

FBISD

Rising Senior Presentation



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College Information Tracker

COLLEGE INFORMATION TRACKER

NAME: _____ STUDENT ID: _____

RANK: _____ GPA: _____ QUARTILE: _____ SAT SCORE: MATH _____ EBRW _____

COLLEGEBOARD USERNAME: _____

COLLEGEBOARD PASSWORD: _____

APPLYTEXAS USERNAME: _____

APPLYTEXAS PASSWORD: _____

COMMONAPP USERNAME: _____

COMMONAPP PASSWORD: _____

FAFSA/TASFA USERNAME: _____ PASSWORD: _____

CHALLENGE QUESTION ANSWERS: Q1: _____ Q2: _____

Q3: _____ Q4: _____

GUARDIAN'S:

FAFSA/TASFA USERNAME: _____ PASSWORD: _____

CHALLENGE QUESTION ANSWERS: Q1: _____ Q2: _____

Q3: _____ Q4: _____

COLLEGE NAME	COLLEGE ID	PORTAL USERNAME	PORTAL PASSWORD	TEST SCORE SUBMITTED	TRANSCRIPT SUBMITTED	FEE WAIVER SUBMITTED	FINANCIAL AID SENT
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- Write down Rank & Quartile
 - Login to Skyward
 - Go to "Portfolio"
 - Click "Rank Letter"
 - Write rank by "Rank: ____"
 - Write quartile by "Quartile: ____"
- Write down GPA
 - Go to "Portfolio"
 - Click "Unofficial Transcript"
 - Write GPA by "GPA: ____"

- Write down SAT Score
 - Follow the steps below;

Option 1:

1.  Download the app "BigFuture School"
2. Enter your phone #
3. Click Scores to view

Option 2:

1. Login to CollegeBoard.org
2. Click "MySAT"
3. Scroll down to view

Automatic Admission Requirements

💡 What's a quartile?

- A quartile is just a fancy word for **one-fourth** (25%) of your class. Think of your class like a pizza cut into 4 equal slices:

- **Top 25%** = 1st Quartile
- **Top 50%** = 2nd Quartile
- **Top 75%** = 3rd Quartile
- **100%** = 4th Quartile

📊 How do you figure out your quartile?

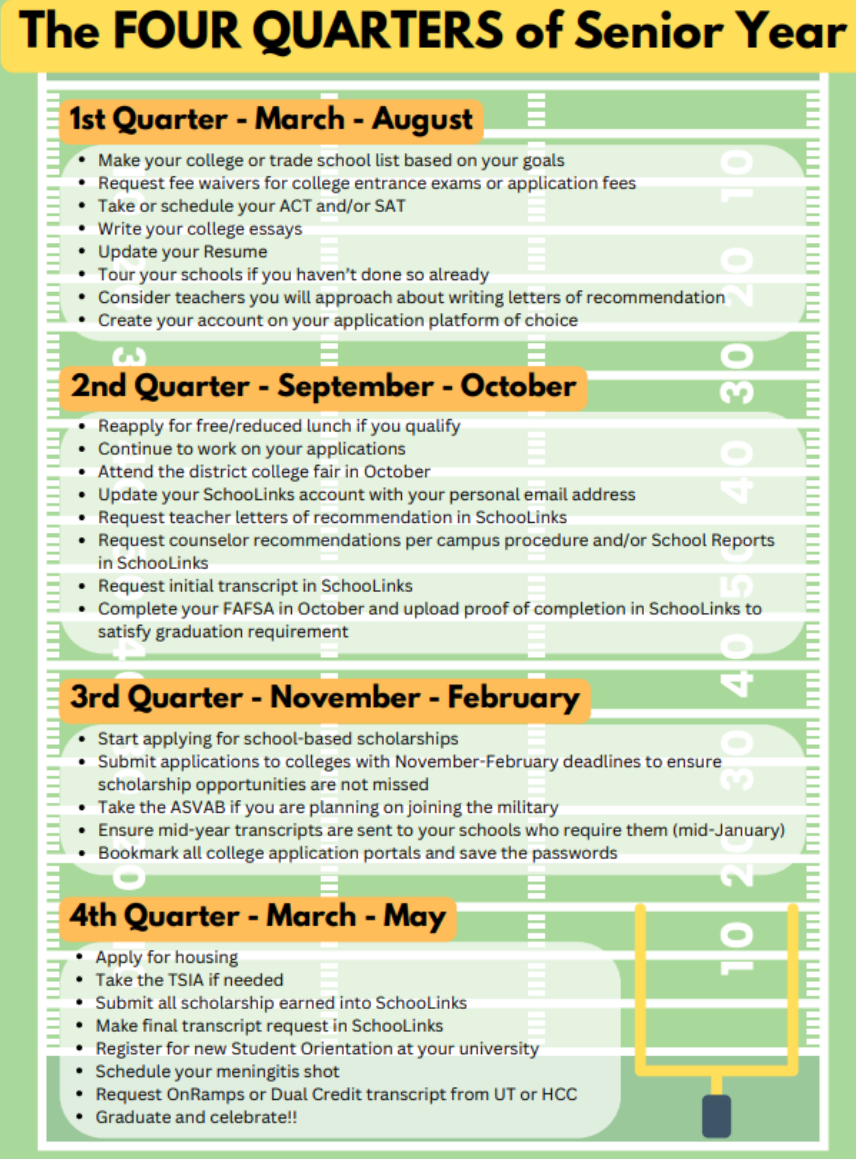
1. Take your class rank
2. Divide it by the **total number of students** in your class
3. Turn that number into a percentage

- **Example:**
If you're ranked **322** out of **552** students:
 $322 \div 552 = 0.58 \rightarrow$ That's **58%**
You are in the **3rd quartile** (because you're between 50% and 75%)

Fall 2025 Automatic Admission Policies (For students applying for Fall 2025 US Freshman Admissions)											
UNIVERSITY	CLASS RANK	Test Optional	Top 8%	Top 7-10%	1st Q (Top 11-25%)	2nd Q (Top 26-49%)	3rd Q (Top 50-74%)	4th Q (Top 75-100%)	Additional Comments		
			SAT/ACT	SAT/ACT	SAT	ACT	SAT	ACT	SAT	ACT	
Angelo State University	Yes	No Min	No Min	No Min	920 / 17 TO: ≥ 2.5	Indiv Rw	Indiv Rw	Indiv Rw	Test scores recommended for scholarship purposes. Verified 07/31/2024		
Concordia University Texas	Yes					GPA of 2.5 (4.0 scale)	Indiv Rw	Indiv Rw	Verified 07/23/2024		
Western Christian University	Yes					1070/21	Indiv Rw	Indiv Rw	TO: Recommended to submit supplement doc. All ranks w/ 1270 SAT/ 26 ACT Auto Adm- Verified 08/13/2024		
Heaton-Tilston University	Yes					Distinguished Admit: 93.5 or 1080 or 32; Automatic Admit: 92.5 w/ Test Score (no min required); Regular Admit: 2.5-4.0 GPA & 900/16			Verified 7/22/2024		
Lamar University	Yes	No Min	No Min	No Min	No Min	1080	21	1080	21	DC students w/ 18 college credits & a 2.0 GPA are auto adm. Must send in college transcript. Verified 07/17/2024	
Lubbock Christian University	Yes					3.0 GPA (4.0 scale)			Test scores recommended: students below a 3.0 GPA- Verified 06/08/2024		
Midwestern State University	Yes	No Min	No Min	No Min	No Min	1070	21	1140	23	1160	24
Prime View A&M University	Yes	No Min	No Min	No Min	No Min	Must meet one: Top 50% or 2.8 GPA or 1080/21			TO: 3.0-4.0 Auto: 2.75-2.88 Uncon Admit (must have 2 advanced courses) 2.5-2.74 Cond Adm- Verified 7/17/2024		
Sam Houston State University	Yes	No Min	No Min	No Min	No Min	3.5-4.0 GPA 900/17	3.0-3.49 GPA 1010/15	2.5-2.99 GPA 1110/22	2.25-2.49 GPA 1210/25	Test Scores Required for Scholarships- Ver Rpt 7/24/2024	
Stephen F. Austin State University	Yes	No Min	No Min	No Min	No Min	1030	20	1170	24	Indiv Rw	TO: 3.5-4.0 Auto Adm: 3.49 & Below Review Only & Personal Statement Required- Verified 07/17/2024
Sul Ross State University	Yes					GPA of 2.0 (4.0 Scale)			TO: Top 25% Uncon: 26-100% Indiv Rw. Test scores required for some scholarships- Verified 07/17/2024		
Tarleton State University	Top 75%	No Min	No Min	No Min	No Min	Indiv Rw	Indiv Rw	Indiv Rw	Test scores required for some scholarships- Verified 07/17/2024		
Texas A&M- College Station	Yes	No Min	No Min	No Min	No Min	Indiv Rw	Indiv Rw	Indiv Rw	4th Q: Possible Sum Bridge w/ ACT/SAT. Test scores not required but encouraged for scholarships- Verified 07/18/2024		
Texas A&M- Commerce	Yes	No Min	No Min	No Min	No Min (Top 30%)	1080	21	1060	21	1060	21
Texas A&M- Corpus Christi	Yes	No Min	No Min	No Min	No Min	Indiv Rw	Indiv Rw	Indiv Rw	Test scores encouraged for students not in Top 30%- Verified 07/22/2024		
Texas A&M- Galveston	Yes	No Min	No Min	No Min	No Min	Indiv Rw	Indiv Rw	Indiv Rw	Test scores strongly encouraged- Verified 07/18/2024		
Texas A&M- International	Yes	No Min	No Min	No Min	No Min	No Min (Top 40%)	980	19	980	19	Test scores required for some scholarships- Verified 7/22/2024
Texas A&M- Kingsville	Yes	No Min	No Min	No Min	No Min	Must meet one: Top 25% or 2.7 GPA or 1300/19			Provisional Admissions (for fall) 920/17- Verified 07/16/2024		
Texas A&M- San Antonio	Yes	No Min	No Min	No Min	No Min	Must meet one: Top 25% or 3.0 GPA or 1100/22			Verified 07/22/2024		
Texas A&M- Texarkana	Yes	No Min	No Min	No Min	No Min	Must meet one: Top 30% or 2.75 GPA or 1080/21			Additional Auto Admissions Info available on website based on core course grades- Verified 07/23/2024		
Texas Southern University	Yes	No Min	No Min	No Min	No Min	2.5 GPA or 900/17			Test score required for highest level merit scholarships- Verified 07/26/2024		
Texas State University	Top 75%	No Min	No Min	No Min	No Min	1080	22	1250	26	1330	29
Texas Tech University	Yes	No Min	No Min	No Min	No Min	1180	24	1240	28	1280	27
Texas Woman's University	Top 50%	No Min	No Min	No Min	No Min	No Min	Indiv Rw	Indiv Rw	If applying TO, only Top 30% will be reviewed for merit scholarships- Verified 06/06/2024		
University of Houston- Main Campus	Yes	No Min	No Min	No Min	No Min	1080 / 21 TO: ≥ 3.40	1170 / 24 TO: ≥ 3.45	Indiv Rw	Indiv Rw	TO: Highly recommended to submit "optional supplemental documents"- Verified 07/26/2024	
University of Houston- Clear Lake	Top 50%	No Min	No Min	No Min	No Min	Must meet one: Top 50% or 3.0 GPA or 2.5 GPA & 1000/23			Test scores recommended for honors & scholarship awards. Minimum GPA 2.5- Verified 06/06/2024		
University of Houston- Downtown	Yes	No Min	No Min	No Min	No Min	2.5 GPA or 900/16	930	16	930	16	TO requires additional supp doc. Must self-report grades in MyUH portal- Verified 7/26/2024
University of Houston- Victoria	Yes	No Min	No Min	No Min	No Min	Must meet one: Top 50% or 2.5 GPA or 980/19			Verified 7/26/2024		
University of North Texas	GPA Based	No Min	No Min	No Min	No Min	1130	23	1250	26	Indiv Rw	Test scores encouraged for merit scholarships. Minimum GPA 2.5- Verified 06/07/2024
UT- Arlington	Yes	No Min	No Min	No Min	No Min	1130	23	1250	26	Indiv Rw	Admit w/ Req: 2.0-2.49 GPA or 940/18 must follow a success plan & meet w/ counselor each week - Verified 7/26/2024
UT- Austin	No	No Min	Indiv Rw	Indiv Rw	Indiv Rw	Indiv Rw	Indiv Rw	Indiv Rw	Assured admissions 3.0 Unweighted GPA. Test Scores strongly encouraged. Minimum GPA 2.5- Verified 07/26/2024		
UT- Dallas	Yes	No Min	No Min	No Min	No Min	Indiv Rw	Indiv Rw	Indiv Rw	1st, 2nd, & 3rd Quarter Auto Adm: 3.25 GPA. Submit test scores for merit scholarship 12/02/21- Verified 7/26/2024		
UT- El Paso	No	No Min	No Min	No Min	No Min	920	19	970	20	1010	21
UT- Permian Basin	Yes	No Min	No Min	No Min	No Min	Indiv Rw	Indiv Rw	Indiv Rw	Test scores required for admissions: Top 6% Auto Adm- Verified 07/26/2024		
UT- Rio Grande Valley	Yes	No Min	No Min	No Min	No Min	Indiv Rw	Indiv Rw	Indiv Rw	Indiv Rw for all majors. Strongly recommend to submit all supplemental doc & test scores- Verified 06/06/2024		
UT- San Antonio	Yes	No Min	No Min	No Min	No Min	1170	24	Indiv Rw*	Indiv Rw*	Indiv Rw*	Can be reviewed/admitted based on college level TSA2 scores- Verified 06/07/2024
UT- Tyler	Yes	No Min	No Min	No Min	No Min	2.75 GPA			Auto Adm: 3.0+ GPA. Test scores used for placement & scholarship awards- Verified 06/06/2024		
West Texas A&M	Yes	No Min	No Min	No Min	No Min	Must meet 1: Top 30%, 3.0 GPA, 1080/21			Recommended Scores for Indiv Rw: 2nd Q: 980/19, 3rd Q: 1080/21, 4th Q: 1170/24- Verified 07/26/2024		
NON TX Schools											
Arkansas State University	Yes					Must meet one: Top 25%, 3.0 GPA, ACT 24, SAT 1180			Minimum GPA 2.75- Verified 07/26/2024		
Kansas State University	Yes					3.25 GPA or 1080 SAT/ 21 ACT and if applicable a min 2.0 College GPA			Test scores strongly recommended for scholarship consideration. Minimum GPA 2.0- Verified 07/26/2024		
Mississippi State University	Yes					2.0 GPA (based on College Prep Curriculum [CPC])			Admit w/ Req: 2.0-2.49 GPA or 940/18 must follow a success plan & meet w/ counselor each week - Verified 7/26/2024		
Oklahoma State University	Yes					3.0 GPA and Top 33.3% or 3.0 GPA and 1080 SAT/ 21 ACT or 1160 SAT/ 24 ACT			TO for admissions, test scores required for some automatic merit scholarships- Verified 07/17/2024		
University of Kansas	Yes					3.25 GPA or 1060/21 and a 2.8 GPA for Coll of Lib Art and School of Social Welfare- Other programs have different requirements			Test scores required for merit scholarships, students are encouraged to submit test scores- Verified 06/06/2024		
University of Mississippi (Ole Miss)	Yes					3.2 GPA (based on CPC). Less than 3.2 GPA test scores HIGHLY recommended			Merit scholarships based on GPA- Verified 7/17/2024		
Notes: *Important! Review each university's general admissions to the university, not for specific programs. Information is for Class of 2024 and is subject to change without notice. *For Texas public colleges students will be required to submit ACT/SAT/TSAA2 score to verify college level readiness.											



Timeline



What Do You Want to Do?

- College?
- Military?
- Trade School?
- Workforce?
- Still thinking about it?



There Is A Place For Everyone!

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Military

Military Service



- Military academies are highly competitive and prepare students for service in the officer corps of the Army, Navy or Air Force
 - The US Military Academy at West Point, the US Naval Academy, the US Air Force Academy
- The Reserved Officer Training Corps is a college-based program for training commissioned officers of the United States armed forces.
 - The ROTC scholarship is viable at many different colleges and universities and includes full tuition benefits
- Enlistment in active duty or in the reserves requires a commitment for 4-5 years, depending on the branch
- Ms. Walea can assist with:
 - Connecting you with a local recruiter
 - Helping to identify the variety of MOSs available that are tailored to your skill set
 - Registration for a local ASVAB administration to identify an appropriate military career



Career

Considering going into the Workforce?



- **Research Careers That Match Your Interests**
 - Use tools like SchoolLinks, Texas Reality Check or CareerOneStop
 - Ask yourself: What am I good at? What do I enjoy?
- **Build Your Resume**
 - Include part-time jobs, internships, volunteering, and leadership roles
 - Track your skills and accomplishments
- **Gain Experience**
 - Look for summer jobs, apprenticeships, or job shadowing
 - Attend career fairs or industry panels
- **Learn About Certification Programs**
 - Explore trade schools and community college programs
 - Check out dual credit or CTE pathways your school offers
- **Talk to People in the Field**
 - Conduct informational interviews
 - Ask teachers, family, or mentors about their career paths

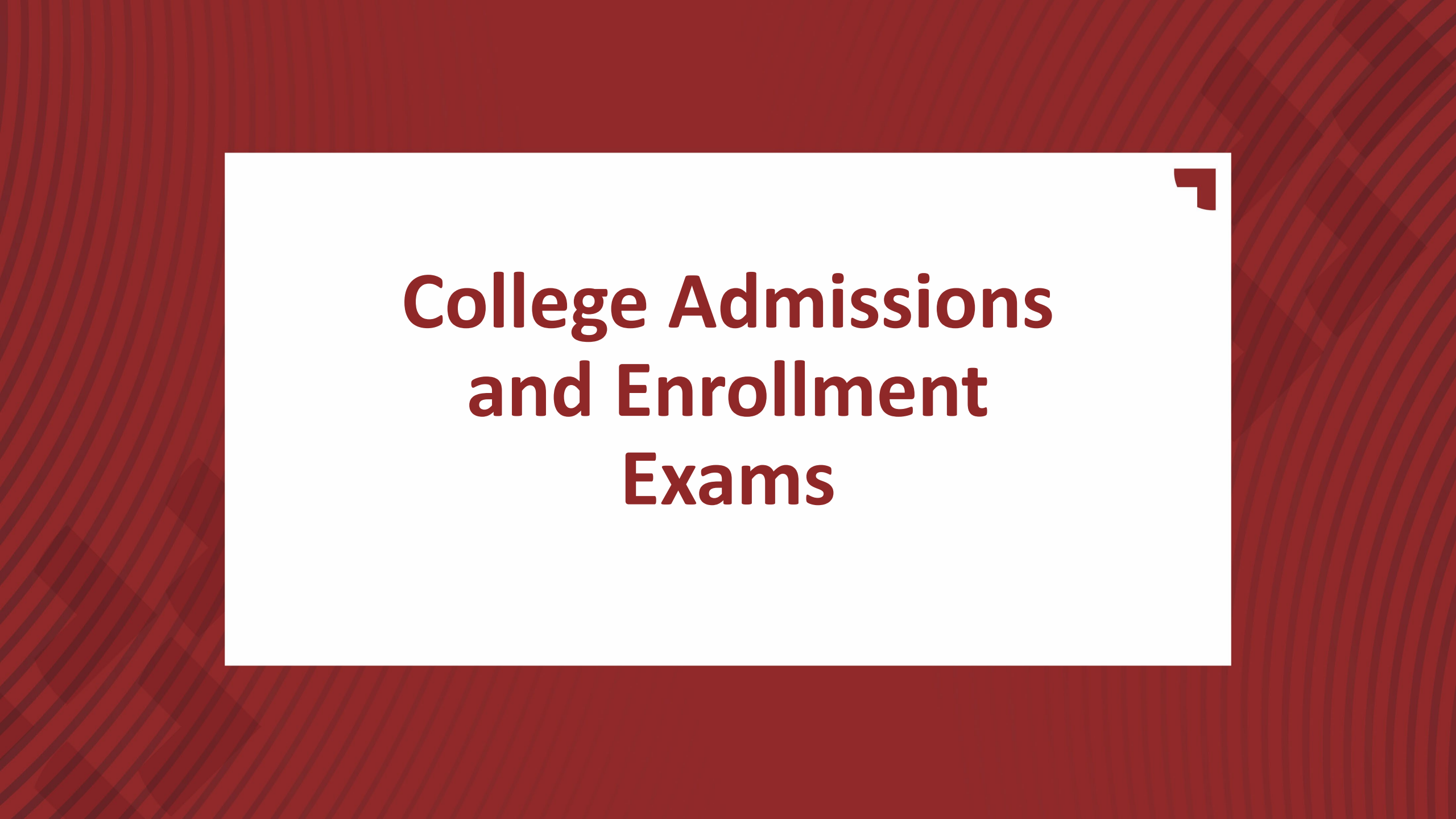


Making a List of Colleges and Trade Schools in SchoolLinks

How To Make A College List



- Plan to make a list of 5-7 schools
 - Two Target Schools, 1 Reach School, two Safety/Likely Schools
- In SchoolLinks, click on Colleges/School Search
- Adjust the filters to meet your needs, based on School Type, Campus Location, Acceptance Rates and more
- Click the heart to add any school to your list of favorites
- Go to Final List and add the colleges from your Favorites list to one of the four categories



College Admissions and Enrollment Exams

College Entrance Exams



- Some schools are test-required, some are test-optional
 - Be sure you know what is required for your schools of choice
 - It might change in the summer
- Most schools accept either the SAT or the ACT
 - All FBISD juniors took the SAT on March 5, 2025
 - Test scores can be used for merit-based scholarships
 - Test scores can be used for TSI exemption at public Texas schools
- Students on free/reduced lunch are eligible for a fee waiver
- See your campus CCRA for fee waivers and the testing schedule

College Enrollment Benchmarks

- Many schools require that students demonstrate college readiness in order to enroll in classes
 - Enrollment is different than admission
- Texas public colleges and universities require students to exhibit this through test scores

ACT[®]

Reading & Writing 40
Math 22

SAT[®]

EBRW 480
Math 530

TSI 

TEXAS SUCCESS INITIATIVE

English 945/5 or 910-949/5/5
Math 950 or 910-949/6



Creating Your Application

College Application Platforms

- ApplyTexas
 - www.applytexas.org
 - All Texas public and most Texas private colleges and universities
- Common App
 - www.commonapp.org
 - 20 Texas universities and more than 1000 others worldwide
- Coalition Application
 - www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org
 - Six Texas universities and more than 175 others nationally
- Common Black College Application
 - www.commonblackcollegeapp.com/
 - More than 50 HBCUs on one application
- College and university websites
 - Many schools have their own application process
- Regardless of which platform you choose, please create your account with your personal email address
 - Your school email address will shut down at graduation and you might need access to these sites afterward





The College Application Process

College Application Deadline Types

- **Early Decision**
 - A binding commitment in which if you are accepted, you are obligated to attend
 - You can only apply to one school
 - Most ED deadlines are in November. Only apply if school is your top choice and you are sure you will attend
- **Early Action**
 - Non-binding commitment and you can apply to multiple schools
 - Most EA deadlines are in November-January
 - Restricted Early Action allows only one application but is not binding like ED
- **Priority**
 - Non-binding and you can apply to multiple schools
 - Most Priority deadlines are in November or December and will provide early consideration for scholarships
- **Regular**
 - Deadlines are in January or February and you can apply to multiple schools

College Application Process

- Submit your application using your platform of choice
- Make sure that your application is listed in SchoolLinks
- Log in to your college portals as soon as you receive login information
- Pay your application fee or request a fee waiver in SchoolLinks
- Send test scores through College Board or ACT, if applicable
- Request teacher/counselor recommendations in person and follow up with SchoolLinks request


College Apps in SchooLinks




- College apps must be added to SchooLinks in order to request transcripts, recommendations and application fee waivers and so that counselors can complete required Common App documentation
- Adding a college application to SchooLinks will automatically trigger a transcript request

1 Incomplete

Edit an application below to **request recommendations** or **update checklist**.

 The University of Texas at San Antonio


Regular Decision | Jun 1


 0/2


6 Completed & pending

Select a completed application below to **update results** or **track documents**.

6 Awaiting


 University of Houston


 Texas State University


 Texas Tech University

6 Accepted

Be sure to upload **award letters** and add an **enrollment decision**.

 Houston Community College

 Prairie View A & M University

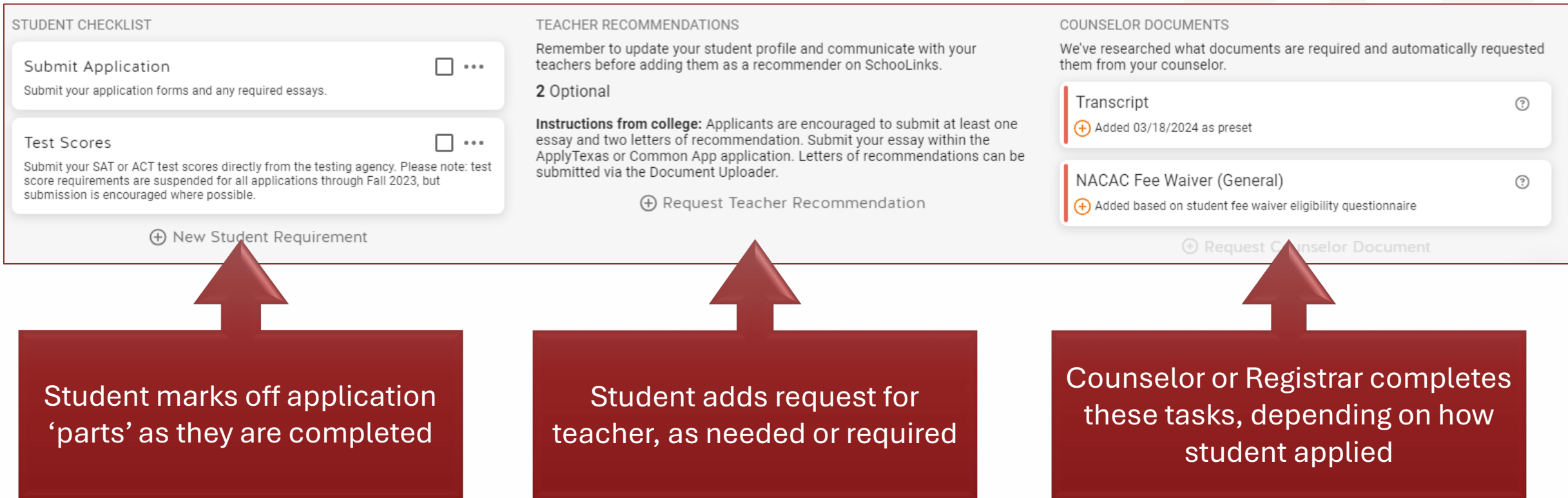
 Sam Houston State University

Enrolling

College Apps in SchoolLinks



- Expanded view of College Applications page



What is Holistic Review?

- Holistic review looks at the entire student in and out of the classroom
- The review committee will examine the traditional test scores and classroom grades, but will also assess the applicant's achievements, work experience, extracurricular activities, essays and more
 - It looks at who the student is in their heart and in their head
- Pro: It provides colleges an expanded look at a student beyond the traditional
- Con: It takes longer to receive admissions decisions as the committees take adequate time to review
- While some schools still have auto-admit based on numbers, more and more are incorporating the holistic process to round out their student body

Ranking, Transcripts and College Apps

- FBISD provides rank and quartile to a student separate from the transcript
 - The rank document is available in the Skyward Portfolio tab
- Rank will not be included on the transcript as articulated in the rank policy EIC Local
- Students are allowed the ability to provide this information to the colleges of their choice and the opportunity to submit this information with scholarship applications via the Rank/Quartile Notification document
- Juniors will next be ranked in June 2025, and again in September 2025
 - A transcript will also be run in September that includes all coursework up to and including summer 2025
 - This transcript and rank will be used for most college applications
- Students will have the ability in SchoolLinks to select if they want their rank shared with colleges
 - **Please note that once a student has selected this option, they cannot change it**



Scholarships and Financial Aid

What are Scholarships?

- Scholarships are free money that the student does not have to pay back
- They can bridge the gap between the Cost of Attendance (COA) and the amount of money the student has saved for college or trade school
- Academic scholarships are based on GPA, test scores and academic achievements
- Merit scholarships stem from success in sports, arts or community service
- Needs-based scholarships support students who demonstrate financial need
- Specialized scholarships are targeted at specific demographics, majors or career paths
- Scholarships can be funded by colleges or external organizations such as the Houston Rodeo

How To Find and Apply for Scholarships

- Students will have to spend time researching and applying to scholarships: it can be a part-time job
- Start as early as possible (even right now!) because most scholarships are repeated annually
- Utilize your resources to identify scholarships, including SchoolLinks, your colleges, internet research and friends and family
- Make sure that you complete the scholarship application (including any required recommendations or transcripts) and meet all deadlines

Finding Scholarships in SchoolLinks



- Browse to Finances/Scholarship Matching
- Use the Eligibility, Interests and Colleges filters at the top to locate scholarships that match your needs and pursuits
- The system will display the matching scholarships when you click the blue View Matches button
- Review the matches and mark favorites using the heart symbol. You can also apply directly from SchoolLinks.
- These scholarships are posted by your campus, your district and by SchoolLinks

Daikin Most Valuable STEAM Scholarship

Daikin and the Houston Astros Foundation

FAVORITE

MARK AS APPLIED

Apply >

Deadline	Amount	Annual Winners
April 14, 2025	\$10,000	—

Description

The Astros Foundation is proud to announce the Daikin's Most Valuable STEAM Scholarship program, which will award \$100,000 to Houston area high school seniors in the 2025 graduating class.

- Students are required to provide a 300-word essay, 2 letters of recommendation, and proof of acceptance.
- If selected as a semifinalist, a personal interview will be conducted with the Daikin's Most Valuable STEAM Scholarship program committee.



Applying for the FAFSA or TASFA

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid or Texas Application for State Financial Aid
- Both enable students to apply for
 - Loans
 - Grants
 - Scholarships
 - Work-study programs
- Both open on October 1
- All seniors will complete a FAFSA, TASFA or opt-out form as a graduation requirement



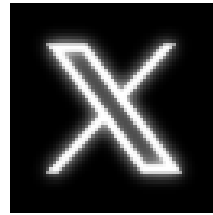
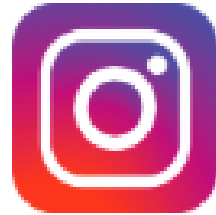
ACHS's CCR Website

<https://bit.ly/ACHSccrWebsite>



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Let's Get Ready for Senior Year! Class of 2026 — This is YOUR time!



- ✓ Know your goals
- ✓ Stay organized
- ✓ Ask questions early
- ✓ Meet your deadlines
- ✓ Enjoy the moments

Whether you're headed to college, the military, a career, or still figuring it out — senior year is about setting yourself up for success.

I'm here to support you every step of the way.  