

## Executive Summary

### ECU Innovation Early College High School (IECHS)

#### **Overview**

The Innovation Early College High School (IECHS) is a collaboration between East Carolina University (ECU) and Pitt County Schools (PCS). IECHS is a new school option within PCS admitting students who are first generation college applicants, at risk of dropping out, or seeking accelerated studies. IECHS will prepare students to function effectively in a rapidly changing world by developing global citizens through academic excellence with a focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art/Design and Math (STEAM) curriculum.

IECHS will utilize project-based and problem-based learning, performance-based assignments, and cooperative learning. The curriculum will help students focus on a lifetime of learning and change; not simply a specific career. Upon high school graduation, students will have:

- Earned a high school diploma,
- Earned up to 60 transferable college credits
- Earned digital badges of achievements

The attainment of transferable university credit demonstrates a level of knowledge and skills associated with college and workforce readiness beyond high school. PCS and ECU will work diligently to structure course offerings to minimize redundancy, maximize retention, and ensure success.

#### **The Early College Target Student Population**

The IECHS program is focused on recruiting first generation college students and students who are seeking an accelerated high school academic experience. Additional recruitment efforts will seek students who have become discouraged with their schooling and unable to envision their educational future, but still aspire to achieve a degree at an institution of higher learning. Special recruiting efforts will be implemented to ensure all student groups are fully aware of the opportunity IECHS affords them for success in high school and beyond.

#### **Projected Enrollment and Location**

IECHS's students will attend classes on ECU's main campus and enroll in university classes starting in their freshman year. IECHS classes will be assigned meeting, classroom, and cafeteria space in the Brewster building on the ECU campus.

#### **ENROLLMENT**

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Grade 9	55	55	55	55	55
Grade 10		55	55	55	55
Grade 11			55	55	55
Grade 12				55	55
Grade 13					55
<b>Total</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>275</b>