



Early College High School

High School Profile 2020-2021

PUC CALS Early College High School

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SCHOOL INFORMATION

PUC CALS Early College High School (PUC CALS ECHS) serves the educational needs of students living in the city of Los Angeles, with a concentration on the communities of Lincoln Heights, Cypress Park, and Glassell Park. PUC CALS ECHS, home of the falcons, was founded in 2003 as a continuation of the personalized, rigorous education imparted at PUC CALS Charter Middle School, a founding charter school at Partnerships to Uplift Communities. The mission of PUC Schools is to develop and manage high quality charter schools in densely populated urban communities with overcrowded and low achieving schools. We create school programs and cultures that result in college graduation for all students. We uplift and revitalize communities through the development of educational and other supportive partnerships. PUC Schools uses an educational model based on high expectations for all students, highly qualified teachers, and parents as partners. The school operates on a traditional August-June academic calendar. PUC CALS ECHS is proud to be recognized as a California Distinguished School.

ACCREDITATION AND CHARTER AUTHORIZATION

- Accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Schools--Western Association of Schools and Colleges.
- Charter authorized by Los Angeles Unified School District.

HOW COVID-19 IMPACTED OUR STUDENTS

Fall 2020: ACADEMIC PROGRAM: With students' and teachers' safety at the forefront, all PUC Schools will remain virtual to start the 2020-21 school year. Classes are provided through synchronous learning all day on Monday from 9:00am – 3:05pm, Tuesday – Thursday students have synchronous learning from 9:00am – 2:10pm, with an asynchronous learning block from 2:20pm - 3:05pm. On Friday mornings from 9:00am – 10:00am students have Advisory (synchronous), and the remainder of their Friday consists of asynchronous learning 10:00am – 1:30pm. **GRADING:** PUC Schools returned to our traditional letter grades A-F for the 2020-21 school year. **SCHOOL & COLLEGE COUNSELING SUPPORTS:** PUC CALS ECHS' School & College Counselor provides a virtual counseling programs to seniors and their families through individual meetings, small group counseling sessions, classroom guidance presentations, and a PUC-Wide webinar series. Specific senior counseling services include academic, career and higher education counseling supports which include: virtual college rep visits, virtual college fairs, as well as virtual application workshops to ensure students college and financial aid applications are accurate, thoughtfully completed and deadlines are met. In addition, the PUC Alumni Network will provide a Senior Send-Off Webinar Series starting Spring 2021 to empower seniors with resources, and refine their skills to help them successfully transition from senior year to life after high school (college or alternative higher education pathway, employment & life skills).

Spring 2020: ACADEMIC PROGRAM: Students moved to virtual learning starting Monday, March 16th, 2020 through the end of the school year Friday, May 29th, 2020. Students attended online courses in combination of synchronous & asynchronous learning Monday – Friday 8:00am – 3:00pm. **GRADING:** PUC Schools adjusted the grade scale to a PASS/FAIL for all classes, and excluded all Spring 2020 Pass/Fail grades and grades from external institutions

from students' Grade Point Averages (GPAs). **SCHOOL & COLLEGE COUNSELING SUPPORTS:** PUC CALS ECHS' School & College Counselors main focus was to support students with adapting to their new virtual environment, and connecting students and families to services that supported their mental health and basic needs. Counselors focused on helping seniors with completing the final steps required by their post-high school institutions, and graduation celebrations. Class of 2020 end of year services consisted of individual & group sessions with students to finalize college process, resumes workshops, and military onboarding procedures. The School and College Counseling team also provide weekly parent meetings.

PRINCIPAL

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2020-2021 DEMOGRAPHICS

- Students in grades 9-12: 300
- Students in the Class of 2021: 66
- Students: 93.4% Hispanic/Latino; 2.1% Black or African American; 1.7% Decline to Specify; 0.8% Filipino; 0.6% Multiple Races; 0.4% Other Asian; 0.4%; 0.2% American Indian or Alaska Native; 0.2% Cambodian; 0.2% White
- Students qualifying for free or reduced lunch: 95%
- Student-Teacher Ratio: 25:1

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- English.....40 Credits
- Math.....30 Credits
- History/Social Science.....30 Credits
- Foreign Language.....20 Credits
- Laboratory Science.....20 Credits
- Visual & Performing Arts.....10 Credits
- College Prep Electives.....10 Credits
- Physical Education.....10 Credits

Minimum of 220 credits is required for high school graduation



GRADING

In alignment with University of California and California State University undergraduate admissions requirements, PUC Schools do not grant “D” letter grades. A grade below a “C” is a fail and will not satisfy the PUC graduation requirements. Students earning an “F” for any required course must repeat the course to earn a grade of “C” or higher.

- College Courses – College course grade of “C” or higher will receive 1 GPA added value point.
- Grade Replacement - PUC Schools implemented a PUC-Wide grade replacement policy starting the 2015-16 school year. Students may retake any failed course. The newly earned grade, GPA points and credits will replace the previously failed course. The original failed course and grade will remain on the students’ transcript (*Must be same course name & content*).

GRADE SCALE

A	100 - 90
B	89 - 80
C	79 - 70
F	69 - Below
In Progress	0

GRADE DISTRIBUTION:

Class of 2021 Cumulative Weighted GPAs

GPA Range	# of Students	GPA Range	# of Students
4.1 - 5.0	7	2.0 - 2.5	11
3.6 - 4.0	9	1.5 - 1.9	5
3.1 - 3.5	17	1.0 - 1.4	0
2.6 - 3.0	15		

- PUC Schools does not rank students.
- The Class of 2021 cumulative GPAs (weighted & unweighted) includes 9th grade through 11th grade fall semester.
- Due to COVID-19, PUC Schools adjusted our Spring 2020 grade scale to a PASS/FAIL for all classes and excluded Pass/Fail grades from GPAs.

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS EXAMS

Class of 2021 students were registered to take the April and May 2020 ACT. Due to COVID-19 closures, many students have not had the opportunity to take the SAT or ACT.

DUAL ENROLLMENT COLLEGE COURSES

PUC CALS ECHS has developed successful partnerships with Los Angeles City College (LACC), Los Angeles Trade Tech College (LATTCC) and Pasadena City College (PCC).

- College courses are primarily offered at PUC CALS ECHS’ site and are taught by college instructors.
- College course enrollment is open to all students starting spring of 9th grade through senior year.
- Students must be passing all core academic courses to be eligible.
- On average, 2 college courses are offered each semester.
- College courses are offered after school.

All the noted community colleges are only offering online courses for the 2020-2021 school year.

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS DATA CLASS OF 2020

- 93% admitted to 2 & 4-year colleges/universities
- 55% admitted to a 4-year college/university

POST-SECONDARY COMMITMENT DATA

- 41% - 4-year college/university
- 29% - 2-year college
- 29% - Employment
- 67% - In-State
- .01% - Out-of-State