# **Sharyland Advanced Academic Academy**



SHARYLAND ADVANCED ACADEMIC ACADEMY

*"A COLLEGE DEGREE WITHIN REACH OF EVERY STUDENT."* 

# What is SA<sub>3</sub>?

- Sharyland ISD's Early College High School in partnership with South Texas College
- Students can earn an Associate Degree while working on their high school diploma through dual credit at no cost to students
- Offers rigorous instruction and accelerated courses to increase college readiness
- Reduces barriers to college access



SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE

## Early College High School vs. Traditional High School

#### ECHS:

- Offers small autonomous model;
- Serves student populations underrepresented in higher education;
- Begins in 9th grade;
- Affords 60 credits or an Associate's
   Degree
- Provides academic and social support
- Eliminates all costs to students

#### Traditional:

- Serves college-bound students;
- Begins in 11th and 12th grades;
- Affords 24 credits maximum;
- Provides limited academic services; and
- Requires course fees.



- Approximately 80% of students earn an Associate Degree
- Approximately \$1.2 million saved in College tuition fees
- A total of **\$6.8 million** earned in Scholarship awards
- More than 15,000 College Credit hours earned
- TEA "A-Rated" Campus
- Texas Honor Roll Campus

# **Associate Degrees Offered**

Associate of Arts-Multidisciplinary Studies	Associate of Science-Multidisciplinary Studies
60 hours:	60 hours:
42 hour Core	42 hour Core
18 hour Field of Study	18 hour Field of Study
Who should pick this program?	Who should pick this program?
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<ul> <li>Students who are interested in Liberal Arts fields; Criminal Justice, Education, Human Services, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Students who are interested in Science/Math fields.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Students who are undecided on a college major</li> </ul>	

### South Texas College Dual Credit Crosswalk

- 9th Grade : 1 to 2 DC Classes
- 10<sup>th</sup> Grade : 2 to 3 DC Classes
- 11<sup>th</sup> Grade : 4 to 6 DC Classes
- 12<sup>th</sup> Grade : 6+ DC Classes
- Summer School DC Classes and Online DC Classes will be available.
- You may take some of your 11<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> Grade classes at STC.



### SA3 Students can Participate in Extracurricular Activities



- students may be able to participate in extracurricular activities (i.e. sports, UIL, band) with other high school students if schedule permits.
- SA3 offers clubs and organizations such as:
  - Spanish Club
  - Student Council
  - Chess Club
  - National Honor Society
  - Women's Empowerment Club
  - RGV Lead Ambassadors
  - G-Force
- You may enroll at any club or organization at SHS, PHS and STC.

# Location & Transportation

 SA3 is located behind Sharyland High School in building A.



 Students will be provided with transportation before, during and after school if they are taking any classes at PHS or STC.

# Who can apply?

- Students interested in a non-traditional learning environment that is focused on moving students towards college degree completion.
- Students should be willing to take Pre-AP and College level courses.
- ECHS must target students who are seeking acceleration, males and under-represented college population.
- •ALL STUDENTS CAN APPLY!!!





# **Application Process**

- Applications will be available beginning November 18<sup>th</sup> in your 8<sup>th</sup> grade counselor's office/front office.
- Applications will also be available at the SA3 front office or online at: <u>sa3.sharylandisd.org</u>.
- Applications will be accepted no later than January 15, 2021.
- Students may be asked to participate in an interview as part of the application process.
- Students will be informed by **February 5**, **2021** if they are accepted to SA3.

# **Parent Informational Meetings**

Informational Meetings	
Monday, November 16th	Tuesday, November 17th
5:30 PM – 6:30 PM	5:30 PM – 6:30 PM
Spanish	Spanish
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM	6:30 PM – 7:30 PM
English	English
Google Class	Google Class
SA3 Cobras Class of 2025	SA3 Cobras Class of 2025
Code: hliz4ij	Code: hliz4ij
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