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Senior Parent Meeting







What Do You Want to Do?

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



There Is A Place For Everyone!

























SchooLinks - Where all Roads Lead

SchooLinks is the FBISD software platform that supports students as they navigate their college and career planning process

- Students access SchooLinks through Clever (1Link)
 - Parents can also access Schoolinks with a claim code from their student
- Students will use SchooLinks for
 - Submitting verification for financial aid
 - Researching and applying for scholarships
 - Managing their college applications
 - Requesting their transcripts & letters of recommendation
 - Submitting enrollment decisions and requesting final transcripts







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REQUIRED SchooLinks Tasks Fall

- Create a SMART Goal for this year
- Update Profile and Resume
- Explore Careers
- Update Post-secondary Goal
- Set up Scholarship Match Profile
- Complete FAFSA/TASFA

Spring

- Upload Proof of FAFSA/TASFA Completion
- Record College Acceptances
- Add College Financial Aid Letters & Scholarships
- Setup Personal Account for Alumni Access
- **Senior Year End Activity**

This is how you will request your FINAL transcript and tell us where it needs to be sent!





How to Setup College Application Manager

https://youtu.be/LySZPqqwTVE?feature=shared









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 ASVAB administration to identify an appropriate military career





Interested in taking the ASVAB?

- Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery an exam given for those interested in military enlistment to show aptitudes for an individual.
 - Scores determine what military jobs a student may be able to pursue.
- ACHS plans to host the ASVAB early next semester. (Date to be determined)
- Students can register to be on the list of students testing by scanning the QR Code
- ASVAB Registration Link







Considering going into the Workforce?



Research Careers That Match Your Interests

- Use tools like SchooLinks, 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 ACHS offers

Talk to People in the Field

- Conduct informational interviews
- Ask teachers, family, or mentors about their career paths





So What Should I Do...and When?

March-August 2025

- Make your college or trade school list based on your goals
- Request fee waivers for college entrance exams or application fees
- Take or schedule your ACT and/or SAT
- Write your college essays
- Update your resume
- Tour your schools if you haven't already
- Consider which teachers you will approach about writing letters of recommendation
- Create your account on your application platform of choice



September-October 2025

- Reapply for free/reduced lunch if you qualify
- Continue to work on your applications on your platform of choice
- Attend the district college fair on October 1 (Bush HS) or 8 (Hightower HS)
- Complete your FAFSA/TASFA (October) and upload proof in SchooLinks to satisfy graduation requirement
- Update your SchooLinks account with your personal email address
- Request teacher letters of recommendation in SchooLinks
- Request counselor recommendations and/or School Reports in Schoolinks
- Request initial transcripts in SchooLinks





November 2025 - February 2026



- Start applying for school-based scholarships
- Submit applications to colleges with November-February deadlines to ensure you don't miss out on scholarships
- Take the ASVAB if you are planning on joining the military
- Ensure mid-year transcripts are sent to your schools who require them (mid-January)
- Bookmark all portals and save the passwords to them



March 2025 - May 2026

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- Apply for housing
- Take the TSI if necessary
- Submit all scholarships earned into SchooLinks
- Make final transcript request in SchooLinks
- Register for New Student Orientation at your university
- Schedule your meningitis shot
- Request OnRamps or Dual Credit transcripts from UT or HCC
- Graduate and celebrate!





Helpful Handouts

Senior Timeline

The FOUR QUARTERS of Senior Year Sheet



The FOUR QUARTERS of Senior Year

1st Quarter - March - August

- · Make your college or trade school list based on your goals
- · Request fee waivers for college entrance exams or application fees
- Take or schedule your ACT and/or SAT
- Write your college essays
- Update your Resume
- · Tour your schools if you haven't done so already
- Consider teachers you will approach about writing letters of recommendation
- · Create your account on your application platform of choice

2nd Quarter - September - October

- Reapply for free/reduced lunch if you qualify
- Continue to work on your applications
- · Attend the district college fair in October
- · Update your SchooLinks account with your personal email address
- · Request teacher letters of recommendation in SchooLinks
- Request counselor recommendations per campus procedure and/or School Reports
- · Request initial transcript in SchooLinks
- Complete your FAFSA in October and upload proof of completion in SchooLinks to satisfy graduation requirement

3rd Quarter - November - February

- Start applying for school-based scholarships
- · Submit applications to colleges with November-February deadlines to ensure scholarship opportunities are not missed
- · Take the ASVAB if you are planning on joining the military
- · Ensure mid-year transcripts are sent to your schools who require them (mid-January)
- · Bookmark all college application portals and save the passwords

4th Quarter - March - May

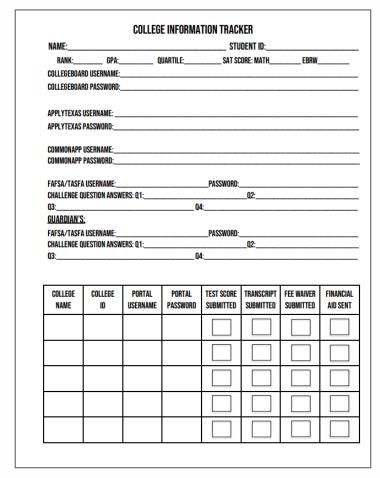
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- · Take the TSIA if needed
- · Submit all scholarship earned into SchooLinks
- · Make final transcript request in SchooLinks
- Register for new Student Orientation at your university
- · Schedule your meningitis shot
- · Request OnRamps or Dual Credit transcript from UT or HCC
- · Graduate and celebrate!!







College Information Tracker



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Finding Rank, Quartile, & GPA

- Login to SchooLinks
- Go to "Student"
- Click "Scores & Performance"
- It will be at the top!



Finding SAT Score

 Follow the steps below;

Option 1:

- Download the app "BigFuture School"
- Enter your phone #
- Click Scores to view

Option 2:

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





Automatic Admission Requirements

				(F		Automatic Admissi a for Fall 2025 US F	on Policies Treshman Admission	is)
CLASS RANK		Top 6% Top 7-10% 1st Q (Top 11-25%) 2nd Q (Top 26-50%) 3rd Q (Top 51-75%) 4th Q (Top 76-100%)						
UNIVERSITY	Test Optional	SAT/ACT	SAT/ACT	SAT ACT	SAT ACT	SAT ACT	SAT ACT	Additional Comments
ngelo State University	Yes	No Min	No Min	No Min	920 / 17 TO: ≥ 2.5	Indyl Rw	Indy Rw	Test scores recommeded for scholarship purposes. Verified 07/31/2024
oncordia University Texas	Yes				GPA of 2.5 (4.0 scale)			Verified 07/23/2024
ouston Christian University	Yes	1070/21 Indvl Rw Indvl Rw					Indvi Rw	TO: Recommended to submit supplement dox: All ranks w/ 1270 SAT/ 26 ACT Auto Admit- Verified 06/13/2024
uston-Tillotson University	Yes	Distinguished Admit ≥3.5 or 1080 or 22; Automatic Admit ≥2.5 w/ Test Score (no m				min required): Regular Admit 2	3-2.49 GPA & 900/16	Verified 7/22/2024
imar 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 admit. Must send in college transcript- Verified 07/17/2024
abbook Christian University	Yes	NO INC.	140 1111		3.0 GPA (4.0 scale)	1000 21	1000 21	Test scores recommended students below a 3.0 GPA- Verified 08/08/2024
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rairie View A&M University	Yes	No Min	No Min	140 11111		% or 2.8 GPA or 1080/21	1100 24	Test Scores Required for Scholarships-Verified 7/24/2024
am Houston State University	Yes	No Min	No Min	3.5-4.0 GPA 930/17	3.0-3.49 GPA 1010/19	2.5-2.99 GPA 1110/22	2.25-2.49 GPA 1210/25	TO: 3.5.4.0 Auto Admit; 3.49 & Below Review Only & Personal Statement Required- Verified 07/17/2024
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exas A&M- College Station				No Min (Top 30%)				
exas A&M- Commerce	Yes	No Min	No Min	No Min (Top 30%)	1060 21	1060 21	1060 21	Test scores encouraged for students not in Top 30%- Verified 07/22/2024
exas A&M- Corpus Christi	Yes	No Min	No Min		No Min	Indvl Rw	Indvl Rw Indvl Rw	Test scores strongly encouraged Verified 07/18/2024
exas A&M- Galveston	Yes	No Min	No Min	Indvl Rw	Indvl Rw	Indvl Rw		Test scores required for some scholarships- Verified 7/22/2024
exas A&M- International	Yes	No Min	No Min	No Min	No Min (Top 40%)	980 19	980 19	Provisional Admissions (for fall) 920/17- Verified 07/18/2024
exas A&M- Kingsville	Yes		No Min No Min Must meet one: Top 25% or 2.7 GPA or 1000/19				Verified 07/22/2024	
exas A&M- San Antonio	Yes		No Min No Min Must meet one: Top 25% or 3.0 GPA or 1100/22					Additional Auto Admissions Info available on website- based on core course grades- Verified 07/23/2024
exas A&M-Texarkana	Yes	TWO INSERT	No Min No Min Must meet one: Top 30% or 2.75 GPA or 1080/21					Test score required for highest level merit scholarships- Verified 07/29/2024
exas Southern University	Yes	No Min	No Min	2.5 GPA or 900/17				Verified 07/29/2024
exas State University	Top 75%	No Min	No Min	No Min	1090 22	1260 26	1330 29	If applying TO, only Top 35% will be reviewed for merit scholarshipe- Verified 08/06/2024
exas Tech University	Yes	No Min	No Min	1180 24	1240 26	1280 27	Indvi Rw	TO: Highly recommended to submit "optional supplemental documents"- Verified 07/29/2024
exas Woman's University	Top 50%	No Min	No Min	No Min	No Min	Indvl Rw	Indvl Rw	Test scores recommended for honors & scholarship awards; Minimum GPA 2.0- Verified 08/06/2024
Iniversity of Houston- Main Campus	Yes	No Min	No Min	1080 / 21 TO; ≥ 3.40 1170 / 24 TO; ≥ 3.45 Indvl Rw Indvl Rw				TO requires additional supp dox; Must self-report grades in MyUH portal- Verified 7/28/2024
Iniversity of Houston- Clear Lake	Top 50%	No Min	No Min	Must meet one: Top 50% or 3.0 GPA or 2.5 GPA & 1000/20				Verified 7/28/2024
Iniversity of Houston- Downtown	Yes	No Min	No Min	No Min	2.5 GPA or 930/18	930 18	930 18	Test scores encouraged for merit scholarships; Minimum GPA 2.5 - Verified 08/07/2024
Iniversity of Houston-Victoria	Yes	No Min	No Min		Must meet one: Top 50	% or 2.5 GPA or 980/19		Admit w/ Req: 2.0-2.49 GPA or 940/18 must follow a success plan & meet w/ counselor each week Verified 7/28/2024
Iniversity of North Texas	GPA Based	No Min	No Min	1030 20	1130 23	1250 26	Indvi Rw	Assured admissions 3.0 Unweighted GPA; Test Scores strongly encouraged; Minimum GPA 2.5- Verified 07/29/2024
IT- Arlington	Yes	No Min	No Min	No Min	1130 23	1250 26	Indvi Rw	1st, 2nd, & 3rd Quarter Auto Admit: 3.25 GPA; Submit test scores for merit scholarship 1280/27- Verified 7/28/2024
IT- Austin	No	No Min	Indvi Rw	Indvl Rw	Indvl Rw	Indvl Rw	Indvi Rw	Test scores required for admissions; Top 6% Auto Admit- Verified 07/29/2024
IT- Dallas	Yes	No Min	No Min	Indvl Rw	Indvl Rw	Indvl Rw	Indvi Rw	Indvi Rw for all majors; Strongly recommend to submit all supplemental dox & test scores- Verified 08/06/2024
T- El Paso	No	No Min	No Min	No Min	920 19	970 20	1010 21	Can be reviewed/admitted based on college level TSIA2 scores-Verified 08/07/2024
IT- Permian Basin	Yes	No Min	No Min	No Min	Indvl Rw	Indvl Rw	Indvi Rw	Auto Admit 3.0+ GPA: Test scores used for placement & scholarship awards- Verified 08/08/2024
IT- Rio Grande Valley	Yes	No Min	No Min	Indvl Rw	Indvl Rw	Indvl Rw	Indvi Rw	Verified 07/29/2024
IT- San Antonio	Yes	No Min	No Min	No Min	1170 24	Indvi Rw*	Indvi Rw*	Roommeded Scores for Indvd Rev: 2nd Q: 980/19, 3rd Q: 1080/21, 4th Q: 1170/24- Verified 07/28/2024
IT- Tyler	Yes	No Min	No Min	No Min		2.75 GPA		Minimum GPA 2.75- Verified 07/29/2024
lest Texas A&M	Yes	No Min	No Min		Must meet 1: Top 30	%, 3.0 GPA, 1060/21		Test scores strongly recommeded for scholarship consideration: Minimum GPA 2.0- Verified 07/29/2024
						NON TX Schools		
rizona State University	Yes	Must meet one: Top 25%: 3.0 GPA: ACT 24: SAT: 1180					Verified- 07/17/2024	
ansas State University	Yes	3.25 GPA or 1060 SAT/ 21 ACT and if applicable a min 2.0 College GPA					Test Optional for admissions; Some scholarships require ACT/SAT scores. Verified- 7/17/2024	
Ississippi State University	Yes	2.0 GPA (based on College Prep Curriculum (CPCI)					TO for admissions, test scores required for some automatic merit scholarships-Verified 07/17/2024	
Mahoma State University	Yes	3.0 GPA and Top 33.3% or 3.0 GPA and 1060 SAT/ 21 ACT or 1160 SAT/ 24 ACT					Test scores required for most scholarships, students are encouraged to submit test scores-Verified 08/06/2024	
Iniversity of Kansas	Yes	3.25 GPA or 1060/21 and a 2.0 GPA for Coll of Lib Art and School of Social Welfare- Other programs have different requirements						Merit acholarships based on GPA- Verified 7/17/2024
Iniversity of Mississippi (Ole Miss)	Yes	3.2 GPA to 1000/21 and a 2.0 GPA for Cost of Lio Art and School of Social Viverante- Other programs have different requirements 3.2 GPA (based on CPC); Less than 3.2 GPA test scores HIGHLY recommended						TS "very important" for merit scholarships; Admission based on availability; Apply Early- Verified 07/29/2024
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- 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:

 $322 \div 552 = 0.58 \rightarrow \text{That's } 58\%$

You are in the **3rd quartile** (because you're between 50% and 75%)







Making a List of Colleges and Trade Schools in Schoolinks

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 SchooLinks, 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



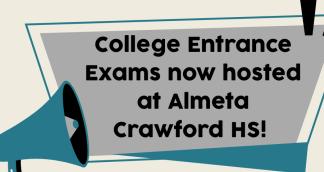
- Some schools are test-required, some are test-optional
 - Be sure you know what is required for your schools of choice
- Students send their own scores via MySAT.org or MyACT.org
 - ACHS cannot send them. Same goes for AP exam scores.
- Most schools accept either the SAT or the ACT
 - All FBISD juniors 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
 - Reach out to Ms. Walea for fee waivers

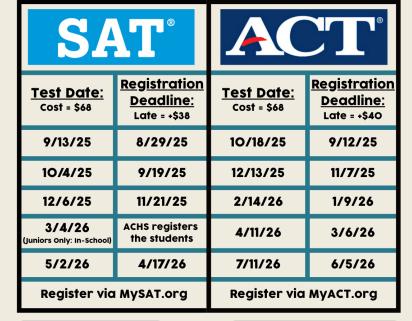




ACHS SAT/ACT Flyer







Online Test Prep

Khan Academy (SAT prep)
Kaplanquizzes.com (SAT or ACT)
Varsity Tutors (ACT prep)
Union Test Prep (ACT prep)
4tests.com (practice tests)

School Information

SAT Coordinator: Ms. Dutton tanja.dutton@fortbendisd.gov CEEB Code: 575119 ACT Coordinator: Ms. Walea dejah.walea@fortbendisd.gov







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Apply for F/R Lunch!

- If your student qualifies for F/R lunch, their SAT and ACT fees along with many college application fees could be waived!
- Eligible students
 must indicate their desire to
 use a fee waiver in
 SchooLinks for College apps.





















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

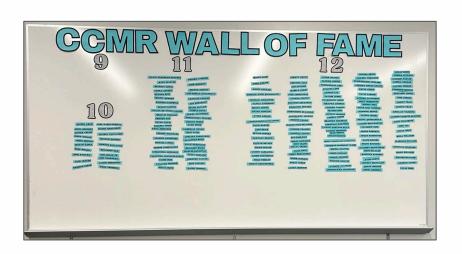






CCMR Cords

 Students who meet any of the CCMR requirements also earn their name on the CCMR Wall of Fame!





Ready for What's Next!

Meet the requirements in one CCMR category

- Meet Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Criteria in RLA and Math
 - Reading: TSIA2: ≥ 945 AND Essay ≥ 5 OR Math: TSIA2: ≥ 950
- Dual Course Credits: ≥ 3 hours of dual-course credits in ELA OR Math OR ≥ 9 hours of dual course credits cumulated across subjects
- Score 3 or better on Advanced Placement (AP) Examination
- Earn an Associate Degree while in high school
- Complete an OnRamps course AND qualify for ≥ 3 hours of college credit
- Earn an Industry-Based Certification (IBC) AND Complete a CTE program of study
- Graduate with Completed Individualized Education Program (IEP) and Workforce Readiness
- Graduate Under an Advanced Diploma Plan and be Identified as a **Current Special Education Student:**
- Earn a Level I or Level II Certificate (P-Tech Students only)
- Enlist in the Armed Forces or Texas National Guard
- SAT Criteria: ELA: ≥ 480 or Math: ≥ 530
- ACT Criteria: English: English & Reading (E+R) Combined Score ≥ 40 or Math: ≥ 22
- College Prep ELA or College Prep Math: Course Credit earned during 11th or 12th Grade







Texas College Bridge

- Online college preparatory courses meant to set students up for post-secondary success.
- Plus, when they graduate high school, students can earn a TSI exemption at more than 100 partnering colleges and universities across Texas.
- To enroll, students should go to their counselor's office for an Off-Campus or Office Aide form. After the form is submitted, the counselor will review it and determine on a case-by-case basis if the class can be added to the student's schedule.

The following institutions of higher education signed the Texas College Bridge Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and are active participants:

- · Alvin Community College
- Amarillo College
- · Angelina College
- Angelo State University
- Blinn College
- Brazosport College
- Central Texas College
- Cisco College
- Clarendon College
- Coastal Bend College
- College of the Mainland
- Dallas College
- Del Mar College
- Frank Phillips College
- Galveston College
- Gravson College
- Hill College
- Houston Community College
- Howard College
- Kilgore College
- Lamar Institute of Technology
- Lamar State College Orange
- Lamar State College Port Arthur
- Lamar University
- Laredo College
- Lee College
- Lone Star College
- McLennan Community College
- McMurry University
- Midland College
- Midwestern State University
- Navarro College
- North Central Texas College
- Northeast Lakeview College
- Northeast Texas Community College
- Northwest Vista College
- Odessa College
- Palo Alto College
- Panola College

- Paris Junior College
- Prairie View A&M University
- Ranger College
- Sam Houston State University
- San Antonio College
- San Jacinto College
- South Plains College
- · South Texas College
- · Southwest Texas Junior College
- St. Phillip's College
- Tarleton State University
- Tarrant County College
- · Temple College
- Texarkana College
- Texas A&M International University
- Texas A&M University
- · Texas A&M University at Commerce
- Texas A&M University Corpus Christi
- Texas A&M University Kingsville
- Texas A&M University San Antonio
- Texas Southern University
- Texas State Technical College
- Texas State University
- Texas Woman's University
- · The University of North Texas
- The University of North Texas at Dallas
- · The University of Texas at Arlington
- . The University of Texas at El Paso
- · The University of Texas at San Antonio
- · The University of Texas Permian Basin
- Trinity Valley Community College
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- Tyler Junior College
- University of Houston Victoria
- Vernon College
- Victoria College
- Weatherford College
- West Texas A&M University
- Western Texas College
- Wharton County Junior College

This list is updated as new institutions of higher education sign the Texas College Bridge MOU





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





Helpful YouTube Videos

ApplyTexas Account Creation Video

 https://youtu.be/2XIMav-6wS0?feature=shared



Common App Account Creation Video

 https://youtu.be/1m9ypUv9Lpk?feat ure=shared











The College Application Process

College Application Process

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





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



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

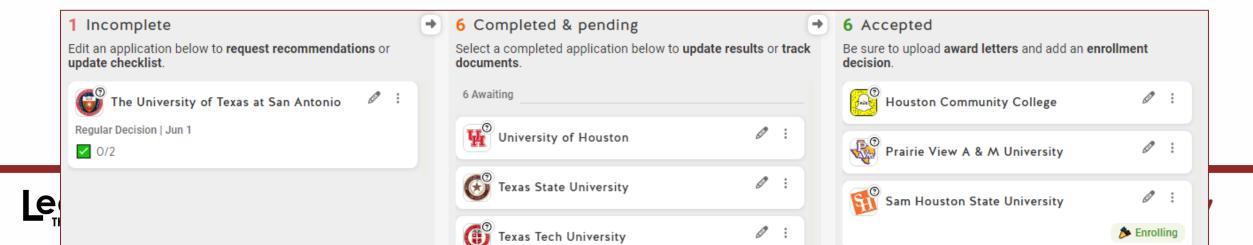




College Apps in SchooLinks



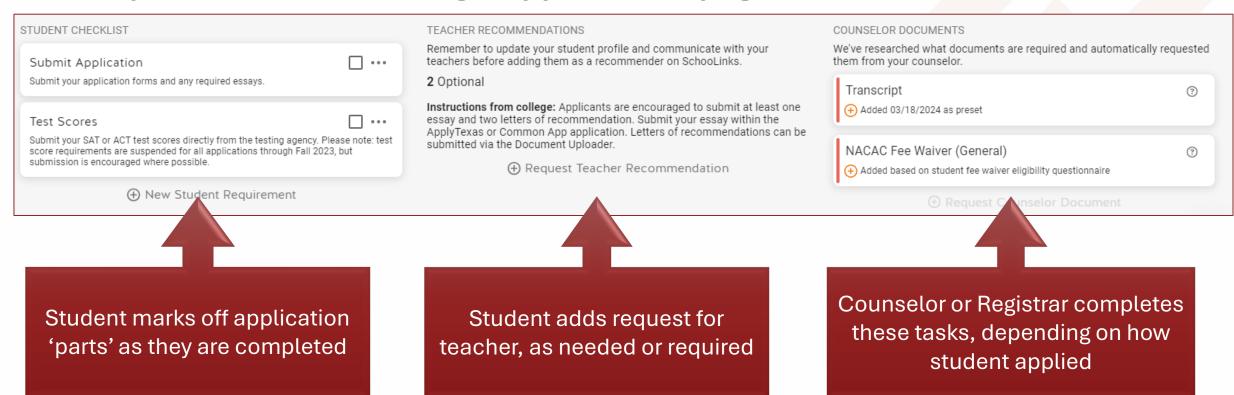
- College apps must be added to SchooLinks in order to request transcripts, recommendations and application fee waivers and so that counselors can complete required Common App documentation
- Adding a college application to SchooLinks will automatically trigger a transcript request



College Apps in SchooLinks



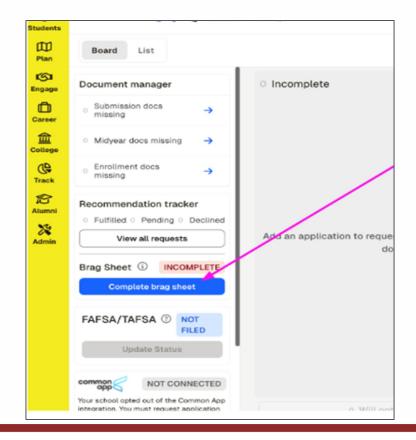
Expanded view of College Applications page







Brag Sheet Requirement for LORs





REQUESTING LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATIONS IN SCHOOLINKS



- Please give recommenders at least 3 weeks to write letter of recs.
- Ask recommenders who know you well enough to highlight your strengths.
- Remember: quality letters take time, and our timeline has no exceptions.

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- **Mandatory:** Complete your Brag Sheet in SchooLinks (College --> College Applications--> Complete brag sheet)
 - This helps staff to write thorough, individualized letters.
 - If your recommenders can't see your responses, you can download it & share with them.
- Ask the staff member face to face

2

- Add the school(s) you have already submitted.
 (College --> College Applications--> Add application)
 - Be sure you've submitted your application because letters send automatically and need an application to attach to.

3

- Select the pencil icon next to the college.
 - If it requires letters of recommendations, click +Add
 Recommender
 - If its optional, it will say +Request Teacher
 Recommendation

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- Choose General
 - Only choose College-Specific if you only want the letter to go to one specific school.
- Choose your staff member
 - For anyone outside FBISD, click Add them manually

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- Write an email in the box making your request.
- Click Add Recommender



Ranking, Transcripts and College Apps

- FBISD provides rank and quartile to a student separate from the transcript
 - The rank document will be provided to colleges from SchooLinks
- 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
- Seniors were ranked 9/26/2025
 - A transcript was also ran 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 SchooLinks to select if they want their rank shared with colleges
 - Please note that once a student has selected this option, they cannot change it



Transcripts



- Official Transcripts needed for Scholarships/NCAA/NAIA must be requested in SchooLinks. To do this, click the "Student" tab, click "Record Request", then click "Send official Transcript".
 - Our registrar should process this request within 1 week.
- Need a Dual Credit or UT OnRamps Transcript? Request directly through HCC or UT for each school you are applying to AFTER you finish all of your HCC/UT classes.
- FBISD Policy: A student/parent cannot request an official transcript to be handed to them. They may only access unofficial ones through Skyward.



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





Scholarships

https://bit.ly/scholarships ACHS



COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS Home Page Calendar SchooLinks Testing College Planning Applying to College Financial Aid Dual Credit Career Planning Military Student with Special Needs Graduation Requirements

Students can begin their scholarship search as early as ninth grade and should apply for as many scholarships as they feel comfortable with.

(Obviously, the more you apply for, the better your chances.)

SCHOLARSHIPS PER GRADE LEVEL MAKE SURE YOU MEET EVERY REQUIREMENT BEFORE APPLYING!!!!

9th Grade 10th Grade 11th Grade 12th Grade

Students can apply for scholarships to help pay for the cost of college. There are a variety of ways to access scholarships.

Students can find these scholarship opportunites through...

- SchooLinks Go to "Finances" and then click "Scholarship Matching".
- Colleges and Universities Most colleges offer scholarships
 through their admissions office, financial aid office, and/or
 campus departments. Since each college varies students
 should contact the school directly or go to the college website
 to inquire about campus scholarships, the application
 process, and deadlines.
- Raise.Me A micro-scholarship site where students can earn money from colleges beginning in the 9th grade for making good grades, taking SAT and ACT tests, visiting colleges, etc.
 The money can add up quickly!
- 4. Internet Scholarship Search Students can use websites to search for scholarships. Usually students need to create an account and profile so scholarships can be matched to the students' criteria and elgibility. Students should NOT have to pay for any resource to find scholarships.

Access Scholarships

College Answer

College Greenlight

Fast Aid

Fast Web

Get Schooled

Sallie Mae Scholarships

Scholarship America

Scholarships 360

scholarships.com

School Soup

	the Corner from College Scholarsh
(\$1,000)	

Coca-Cola Scholarship

Too Cool to Pay for School Scholarship (\$1,000)

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College Board Scholarship	;
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Dell Scholar Program	1

Hispanic Scholarship >



Finding Scholarships in SchooLinks



https://youtu.be/E8CrYTK3878?feature=shared







Applying for the FAFSA/TASFA

 Free Application for Federal Student Aid or Texas Application for State Financial Aid

- Enables students to apply for
 - Loans
 - Grants
 - Scholarships
 - Work-study programs
- Both open on October 1
 - Apply by January 15th to get priority aid!
- All seniors will complete a FAFSA, TASFA, or opt-out form as a graduation requirement







FAFSA Eligibility for Non-U.S. Citizens

- U.S. National
 - Includes natives of American Samoa or Swains Island
- U.S. Permanent Resident with a Form I-551 OR I-151
 - Permanent Resident Card, Resident Alien Card, or Alien Registration Receipt Card, also known as a "green card."
- Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) from U.S. Citizen & Immigration Services (USCIS) showing one of the following
 - Refugee
 - Asylum Granted
 - Conditional Permanent Resident
 - Cuban-Haitian Entrant
 - Conditional Entrant (Valid only if issued before April 1, 1980)
 - Parolee
 - Modified Parolee
 - Ukrainian Citizens & nationals paroled into the U.S. between 2/24/22 & 9/30/24
 - Afghan Citizens & nationals paroled into the U.S. between 7/31/21 & 9/30/23



FAFSA Eligibility for Non-U.S. Citizens

- Hold a T nonimmigrant status (T-visa) or your parent holds a T-1 nonimmigrant status
- Battered immigrant-qualified alien who is a victim of abuse by your citizen or permanent resident spouse, or you are the child of a person designated as such under the Violence Against Women Act
- You are a citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, or the Republic of Palau.
 - o If this is the case, you may be eligible for only certain types of federal student aid
 - Eligible for Federal Pell Grants, Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grants, & Federal Work study
- Certain Native American students born in Canada with a status under the Jay Treaty of 1794 may also be eligible for federal student aid.



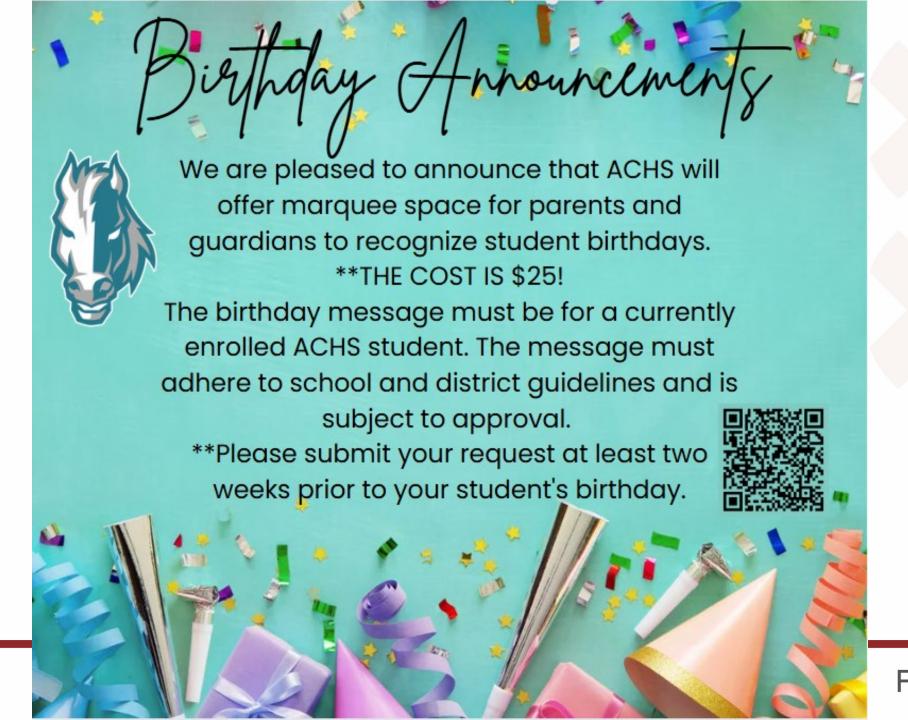
Highlights

Celebratory Wall

Any student who is accepted to a college or trade school, or who gets hired for a job, can take a celebratory photo in front of this backdrop!













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ORDER VIA REVTRAK LINK OR QR CODE



50" X 60"! **SNUGGLY SOFT! VIBRANT COLORS!** SCHOOL SPIRIT! GREAT KEEPSAKE! LIMITED EDITION!







Senior Information

Senior Activities

- Panoramic Shot
- Winter Brunch
- Senior Dinner
- Senior Trip
- Senior Field Day
- Powderpuff
- Prom
- Senior Sunset

Charger Package

- 1 Sr Prom Ticket, 1 Senior Trip Ticket, 1 Senior Dinner Ticket, 1 Sr Brunch Ticket
- 1 Senior T-Shirt, 1 Yearbook, 1 Yard Sign
- Cost to students: \$660

Teal Package

- 1 Sr Prom Ticket, 1 Senior Trip Ticket, 1 Sr Brunch Ticket
- 1 Senior T-Shirt, 1 Yearbook, 1 Yard Sign
- Cost to students: \$575

Silver Package

- 1 Sr Prom Ticket, 1 Senior Trip
- 1 Senior T-Shirt, 1 Yearbook, 1 Yard Sign
- Cost to students: \$505

White Package

- 1 Sr Prom Ticket, 1 Senior T-Shirt, 1 Yearbook, 1 Yard Sign
- Cost to students: \$305
- 1st payment made via RevTrack beginning May 2025, payment can be made at any time. Must be paid off by 12/31/25
- Non refundable, non transferrable, seniors can be disqualified

We will only offer 4 packages to seniors for simplicity. All items will also be sold a la carte for a higher price than charged to Package members. Other events will take place during senior year & will be sold separately.





<u>CHARGER PACKAGE</u>

- ✓ Prom Ticket
- ✓ Senior Trip Ticket
- Senior Dinner Ticket
- Senior Brunch Ticket
- Senior Yard Sign
- ✓ Senior T-Shirt
- Yearbook

WHITE PACKAGE

- Prom Ticket
- Senior T-Shirt
- Yearbook
- Senior Yard Sign

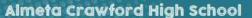
TEAL PACKAGE

- Prom Ticket
- Senior Trip Ticket
- Senior T-Shirt
- Yearbook
- Senior Yard Sign
- ✓ Senior Brunch Ticket

SILVER PACKAGE

- ✓ Prom Ticket
- Senior Trip Ticket
- Senior T-Shirt
- Yearbook
- ✓ Senior Yard Sign





CLASS OF 2026 SENOR EVENUS AND MORE

Purchase a package to save! Other items will be sold ala-carte for a higher price than charged to Package members.

SENIOR PROM

April 18, 2026 Theme: Bridgerton Ball
The ultimate formal dance event of the year!
Seniors (and approved guests) dress to
impress and dance the night away in a
beautifully decorated venue.

SENIOR BRUNCH

Winter 2026 Theme: le Brunch En Blanc
A celebratory mid-morning meal exclusively for
seniors. A chance to relax, reflect, and enjoy
delicious food with classmates as they enter their
last Spring as high school students.

SENIOR DINNER

Spring 2026 Theme: Masquerade
A semi formal evening event where seniors
gather for a final dinner together. Includes a
catered meal, student speeches, senior
superlatives, and plenty of photo opportunities.
A heartfelt evening.

YEARBOOK

A full-color, hardcover book packed with photos, memories, and milestones from the Class of 2026's final year.

SENIOR TRIP

An unforgettable day excursion with the Class of 2026! Ticket includes transportation, entry, and chaperone supervision.

May 2026 location TBD

SENIOR YARD SIGN

Show off your pride! A personalized "Class of 2026" yard sign for celebrating your graduate at home. Great for lawn displays and graduation photos.

SENIOR T-SHIRT

A custom Class of 2026 t-shirt designed by and for seniors! Perfect for spirit days, photos, and as a keepsake. Available in a range of sizes.



Other events will take place during Senior Year and will be sold separately.

ACHS Senior Information Website

https://www.fortbendisd.com/Page/189367







College & Career Readiness Events

Events

- ACHS will also have its own college fair November 12th 5-7pm!
- Financial Aid Workshop will be Oct 22nd from 5-7pm.
 - Make sure to create your FAFSA accounts before the event!



Wednesday October 1, 2025

6-8 p.m.

GEORGE BUSH HIGH SCHOOL 6707 FM 1464 Richmond. TX 77406

Wednesday October 8, 2025

6-8p.m.

HIGHTOWER HIGH SCHOOL 3333 Hurricane Ln Missouri City, TX 77459

Seniors and Juniors may register for any of the 2025 College Fairs at the registration link or QR code below.

Our College Fairs will provide you with the following opportunities and more:

- Connect with Colleges and Universities from the Great State of Texas, the US and beyond
- Schedule meetings, and chat with Admission Representatives (one-on-one or in a group)
- Receive LIVE Admissions, Financial Aid, or general College/University advisement
- View College and University Brochures
- · Apply to your selected College or University











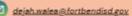
Rep Visits

ACHS CCR Center Newsletter

- 10/28 (3rd Pd): US Air Force Registration Link
- 11/6 (4th-Lunch): Sam Houston Registration Link
- 11/11 (3rd Pd): SFA Registration Link
- 2/10 (3rd Pd): Blinn Registration Link



College and Career Readiness Advisor





Student Appointment Request



https://bit.lv/ACHSccrWebsite





Upcoming Events

Senior Events:

- · Every Friday College Application Workshop
- 9/25 @ 5:30pm Senior Parent Meeting
- 9/30 Coca Cola Scholarship Deadline
- · 9/30 QuestBridge Scholarship Deadline
- 10/1 FAFSA/TASFA opens up

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Scholarships

Scholarships for 9th-12th graders!



www.bit.ly/scholarshipsACHS

College Entrance Exams

Please click this Link to view the ACHS SAT/ACT schedule: <u>ACHS SAT/ACT</u> Schedule

For any students wanting to study for the SAT or TSIA2, please utilize these study resources.

- SAT Registration Link
- ACT Registration Link
- Seniors without their CCMR point will take TSIA2 10/28 & 10/30.







Scan to save as a contact card in your phone!





Visit the CCR Website: bit.ly/ACHSccrWebsite (case-sensitive)









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.



