

# MIT Acceptance of Endeavour Courses!

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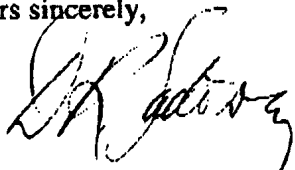
Dr. Ed Avila, Director  
Endeavour Academy, at  
Arroyo Grande High School  
495 Valley Road  
Arroyo Grande, CA 93420

Dear Dr. Avila:

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) faculty committee on admissions (Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Financial Aid) has reviewed the Endeavour Academy (EA) courses now on record as satisfying the entrance requirements of the University of California. I am pleased to report that our Admissions Office will accept EA courses in substitution of mainstream high school science courses. Accordingly, EA students who apply to MIT can do so with confidence knowing that their chances of acceptance will not be impaired by the fact that they have not taken the conventional AP-style math and science curriculum. So, your best students are encouraged to apply for admission to MIT. Their applications will be judged in their entirety and will earn them an offer of admission if they meet the high standards of selectivity set by our Admissions Office.

Speaking for myself, I applaud the work you are doing in developing an alternative to the traditional high school science curriculum that makes connections to real world problems while teaching students scientific principles. The validation of this approach will come in the form of its adoption by other schools. I wish you good luck in your proposal to the National Science Foundation for funding other innovative Math and Science Partnerships created between K-12 education, Endeavour High School Programs and University. And, finally, I hope that your continued participation in MIT's Network of Educators in Science and Technology (NEST) will provide a formal means for us to stay in contact.

Yours sincerely,



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