



Committed to Preparing All Students to Graduate College, Career and Life Ready!

Senior Checklist for College Readiness (Class of 2021)

Test Dates/Registration Deadlines/Test Type

September 12, 13, or 19, 2020/August 14, 2020/ACT

September 26, 2020/August 26, 2020/SAT

October 3, 2020/September 4, 2020/SAT

October 10, 17, 24 or 25, 2020/September 17, 2020/ACT

November 7, 2020/October 7, 2020/SAT and Subject Tests

December 5, 2020/November 5, 2020/SAT and Subject Tests

December 12, 2020/November 6, 2020/ACT

February 6, 2021/January 8, 2021/ACT

March 13, 2021/February 12, 2021/SAT

April 17, 2021/March 12, 2021/ACT

May 8, 2021/April 8, 2021/SAT & Subject Tests

College Entrance Exams

1. **Take college entrance exams** in spring of junior year and early senior year
2. **SAT:** www.collegeboard.org *Test Fee: SAT Reasoning Test (with Writing) - \$68
3. **ACT:** www.act.org *Test Fee: ACT assessment plus Writing - \$70
***Need help paying for the SAT and/or ACT?** See the College Advisor/College Center at your school, you may qualify for a FEE WAIVER.
4. Ensure you are enrolled in the most rigorous courses possible. Investigate about dual credit and advanced course options with your counselor.

SAT and ACT Prep is Important

1. See your counselor or visit the College & Career Center for SAT Prep classes in the area.
2. Practice SAT and ACT questions on-line at www.number2.com. Other free websites that offer SAT/ACT prep online are www.sat.collegeboard.org, ACT www.actstudent.org, or <https://www.khanacademy.org/test-prep/sats>. Sign up for the SAT question of the day at www.collegeboard.org.

Get to know your counselor and college advisor well as they will be a great resource during the college application process. Make an appointment to go over your transcript and your college plans. **Visit the College & Career Center often** to connect with college representatives and get help in the college process.

Research Colleges and Universities

1. Try to visit colleges and have a solid list of your top four choices by the start
2. of your senior year.
3. Good websites for college searches are: www.collegeforalltexans.com, <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org>, www.student.naviance.com

Apply to Colleges Early Before the Deadlines

1. For most colleges in Texas apply through applytexas.org, private and/or out of state colleges through www.commonapp.org
2. Some Application Deadlines: Oct 15 – Early Action Deadline for a number of competitive schools/majors
Nov 1, or Dec 1, Jan 2 – Priority deadlines for many TX colleges/universities
(Visit each college website, as it is all dependent on what program you are seeking, etc.)

Community Service Projects in Your Senior Year can Boost Your Resume

1. Get involved in school and join a club or activity. Polish up and update your resume.
2. Get close to your teachers. You will need them for **Letters of Recommendation**. Ask them ahead of time for a recommendation. Provide them with a resume and even a “brag sheet” to write your letter.

Visit possible colleges and ask many questions.

1. **Seniors may use two school days for college visits provided they submit a College Visit form and verification** of attendance (ask your college advisor about the process).
2. **Also attend FALL College Fairs**. This year most of the Fall college fairs will be Virtual (i.e., TACRAO in mid September).

Show Me The Money!! Yes, there is money to pay for college.

1. You must **apply for scholarships** by completing applications, essays and submitting all requested paperwork by the DEADLINES.
1. You also need to complete the **FAFSA** (FAFSA for 2021-2022, your first college year goes live **Oct. 1**).
2. ***Change** that went into effect last year-**NEW state aid priority deadline: Jan 15th!** Make sure to submit your FAFSA by Winter break to access the highest amount of financial aid.
3. Many Scholarship opportunities are posted in Naviance (www.student.naviance.com) Apply!

Resources

Academic Resources

1. SAT Customized Test Prep:www.khanacademy.org
2. ACT Personalized Practice: www.academy.act.org
3. TSI Test Prep through ACCUPLACER & Download the APP as well:
<https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/student/practice> and through the ACC Website:
<http://sites.austincc.edu/tsiprep/>

College Resources

1. Explore And Compare College Options: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search>
2. NAVIANCE College Match: www.student.naviance.com
3. Compare Colleges: <https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/>
4. Get Financial Aid Guidance: <https://StudentAid.gov>
5. Complete the FAFSA (the FREE Application for Federal Student Aid): <https://fafsa.ed.gov>

Career Resources

1. Where To Learn About Careers? <https://roadtripnation.com>
2. Explore Careers: Naviance Student App (www.student.naviance.com)
3. other career exploration tools: <http://launchmycareertx.org>
4. *Texas Workforce Commission (TWC)<https://lmci.state.tx.us/explore/TSC/k12.asp>
5. Careers In The Military: <https://www.careersinthemilitary.com/>
6. ASVAB Test: Contact a Recruiter <http://www.todaysmilitary.com/>

College Fairs/Scholarship Fairs

1. TACRAO College Fair—Mid September 2020 -This year it will be virtual
2. AISD Scholarship Fair —December 2020—Virtually, specifics TBA
3. Career And Job Fair—Late January 2021—Virtually, specifics TBA
4. NACAC Austin National College Fair —Late March 2021—TBA