

## **Early College Program Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What is the Early College Program?**

*This program is designed to allow students in high school to take college courses through a partnership with Houston Community College.*

### **How many hours can a student earn?**

*A student who takes 6 hours each semester and 6 during the summer can earn up to 30 hours towards an associates degree at HCC.*

### **Will these hours transfer to a 4 year university?**

*By law, all state schools must accept these hours. Please check with the university that you are interested in to find out details about transferring hours.*

### **How much does the program cost?**

*The Board of Directors at HCC has waived the tuition cost to all students. Each student is charged a \$162 out of district fee per 3 hour course. Spring Branch is not currently considered in the HCC district.*

### **Where will these courses be held?**

*The courses will be taught at the HCC Town and Country campus.*

### **How many periods out of the HS schedule the students are required to give up?**

*Two, each student will be scheduled for an English and Social studies period. The classes at HCC are 90 minutes long on alternating days, ex. English - Mon/Wed and US History - Tue/Thur. Friday will be a study day.*

### **Are scholarships available?**

*Yes, scholarships are available on a sliding scale based on need.*

### **Will transportation be provided?**

*Yes, but students may drive themselves to campus with parent permission.*

### **Are there added grade points for these courses?**

*Currently these classes will not receive an added grade point.*