



Post-Grad Planning for Parents

The steps your seniors need to take, and when
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What does your senior want to do?

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



There is a place for everyone!



Home



Students



Plan



Engage



Career



College



Track



Alumni



Admin

All roads lead to or from SchoolLinks

- SchoolLinks is the FBISD software platform that supports students as they navigate their college and career planning process
- Students access SchoolLinks through Clever (1Link)
 - Parents can also access SchoolLinks with a claim code from their student
- Students will use SchoolLinks for
 - Managing their applications
 - Requesting their transcripts and letters of recommendation
 - Researching and applying for scholarships
 - Submitting verification for financial aid
 - Submitting enrollment decisions and requesting final transcripts

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Choose schools, complete applications



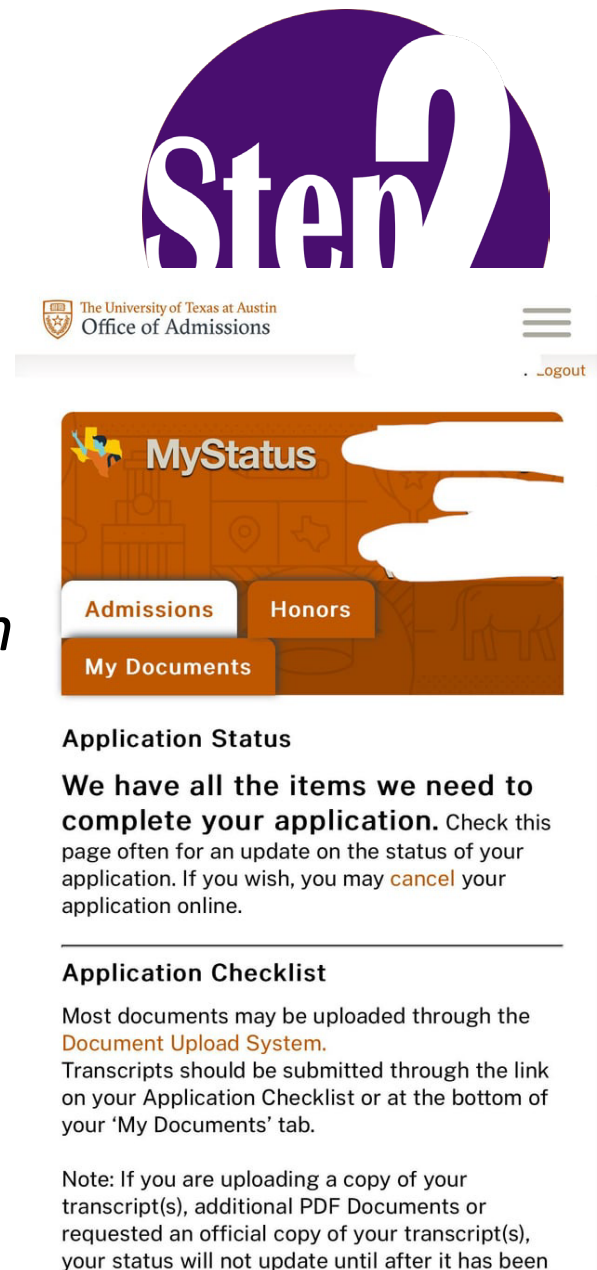
- Research and identify a list of schools
 - Two safeties, two targets, one reach
- Determine best method of application
 - Common App, ApplyTexas, school website, UC app, Common Black app
- Application process can include
 - Self-reporting grades
 - Highlighting honors, achievements, volunteering and work experience
 - Reporting test scores
 - Writing essays
 - Submitting transcripts
 - Submitting rank letters
 - Submitting recommendation letters

common
app



Follow up: app confirmation/portals

- Students should receive an immediate confirmation that their application has been sent, regardless of the application platform
- Within a few weeks, students will receive an email from *each school* with a login to their applicant portal
- Students need to log in immediately in order to
 - Ensure that they know *how* to log in
 - Verify the documents that are still outstanding to complete their application
 - To continue to demonstrate interest in their school
 - Students should save all URLs in bookmark folder in their web browser



Follow up: apps and transcripts



COLLEGE
College Applications

Exit Student Demo



Polly Panther



School search

Favorites & lists

Admission stats

Final list

College applications

Enrollment decision

Board

List

Search for an application by name

Comments

+ Add application

Recommendation tracker

Fulfilled Pending Declined

View all requests

FAFSA/TAFSA

NOT
FILED

Update Status



CONNECTED

Log in

Unlink account

Application setup COMPLETE

Personal details

Academics

Fee waiver eligibility

FERPA waiver

Review

1 Incomplete

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



University of Oklahoma-Norman
Campus

Unknown

Other | Dec 15

0/3

2 Completed & pending

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



Texas A & M University-College Station

Unknown



Houston Community College

Unknown

2 Accepted

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



Texas State Technical College

Unknown

Upload award letter



University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Unknown

Upload award letter

Follow up: student/counselor to-do's


Step 2

College Applications

Student Demo



Don't see your latest Common App statuses? Manually refresh to update your application. [Refresh](#)


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Texas A & M University-College Station >

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Application status:  **In Progress** 

 [Comments](#)

Method	Type	Deadline	
Common App	Regular Decision	Dec 01	

Student checklist

Mark all complete ☒

Self-Reported Academic Record (SRAR) ☐ ...

All freshmen applicants must complete a Self-reported Transcript and Academic Record System (STARS) except for GED graduates. The STARS Record replaces the high school transcripts used by the Office of Admissions during the initial admission process in most cases. Applicants create the STARS Record using their official high school transcript, listing courses and associated grades that have been completed or will be completed for high school and/or college credit. The STARS Record can take anywhere from 2-6 hours to complete depending on your coursework, so make sure to give yourself ample time to complete it. The STARS Record cannot be submitted prior to the application but you can and should work on it as soon as possible. It must be submitted and linked with your application by December 15. Website - <https://admissions.tamu.edu/resources/undergraduate-document-submission>

Submit Application on Common App



 New Student Requirement



TEACHER EVALUATIONS

Remember to update your student profile and communicate with your teachers before adding them as a recommender on SchoolLinks.

2 Optional


Carolyn Mathews-Borak (General)

[Remove](#)

 Requested 08/22/2025 by 

Stacy George (General)

[Remove](#)


 Requested 08/22/2025 by 

COUNSELOR DOCUMENTS

All required documents are determined by Common App and automatically requested from counselors. Students must contact their counselor to request inclusion of optional documents.

[Fulfill in Document Manager](#) →

School Report (General) 

 Downloaded by college 08/21/2025

 [Show history](#)

Counselor Recommendation (General) 

Not needed

Mid Year Report (General) 

Not needed

Follow up: letters of recommendation


Step 2

- In SchoolLinks, when the student adds a college to their application list, it will show if they need one and how many are allowed
- Students have been trained on the process, which is detailed in the graphic to the right

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Aaron Plut (General) 

Requested 08/13/2025 by

Remove

Carolyn Mathews-Borak (General) 

Requested 08/13/2025 by

Remove

How to Request Letters of Recommendation in SchoolLinks

- Submit your applications FIRST
- Talk to your teacher face to face and share your resume
- In SchoolLinks, go to Colleges/College Applications and click on your school
- If the school requires or accepts LORs, there will be a Request Teacher Evaluation link to click (if not, don't send one)
- Choose General for most requests, and find your teacher in the search box. All FBISD employees are listed, and if your recommender is not an employee click the Add Them Manually link
- Complete the fields and click Add Recommender. They will receive an email with instructions
- Please allow 2-3 weeks
- See Mrs. J in K145 with questions



Apply for financial aid and scholarships



- There are many ways to earn scholarships or grants:
 - Grades/test scores
 - Essays
 - Volunteer activities
 - Economic need
- There are several listed in SchoolLinks
 - Go to College/Scholarship Matching
- Follow RPHS CCR on social
- Don't wait! The earlier you apply the better
- The FAFSA will open on October 1
 - More information to come
- Subscribe to or check out these websites:
 - Scholarship America
 - My Scholly
 - College for All Texans
 - Fast Web
 - College Guidance Consultants
 - Bold.org
 - Scholarships360
 - Raise.me
 - Unigo.com

Apply for financial aid and scholarships

Step 3

- Also known as FAFSA
- Enables students to apply for
 - Loans
 - Grants
 - Scholarships
 - Work-study programs
- Opens on October 1
- District Financial Aid Night Wednesday, September 24
- All seniors are required to complete the FAFSA, TASFA or opt-out form and provide proof to Mrs. J in SchooLinks by Friday, February 6
 - IT'S A GRADUATION REQUIREMENT!
- Parents and students should *both* visit studentaid.gov now and create their accounts.
 - Only one parent needs to create an account if they are married
 - Students will need their social security number before they can create their FSA ID





Extras: testing requirements and AP scores

- Does your senior's college, university, military branch or trade school require a standardized test?
 - It could be any of these: SAT, ACT, ASVAB, TSI
- Students need to sign up to take exams in plenty of time to meet deadlines
 - The SAT and ACT are offered about once a month
 - The ASVAB will be given here in November
 - The TSI will be given here in November, April and May
- Test scores are requested via College Board or ACT.org by the *student*. RPHS does not send them. AP scores are also sent by the *student*.
- Fee waivers are available
 - More information to come in a minute



Extras: transcripts

- *Unofficial* transcripts can be found in the student's Skyward Portfolio or in SchoolLinks under School/Record Requests
- *Official* transcripts needed for a scholarship or a coach must be requested through SchoolLinks. Go to School/Record Request and select "Send official transcript" at the top. RPHS will send it directly
- Need a dual credit or OnRamps transcript? Request directly from HCC or UT for each school you're applying to but not until you have finished all HCC or UT classes

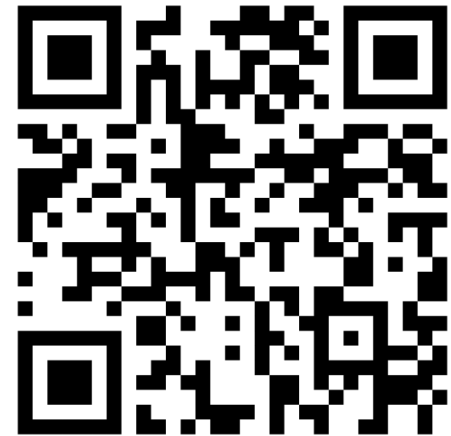
FBISD policy: A student/parent cannot request an *official* transcript to be handed to them. They may only access *unofficial* ones through Skyward Portfolio.



Extras: fee waivers

- If your student qualifies for Free and Reduced lunch, their SAT and ACT fees, along with many college admissions fees, could be waived
- Parents should apply via SchoolCafe. They should receive a decision within five to seven days
- Eligible students will indicate their desire to use a waiver in SchoolLinks and I will verify it and send to their school

Verify eligibility and apply here





Senior Activities and Reminders



- Senior Prom: April 18, Citadel Houston
- Senior Scram: April 24 (could change to May 1 pending park availability), Six Flags Over Texas
- Senior Package payments made through Revtrak by the 15th of the month
 - Payment history available in Revtrak account
 - You can still join the Package



Scan here for the C/O 2026 website!



Amy Amadi, senior class sponsor, amy.amadi@fortbendisd.gov
Sue Breaux, senior class sponsor, sue.breaux@fortbendisd.gov

Ridge Point High School



Join the Senior Remind



Text @efk34hd to the
number 81010

Don't forget the “@”
symbol



Do you still have questions?

- That's OK!
- How do you get them answered?
 - Review my website (scan the QR code to the right)
 - Have your senior visit me in the CCR Center (K145)
 - Email me
 - Follow RPHS CCR on Instagram and Twitter
 - Read my weekly newsletters that I email and post on Remind, Twitter, Instagram and Facebook



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