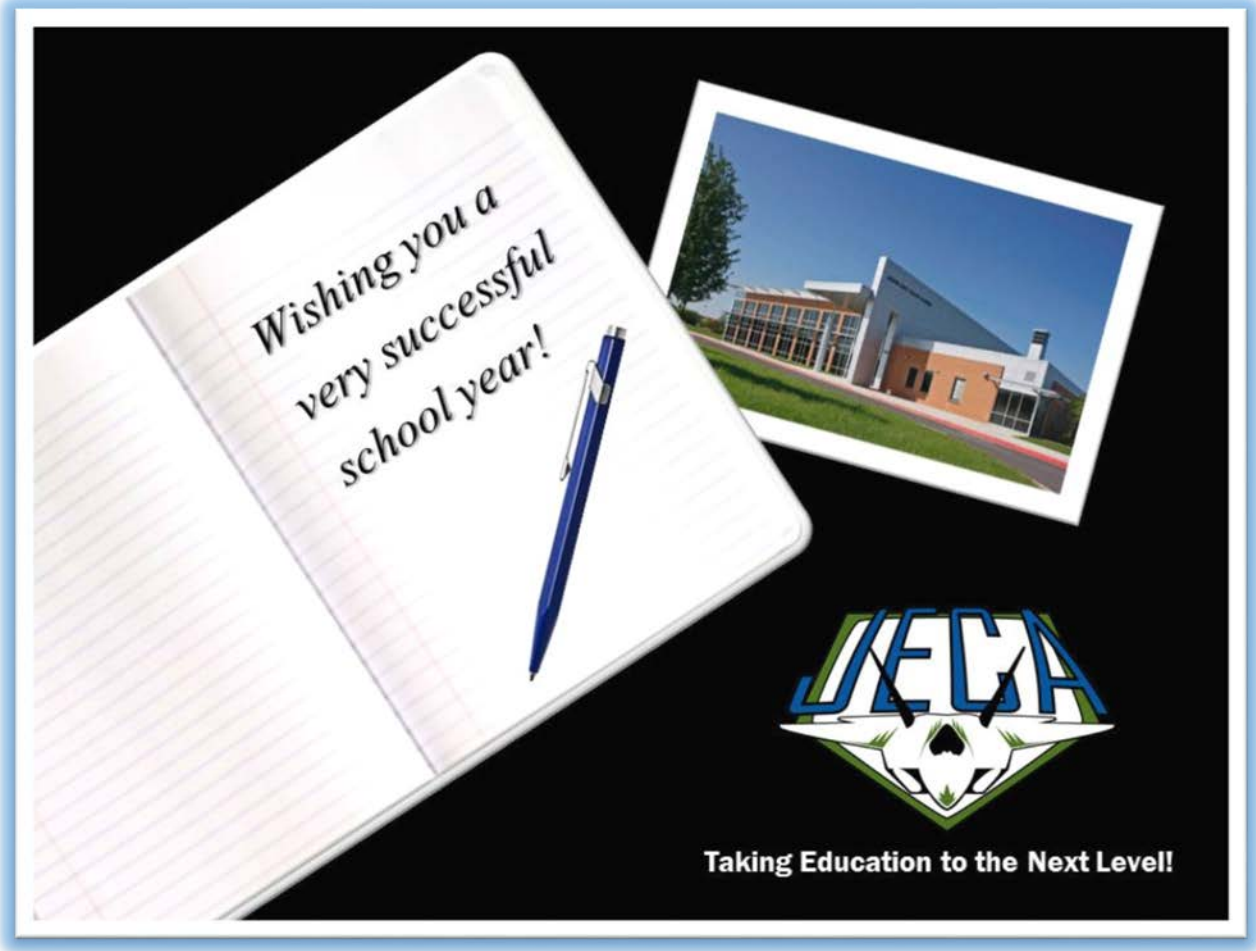
# Some “reasons” not to attend JECA?

- JECA is too difficult.
- I’m not a straight “A” student.
- I don’t have a laptop to use for school.
- I don’t know the students at JECA.
- I want to play sports





# The Follow-up



# Questions

