

Education Center International Academy Charter School District

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Dear Stakeholders:

It is our goal as a public Charter School District to offer not only a free and appropriate education for all students, but an education that is rigorous and that will ensure that all students will be well educated and productive citizens. We cannot say that we are "*A Charter School Committed to Learning*" if we are not committed and willing to make the sacrifices necessary to fulfill the mandates established by the charter and also of the state and federal entities. It is our goal to fulfill the purpose of a Charter School District as defined by the Texas Education Code.

According to the Texas Education Code, the purposes of charter schools are to:

1. improve student learning;
2. increase the choice of learning opportunities within the public school system;
3. create professional opportunities that will attract new teachers to the public school system;
4. establish a new form of accountability for public schools; and
5. encourage different and innovative learning methods.

Source: Texas Education Website, December 15, 2011.

It is imperative to have a team of educators that will embrace the vision and purpose of Education Center International Academy Charter School District (ECIA CSD) as we work together to make a difference in the lives of others.

Beginning in the spring of 2012, the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR™) will replace the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS). The STAAR program at grades 3–8 will assess the same subjects and grades that are currently assessed through TAKS. Please see the following links for additional information:

<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/staar/>

<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/faqs/>

STAAR as stated by the Texas Education Agency, “the new rigorous program will focus on readiness for success in subsequent grades and courses and, ultimately, for college career.” As a Charter School District, we must keep or exceed the pace that is being established at the state and also at the federal level.

We appreciate all that you do as parents, educators, or as an entity to assist with the efforts that are being made by the District to ensure that all students are successful. Together, we make a difference!

Sincerely,

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Ula Davis, Superintendent
ECIA CSD