

# ECS at Stamford High

## Early College Studies at Stamford High School

### What is ECS at SHS?

ECS offers SPS students the opportunity to graduate high school and earn an associate degree in 4-6 years! The program is focused on providing an in-depth technology based education designed to prepare students to be successful in a variety of technical college and career fields. ECS is a combination of classroom learning, digital learning and practical experiences with the program including a student issued Chromebook, paid internship, summer programming as well as after-school academic support and wraparound college supports.

## FAQS

### What technology will we focus on at Stamford ECS?

*All students will have an SHS issued Chromebook to enhance the digital learning experience. The offered Associates in Applied Science through ECS will be mobile programming and software engineering.*

### Will I get to see my friends that are not in Stamford ECS?

*Yes, being part of the ECS team is the same as any other freshman team. Plus, lunch and electives will be attended with all SHS students.*

### Can I graduate in 4 years even if I haven't finished the associate degree requirements?

*Yes, all high school requirements will be offered within the first 4 years of the program. Students have the choice to continue and complete their associate degree or graduate and apply to 4-year colleges/universities.*

### What if I'm not sure that I want to enter a career in the field of technology?

*While ECS is a technology driven program, students will be provided with universal skills such as critical thinking, problem solving, time management and others which translate across all career and college fields.*

### Earning a diploma and associate degree seems like a lot – will it be too hard?

*Through creative scheduling and dual enrolled courses, students can earn both college and high school credit through a single course. Students must demonstrate readiness before enrolling in college courses. After school tutoring is available, a summer program, and all SHS supports are available to ECS students.*

## Highlights

- Earn an associate degree and an SHS diploma at the same time!
- Transfer earned credits to a four-year college/university
- Learn valuable workplace skills that make you more attractive to any employer or college recruiter
- Work closely with mentors in a variety of fields
- Increase your earning potential directly out of high school
- Paid internship
- An SHS issued Chromebook while a member of Stamford ECHS
- Make history in the Stamford Community!

Providing Technology and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills needed to be successful in high school, college and the workplace

