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Please join us at the upcoming parent information session so that you may learn more about East Austin College Prep Academy's admissions process.

Tuesday, February 10, 6:00 pm (English & Spanish)

Saturday, February 28, 10:00 am (English & Spanish)

6th Grade Parent Information Sessions

East Austin College Prep Academy

6002 Jain Lane, Austin 78721, www.swkey.org

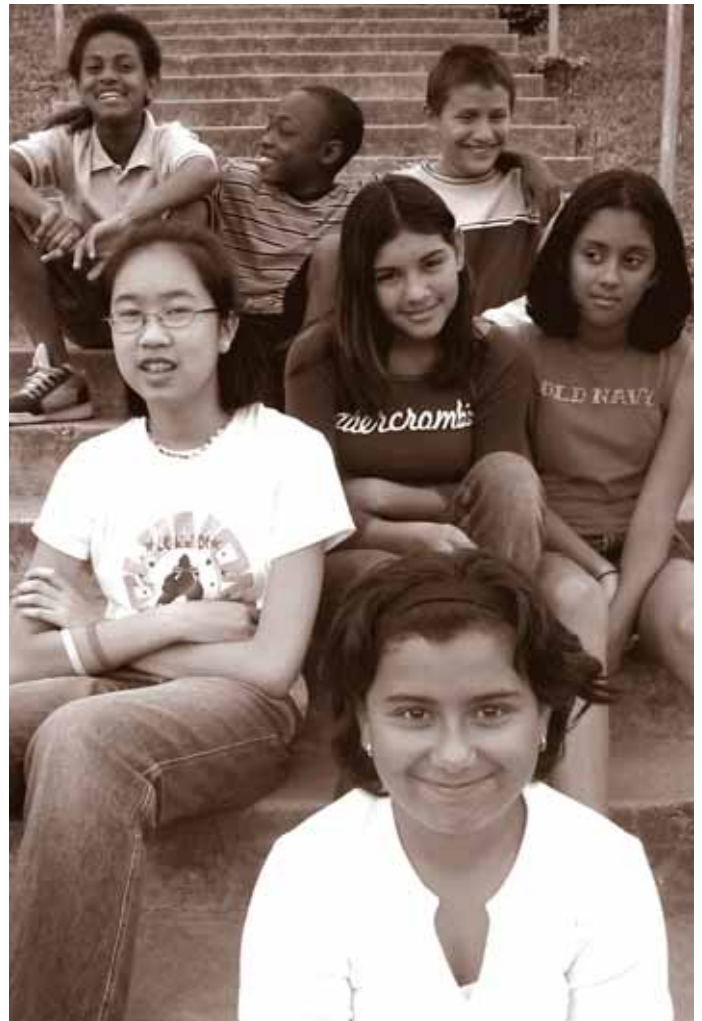
RSVP to Dr. Nellie Cantu, 512-462-2181, ncantu@swkey.org

6th Grade Application Deadline: April 1, 2009

Congratulations! A new 6th grade charter school is opening in your neighborhood this August.

Southwest Key is pleased to announce that **East Austin College Prep Academy** is set to open its 6th grade campus in August 2009. The school will open its 7th grade campus in 2010 and 8th grade campus in 2011. All incoming East Austin 6th graders are eligible to apply to attend this FREE charter school located at 6002 Jain Lane, right next door to the Eastside Memorial High School at the former Johnston Campus. This is the realization of a long standing dream to have a community middle school located right in the heart of the Johnston Terrace neighborhood!

East Austin College Prep Academy will serve as a model middle school that successfully prepares all students, regardless of economic background, for a rigorous high school curriculum, graduation, and ultimately success in college and career. The school provides a rigorous college preparatory curriculum, including a strong foundation in math and science for students pursuing a science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) field. By providing a balanced, comprehensive program, the school also nurtures visual and performing arts and showcases the tremendous talent of students whose skills are often overlooked.



At East Austin College Prep Academy failure is not an option and students are given the knowledge and tools to achieve their dreams.

East Austin College Prep Academy

Educational Innovations



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Extended
School Day
7:30 am - 4:30 pm



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Clubs, Sports &
Extracurriculars



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90 Minute
Math & ELA
Daily



5

Experiential &
Field Lessons



3

Community
Advisory
Meetings Daily



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Research-
Based, Multidisciplinary
Curriculum



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Technology Integration



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Visual & Performing Arts Curriculum



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Service Learning



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3 Week Summer Session



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Model Health Program



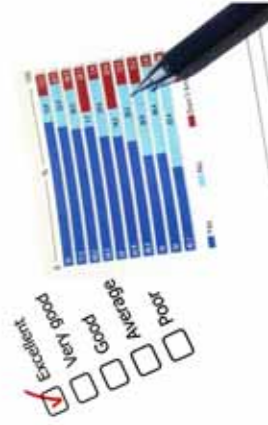
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Highly Qualified Instructors



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Staff On Call Until 9:00 pm



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Individualized Continuous Monitoring



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Parental Involvement



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College Bound Graduates!

East Austin College Prep Academy

Fast Facts About the EACPA



School Location: 6002 Jain Lane, Austin, 78721 at Southwest Key's East Austin Community Center, next door to Eastside Memorial High at the Johnston Campus

Cost to Attend: FREE - East Austin College Prep Academy does not charge tuition

6th Grade Campus: Opening August 2009, Application Deadline April 1, 2009

7th Grade Campus: Opening August 2010

8th Grade Campus: Opening August 2011

Eligibility: East Austin College Prep Academy is open to any incoming East Austin 6th grader residing in the geographic area east of Interstate 35, south of U.S. Highway 290, west of U.S. Highway 183 and north of State Highway 71. If all available slots are not filled by students living in this primary service area, then any student living in the geographic area served by Austin ISD and Del Valle ISD can apply.

Parent Information Sessions: January 15 and February 10, 6pm at 6002 Jain Lane (English & Spanish)

Personal Tours: Austin residents and parents can meet individually with Superintendent Dr. Nellie Cantu to receive an orientation and personal tour of the school. Call 512-462-2181 to schedule.

East Austin College Prep Academy

Curriculum and Programs

All students at East Austin College Prep Academy will take an academic curriculum that is aligned with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) and consists of:

Reading/English Language Arts

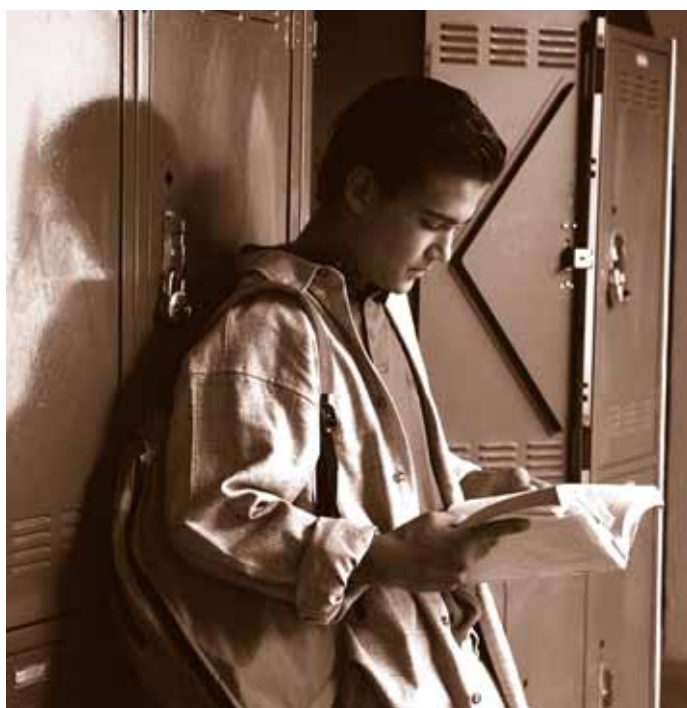
Students will receive seven and one-half hours of reading/English language arts instruction weekly (90 minutes per day). The curriculum is focused on students learning reading comprehension, grammar, literature analysis writing, listening, and public speaking.

Math

Math instruction is 90 minutes per day and students will learn number sense, patterns and relationships, how to use data, tables, graphs and charts, and how to apply this knowledge to real-life experiences. Students will take Algebra in 8th grade in preparation for four years of math in high school, culminating with Calculus.

Science

The science curriculum emphasizes learning the processes – observing, sequencing, measuring, classifying, describing, experimenting, inferring, predicting – necessary to understand the scientific method. These processes are learned by hands-on experimentation and investigation, culminating in lab write-ups and reports about the process and observations. Field lessons are used frequently to apply hands-on application of the processes and skills learned in the classroom.



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Social Studies

The curriculum encompasses world, United States, and Texas history, geography and government. Geography instruction emphasizes mastery of the countries, cultures, physical features, environments, and landforms, as well as map use, and interpretation of charts and graphs. Students gain a thorough understanding of history not only by studying major historical events but by using that historical knowledge to evaluate current events, political structures, economies and philosophies.

Visual and Performing Arts

Students at East Austin College Prep Academy will receive a dynamic visual and performing arts curriculum that features painting, drawing, and sculptural expression as well as music performance, theatrical scene and play performance, and dance. As an end-of-school culminating activity, students will create an evening production for the community that includes music, theatrical, and dance performances, and an art and sculpture show. Student artwork will be professionally framed and displayed in the school halls on a rotating basis.

Spanish, physical education, health, speech and economics will be integral parts of the program, and technology will be integrated into all classroom work.



Student Field Lessons

Students will participate in frequent field lessons that expose them to places of cultural and historical significance in the community, colleges and universities, and career/work-related experiences. Examples of field lessons include trips to the Blanton Museum, the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum, the UT Austin Pickle Research Center, Austin technology businesses such as AMD, Freescale, and Dell, the UT Performing Arts Center, and the State Capitol. All field lessons will be incorporated into the curriculum across subjects. The field lessons will not only play an important role in the curriculum but allow students to gain experiences outside the East Austin community.

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Strategies for Meeting Student Needs

Extracurricular Clubs and Athletics

All East Austin College Prep Academy students will be involved in extracurricular clubs and athletics of their choosing for the last hour of the school day, four days each week. Options for clubs/athletics will include soccer, baseball/softball, volleyball, running and fitness, photography, dance, chess, guitar, financial investing, student council, martial arts, and computer. The club and athletic activities contribute to the culture of community at the school and enhance learning opportunities for the students.

Service Learning

Service learning projects, which are integrated into the curriculum, will give students an opportunity to begin developing a life-long commitment to his or her community. East Austin College Prep Academy students will be required to spend one Saturday each semester participating in a variety of community service projects. Examples include:

- Writing, designing, and distributing an immunization pamphlet prepared with nursing students from the UT School of Nursing to distribute to parents of infants, toddlers, and elementary students in the neighborhood
- Organizing and publicizing a neighborhood clean-up day and identifying opportunities to recycle refuse
- Developing a web site for teaching others in the community about food, good nutrition, and the environment.

Teacher Responsibilities

All teachers employed by East Austin College Prep Academy will be committed to doing what is necessary to ensure that all students at the school succeed. This means being available by phone to students in the evening up to 9:00 p.m. to answer homework questions, providing tutoring after school and on weekends, and meeting with students before school. It also means being accessible to parents and understanding that parents are an integral part of the educational process. This level of commitment is not for every teacher. Therefore, when we recruit teachers, we will look for teachers who not only have content area expertise but a passion for teaching and making a difference in the lives of all students.

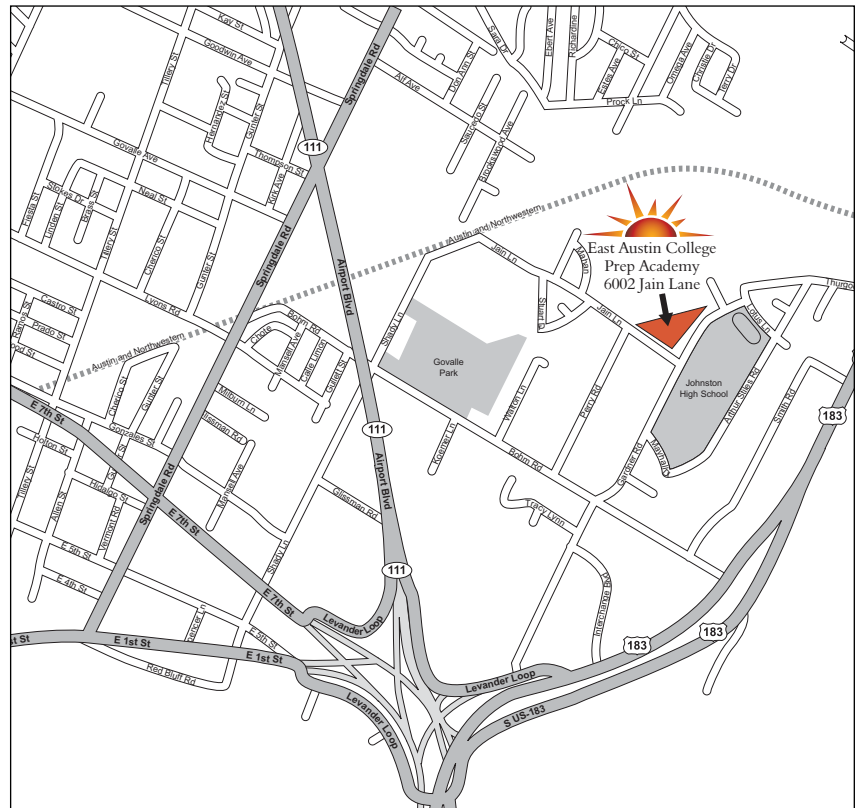


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Admissions

Application Deadline: April 1, 2009

Any student living in the geographic service area of the school may apply for admission. The school will not discriminate in admissions based on gender, national origin, ethnicity, religion, disability, academic ability, athletic ability or artistic ability. Interested families may attend information sessions about the school in spring of 2009 and complete an application. All students who apply will be admitted if space is available. If applications exceed available space, student names will be placed in an admission pool and randomly selected from the pool. Once spaces are filled, students not selected will be placed on a waiting list in the order drawn.



We welcome your interest in the East Austin College Prep Academy. For further information, please contact:

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