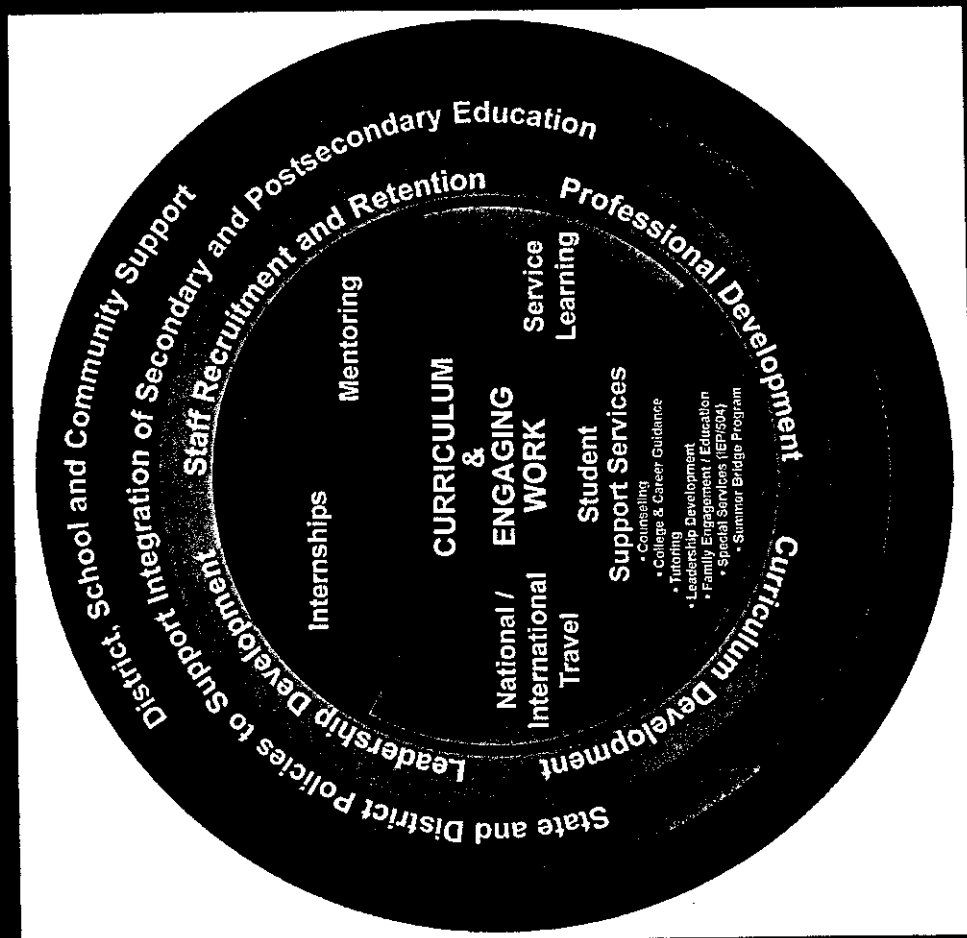


# Horry County Early College Model



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## Horry County Early College Demonstration School



Horry-Georgetown Technical College & Horry County Schools  
Burroughs & Chapin, Inc.

## Early College High School

- Small, autonomous, personalized learning environments, with up to 400 students per school that blend high school and college into a coherent educational program.
- Designed so that all students can achieve two years of college credit at the same time as they are earning a high school diploma (within four to five years of entering 9th grade).



## Early College is designed to

- encourage student groups who are underrepresented in post-secondary education – students of color, ELL learners, students from low-income families, first generation of family to attend college.
- serve under-achieving students in the middle quartiles on test performance.



## Early College is designed to

- remove the barriers to post-secondary education by providing students with academic preparation to meet college readiness standards, extra help in the form of counseling, tutoring, mentoring, service learning, internship experiences, family engagement, and national and international travel.



## Goals of Early College

1. To improve high school graduation rates and better prepare students for family-supporting careers.



2. To make higher education more accessible, affordable, and attractive by bridging the divide between high school and college;
3. To provide needed guidance and support from adults through the first two years of college;



4. To facilitate the transition of motivated students to higher education; and

5. To demonstrate new ways of integrating levels of schooling to better serve the intellectual and developmental needs of young people



## Horry County Early College Model



## Key Elements

- Recruitment and Selection of Teachers
- Teacher Preparation
- Curriculum Development
- Identification, Recruitment, & Selection of Students
- Mentorships & Internships
- Service Learning
- National and International Travel

## Key Elements

- Student Support Services
- Family Engagement and Support
- Summer Bridge Program
- Career and College Counseling
- Tutoring and Remediation
- Special Education & Transition Services
- Leadership Development

## Statewide Demonstration Model

The partners have initiated, received commitment from, and made a plan to support three other school districts in representative regions of the state in designing and implementing Early College Demonstration Schools.

- Berkeley County School District,
- Richland School District Two, and
- Rock Hill School District Three of York County



## Higher Education Partnership

Six higher education partners from across the state have made a commitment to participate in the curriculum development of shared standards and curricula to

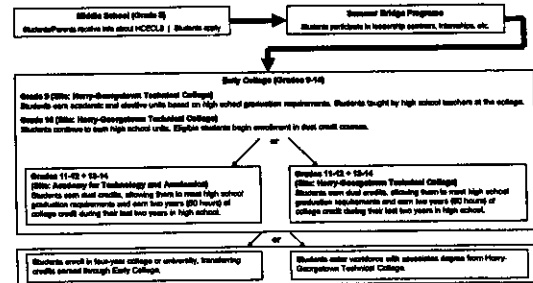
- award dual credits
- ensure that such credits articulate from the technical college to the four-year university.



- Coastal Carolina University
- University of South Carolina
- Clemson University
- South Carolina State University
- Lander University
- Francis Marion University.



## The HCECLS Structure



## State Policies Key to Early College High Schools

- Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit
- Eligibility for College Courses
- Teacher Certification
- Funding Streams
- Autonomy to make curricular, structural, and personnel decisions to accelerate academic advancement

## Early College is...

A way to integrate levels of schooling to better serve the intellectual needs of young people.

A personalized environment where rigorous work is demanded and supported.

