

## General Information – Coahoma Early College High School Program

Coahoma Early College High School (CECHS) – a partnership among Coahoma Community College, the Mississippi Department of Education, and Mississippi State University – will open its doors on the Coahoma Community College campus in August 2016. CEHS will provide opportunities for students in Bolivar, Coahoma, Tunica and Tallahatchie counties to earn an Associate’s degree from Coahoma Community College while earning their high school diploma. A cohort of fifty freshmen from the region will be admitted for the 2016-2017 school year, with a new cohort of fifty students added each year. All 8th grade students in the six districts will be eligible to apply and applications will be available with all 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Guidance Counselors.

Nationwide, there are over 200 early colleges; however, this will be the first early college in the Mississippi Delta and one of four in the state of Mississippi. The aim of the Early College model is to graduate students who earn a high school diploma as well as two years of transferable college credit or an Associate’s degree, all at no cost to their families. While the target population for early colleges is first generation college-goers, those at-risk of dropping out and other historically underserved populations; there are no hard and fast entrance requirements for our school. The selection process is as follows:

- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students must fill out the application and participate in an interview that includes a parent or guardian.
- Applications must be submitted to 8<sup>th</sup> grade counselors by March 24, 2016.
- Counselors will pull the following data to put with the application:
  - Attendance for Grades 6-8
  - Discipline summary for Grades 6-8
  - Report Cards for Grades 6 and 7, and mid-year Grade 8
  - MCT2 scores for Grades 6 and 7
- Counselors will send all of the applications to CEHS by March 29, 2016
- CEHS Principal, Milton Hardrict, and an application committee will score each application and contact prospective students for interviews
- Interview teams will be made up of a high school teacher/administrator and a community college instructor.