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El Camino College and Compton Unified School District to Establish Early College High School

New program enables high school students to earn college credits while completing high school.

El Camino College, in collaboration with the Compton Unified School District (CUSD), is pleased to announce the creation of a new Early College High School program.

The Early College High School will provide highly motivated CUSD high school students with the opportunity to earn both a high school diploma and two years of college credit toward an associate degree. Local high school students who participate in this program will be taking college classes offered by El Camino College Compton Center. During the first two years of high school, the program will be highly structured. During their junior and senior years, students will have the opportunity to take classes that match their educational or career goals.

“El Camino College Compton Center is pleased to participate in the Early College High School initiative and collaborate with the Compton Unified School District to better prepare students to succeed in college, earn degrees, and compete for high-paying jobs,” said Keith Curry, Compton Community College District CEO. “If they put in the hard work, this program will save high school students time and money, as well as put them on an accelerated path to earn a four-year degree.”

Parents and students are required to attend an informational meeting about Early College High School on either **Saturday, February 21 from 10:00 a.m. to noon**, or **Monday, February 23 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.** The meetings will take place at Compton High School, 601 S. Acacia Street, Compton, CA 90220. The meetings will allow parents and students to learn more about this program and its requirements.

“It is important to provide a foundation for the future leaders of Compton,” said Darin Brawley, Compton Unified School District superintendent. “The Compton Unified School District believes in providing students with an opportunity to get a head start on a college education, while also gaining the skills and knowledge necessary for success at a four-year university or a career and technical education college.”

Early College High School students nationwide graduate and attend college at higher rates according to a report by *Jobs for the Future*. At the national level, ninety percent of Early College High School students graduate from high school, compared to 78 percent of those who do not participate in Early College High School.

For more information about the new Early College High School program in Compton, please contact: Office of JaMaiia Bond, Senior Director of CUSD Education Services (310) 639-4321, ext. 55253

About El Camino College Compton Center

El Camino College Compton Center is the community’s education solution offering a full complement of transfer and degree courses, as well as career and technical education. Students may earn an associate degree or certificate, transfer to a four-year university or train for a career. El Camino College Compton Center is located at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA.

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