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BOOKLET



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College Application Timeline

July 1
2017

Apply Texas Application opens – **start applying** *Pages 3, 22

August 1
2017

The **Common Application** website opens - **start applying** *Pages 3, 5, 22

September
2017

Start requesting your “official transcripts” on Naviance & Pay the Registrar a one-time \$5.00 fee *Pages 4, 6

Request “Letter of Recommendation(s)” if required by college *Pages 4,6

1. Complete the Counselor Recommendation Packet “Blue Packet” & return to counselor
2. Ask your teacher to write a rec letter *Pages 4, 6

Take or retake SAT or ACT to improve your scores *Page 2

Send SAT/ACT scores to college/university *Page 4

October
2017

Apply for **FAFSA** as early as **October 1**
Free Application for Federal Student Aid *Page 11

October 15
~
December 1

Early Decision/Early Action deadlines begin
Pay attention to college-specific scholarship deadlines!!!!

January
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February  
2018

If your College/University requires a **Mid-Year Transcript** or a **Mid-Year Report**  
“Request for Mid-Year Reports” (yellow form) - complete & return to your counselor

Spring  
2018

Check Naviance for scholarship opportunities \*Page 22  
Notify colleges of your final admission decision

May ~ June  
2018

Request “**Final Transcript**” at the Registrar’s office



# College Admissions Testing

## Plano West Senior High School CEEB 445573

Most colleges will require SAT and/or ACT test scores as part of the admission process.

**It is recommended that juniors take SAT and/or ACT during the spring semester of their junior year.**

Since these tests are important for college admission, students need to prepare for testing.

Test Prep is offered through numerous individuals and organizations as well as online resources.



The **ACT** is divided into 5 subtests:

English, Math, Reading, Science Reasoning and **optional Writing**

- ACT subtest scores range from 1-36.
- Composite score is the average of English, Math, Reading, and Science.
- **Register** to take the ACT test at: <http://www.actstudent.org>
- ACT Help-line 1(319)337-1270 or <http://www.actstudent.org>
- Free practice test at: <http://www.act.org/test-preparation>

**SAT** is divided into two components:

- 1) Evidence-Based Reading & Writing
- 2) Math

Each component is scored between 200 – 800 with a perfect score being 1600

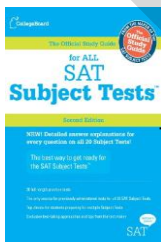
- **Register** to take the SAT test at: [www.collegeboard.org/sat/register](http://www.collegeboard.org/sat/register)
- SAT Help-line 1(866)756-7346 or email: [sat@info.collegeboard.org](mailto:sat@info.collegeboard.org)
- Free practice test at: [www.khanacademy.org/sat](http://www.khanacademy.org/sat)
- The **SAT Essay is optional**, but many colleges require or recommend it

Search listing of colleges & Scholarship Providers that require or recommend the SAT Essay at: [www.sat.org/college-essay-policies](http://www.sat.org/college-essay-policies)



**SAT Subject Tests** are used for college admissions, covering specific subject areas. Many of the selective colleges require specific SAT Subject Tests. Students should check individual college websites to determine if SAT Subject Tests are required. Occasionally, even if a college does not require them as a part of the application, the scores will be considered for possible college credit.

- Register to take the SAT Subject tests at: [www.sat.org/register](http://www.sat.org/register)
- Subject tests calendar at: <http://www.sat.org/subject-dates>
- Free practice test at: [www.sat-subject-practice-tests](http://www.sat-subject-practice-tests)
- SAT Help-line: 1(866)756-7346





# College Application Process

Check all college admission requirements and deadlines.  
Make sure to complete all parts of the application, including any supplements.  
After completing the application, be sure to click **submit**.  
Check to ensure that all documents are processed with your colleges.



The Common Application is the recommended application for over 500 colleges -private, Ivy League, and some public. Complete and submit electronically at:

<https://www.commonapp.org>



This application is for admission to **all Texas 2 and 4 year public colleges** (and some private Texas colleges). Complete and submit electronically at: [www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org)

The website provides information about:

admission requirements    application procedures    deadlines  
documents    scholarship pages    fees

*Other types of Applications*

Go to the college websites for their college application & instructions  
For example: University of Arkansas, Georgetown University

- Colleges who do not use the Common Application
- Colleges who do not use Apply Texas Application



## Application Fee

- College application fees vary
- Many colleges accept *fee waivers* for applicants from low-income families
- If you are on free/reduced lunch, ask your counselor for more information



## Essay(s)

- Not all colleges require a college essays, check college application for requirements
  - If an essay is optional, choose to write it
- Guidelines:
- It is a narrative about yourself
  - Strive to analyze and show depth
  - Proofread for errors and grammatical mistakes



## Extra-Curricular Activities/Resume

- The college application includes an Extra-Curricular Activities Section
- Fill out & include activities from 12<sup>th</sup> to 9th grades
- Categories may include:

|                |                   |                  |
|----------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Honors/Awards  | Leadership Roles  | Clubs/Activities |
| Skills/Talents | Community Service | Work Experience  |

Utilize Naviance to create a resume, go to **About Me** tab > **Resume** > Add a new entry

# College Application Process continued



**Letters of Recommendation** ~ Check each college application to be sure this is required  
~ Give your recommender **3 weeks notice**

## Teacher Letter of Recommendation

- \*Request letters in person; provide a resume
- \*For Common Application colleges or electronic submissions, select your teachers in Naviance
- \*For colleges that require mailing, provide a stamped, addressed envelope
- \*Be sure to write a thank you note to your teacher
- \*Note: Teachers not at Plano West need stamped, addressed envelopes for mailing all materials

## Counselor Letter of Recommendation

- \*Fill out and turn in the Counselor Letter of Recommendation Packet (**blue packet**) to your counselor
- \*For colleges that require mailing, provide a stamped, addressed envelope



**Official Transcripts**

Request Transcripts in your Naviance Account at: <https://connection.naviance.com/pwsh>  
**Username: studentfirstname.lastname.1 Password: student west ID number**



**SAT/ACT Scores**

- Students must request SAT/ACT scores directly from the testing agencies:  
<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/scores/sending-scores>  
[www.act.org/your-scores.html](http://www.act.org/your-scores.html)
- Scores must be sent directly from the testing agency to the colleges
- Most colleges require SAT/ACT scores, and possibly SAT Subject Test score(s)  
If you qualify for a fee waiver for SAT testing, you automatically receive 4 college application fee waivers from College Board



**Interview**

- Some colleges require an interview; check your application requirements
- Contact the Admission's Office to set up the interview time
- Dress professionally, research the college, ask questions, and be yourself



**Auditions or Portfolios**  
For  
Art, Music & Theater Students

- Check your college application to determine if this is required
- You may be required to provide samples of your work to demonstrate your ability
- You may be required to send a portfolio, audition on campus or submit a video

Filling out applications for college is time consuming and needs to be done carefully. PISD uses Naviance which is a web-based planning and advising system for counselors, teachers, administrators, students and parents. Through Naviance you will be able to compare colleges, track deadlines, look at selected scholarships, explore college visits, request recommendations and transcripts, and explore career options.

**Go to Naviance:** <https://connection.naviance.com/pwsh>

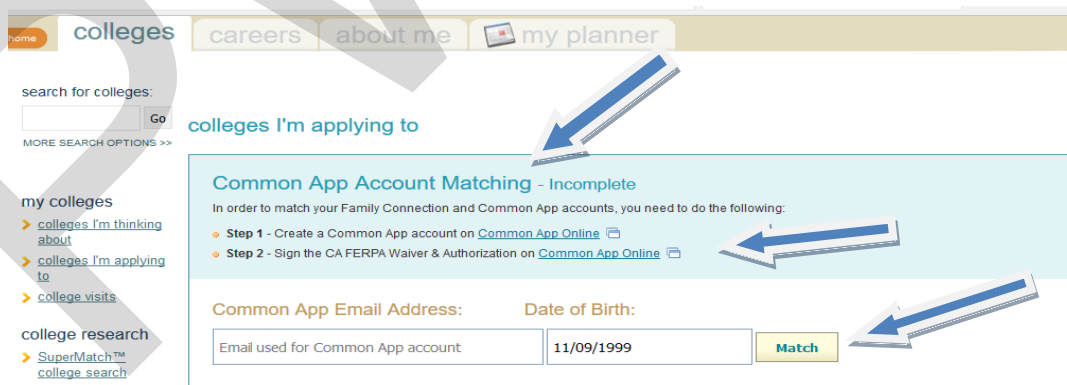
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*Password:* student ID number

## Getting started...

- Select the **colleges** tab
- Select “**colleges I am applying to**” tab, then “**+add colleges to this list**”

- For **Common Application** colleges, you must:
  1. Create a Common Application account & complete all required sections of the Common Application
  2. **Sign the FERPA wavier** & authorization on the Common Application  
(Check “**yes, I do waive my right to access**”)
  3. The **Common Application** must be **matched with Naviance** & the **FERPA waived before documents** can be **submitted**
  4. Enter your Common Application email address in Naviance & click “**match**” to link your **Common Application to Naviance**



The screenshot shows the Naviance interface. At the top, there are tabs for 'colleges', 'careers', 'about me', and 'my planner'. Below the tabs is a search bar for colleges. The main content area is titled 'colleges I'm applying to'. A blue box highlights the 'Common App Account Matching - Incomplete' section, which contains instructions and a 'Match' button. Blue arrows point from the text above to the 'colleges I'm applying to' tab, the matching instructions, and the 'Match' button.

- The following video explains the process: <https://vimeo.com>

- If you are not using the Common Application, You must Go to “**Common App Account Matching**” (blue box in Naviance) & Click “**not needed**” in the lower right hand corner

## Requesting Letters of Recommendation...

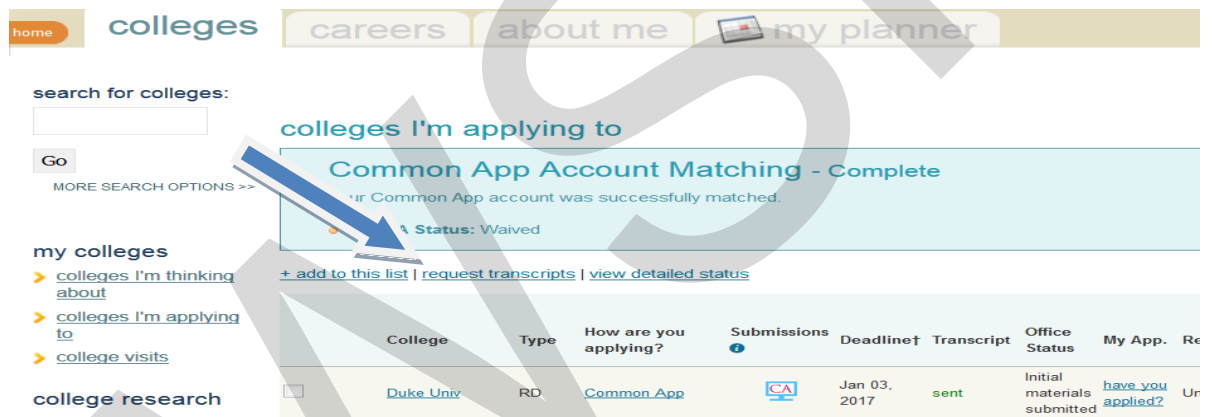
**If letters of recommendation are required by the college**

1. Request recommendations in person
2. In Naviance – select teacher in “letters of recommendation”

## Requesting Transcripts...

**Transcripts for colleges & NCAA must be requested through Naviance**

1. **Pay the one-time transcript fee of \$5.00**, on Parent Portal or at the Registrar’s Office

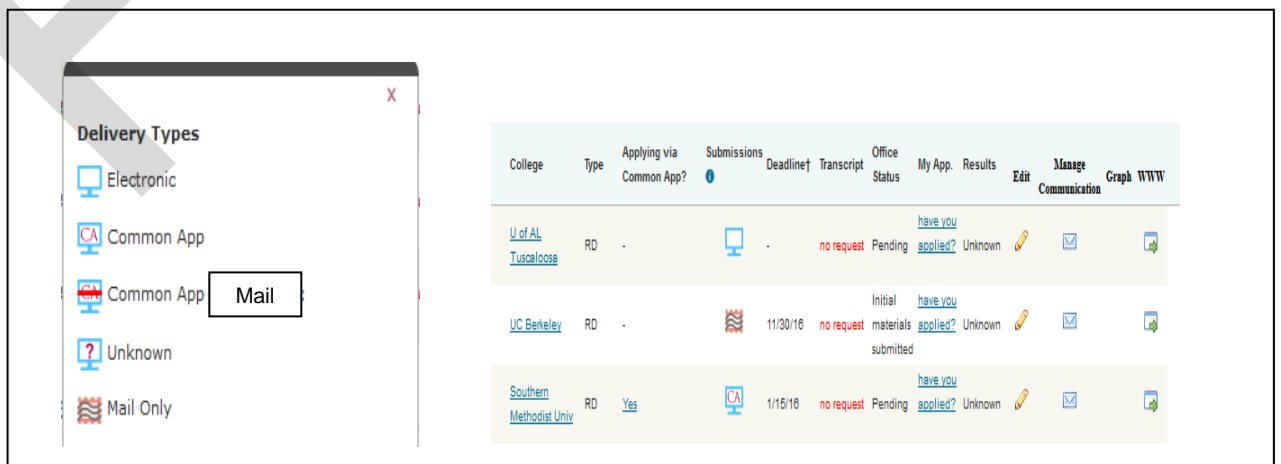


The screenshot shows the Naviance interface with a search bar and navigation tabs. A blue box highlights the 'colleges I'm applying to' section, which includes a 'Common App Account Matching - Complete' notification. Below this, a table lists colleges with columns for College, Type, How are you applying?, Submissions, Deadline, Transcript, Office Status, My App., and Results. A blue arrow points to the 'request transcripts' link in the notification area.

| College   | Type | How are you applying? | Submissions | Deadline†    | Transcript | Office Status               | My App.           | Results |
|-----------|------|-----------------------|-------------|--------------|------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| Duke Univ | RD   | Common App            | CA          | Jan 03, 2017 | sent       | Initial materials submitted | have you applied? | Unknown |

2. For colleges that require mailing, supply the Registrar with an envelope addressed to the college

## Delivery/Submission types







The screenshot shows a 'Delivery Types' dropdown menu with options: Electronic, Common App, Common App Mail, Unknown, and Mail Only. To the right is a table of application entries with columns for College, Type, Applying via Common App?, Submissions, Deadline, Transcript, Office Status, My App., Results, Edit, Manage Communication, Graph, and WWW.

| College                 | Type | Applying via Common App? | Submissions | Deadline† | Transcript | Office Status               | My App.           | Results | Edit | Manage Communication | Graph | WWW |
|-------------------------|------|--------------------------|-------------|-----------|------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|---------|------|----------------------|-------|-----|
| U of AL Tuscaloosa      | RD   | -                        | CA          | -         | no request | Pending                     | have you applied? | Unknown | ✎    | ✉                    | 📊     | 🌐   |
| UC Berkeley             | RD   | -                        | CA          | 11/30/16  | no request | Initial materials submitted | have you applied? | Unknown | ✎    | ✉                    | 📊     | 🌐   |
| Southern Methodist Univ | RD   | Yes                      | CA          | 1/15/16   | no request | Pending                     | have you applied? | Unknown | ✎    | ✉                    | 📊     | 🌐   |




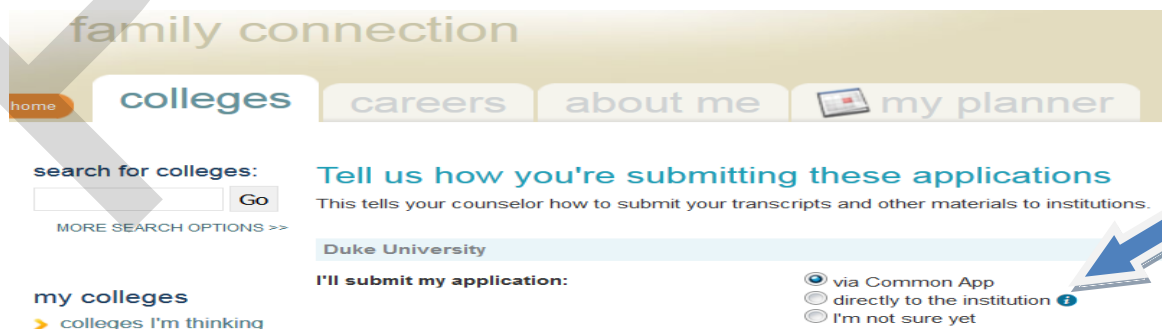
## 5 Delivery/Submission types in Naviance...

Documents (Transcript, Letter of recommendation, Secondary School Report, Senior schedule, School Profile) will be submitted either electronically or mailed.....  
based on the type of application the student uses when applying to the college/university

1.  **Electronic submission** for Common Application colleges via Naviance
2.  **Electronic submission**, the college accepts documents electronically via Naviance
3.  **Mail**
  1. **Provide envelopes** with a return address of:  
PWSH, 5601 W. Parker Rd, Plano, TX 75093
  2. Provide a self-addressed envelope (no postage) to the Registrar for mailing transcript(s)
  3. Provide a self-addressed, stamped envelope to your Counselor/Teacher for mailing the Letter of recommendation/Secondary School Report
4.  **Mail**

Student has selected a Common Application college/university but is not applying using the Common Application

  1. Provide self-addressed envelope to the Registrar, Counselor & Teacher for mailing the Transcript, Letter of recommendation & Secondary School Reports
5.  **Cannot be electronically submitted & cannot be mailed**
  1. Log into Naviance – **“Tell us how you’re submitting the application”**
  2. **Select either via Common App or directly to the institution**



The screenshot shows the 'family connection' section of the Naviance website. It includes navigation tabs for 'home', 'colleges', 'careers', 'about me', and 'my planner'. A search bar for colleges is visible. The main heading is 'Tell us how you're submitting these applications' with the subtext 'This tells your counselor how to submit your transcripts and other materials to institutions.' Below this, 'Duke University' is selected. Under 'I'll submit my application:', there are three radio button options: 'via Common App' (selected), 'directly to the institution', and 'I'm not sure yet'. A blue arrow points to the 'directly to the institution' option.



# Eligibility Center

## NCAA Freshman Eligibility Standards

### NCAA Division I Academic Eligibility Requirements

to receive athletic aid, practice & compete the first year:

16 core courses

- 4 years of English
- 3 years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher)
- 2 years of natural/physical science (one year of lab science if offered by your high school)
- 1 year of additional English, math or science
- 2 years of social studies
- 4 years of additional core courses (from any area listed above, or from foreign language, comparative religion or philosophy)
- Earn a **2.30 grade-point average** or better in your core courses
- Must complete 10 core courses before the 7<sup>th</sup> semester
  - Of the 10 core courses completed, 7 must be in English, math or science
  - These 10 core courses become “locked in” for the purpose of core-course GPA calculation

### NCAA Division II Academic Eligibility Requirements

16 core courses

- 3 years of English
- 2 years of math (Algebra 1 or higher)
- 2 years of natural or physical science (one year of lab science if offered by your high school)
- 3 extra years of English, math or natural or physical science
- 2 years of social science
- 4 years of extra core courses (from any category above, or foreign language, comparative religion or philosophy)
- Earn a **2.00 grade-point average** or better in core courses
- **After August 1, 2018**-----Earn a **2.20 grade-point average** or better in core courses

**If you want to play NCAA sports at an NCAA Division I or II college:**

1. Register **with the NCAA Eligibility Center** at: [www.ncaa.org/athletes/register](http://www.ncaa.org/athletes/register)
- ✓ Send the following documents to the NCAA Clearinghouse:
2. High school transcript with at least 6 semesters
3. SAT and/or ACT test scores ~ **Use the NCAA Eligibility Center code 9999 to send scores directly from the testing agency to NCAA**

For more info: [www.ncaa.eligibility-center](http://www.ncaa.eligibility-center) or call 877-262-1492

# Military Academies



The United States Military Academies include West Point, Annapolis, Air Force Academy, United States Coast Guard Academy, and Merchant Marine Academy. The application process for these schools is more complex than other colleges. It is very important to begin this process in the spring of your junior year to increase your chances for acceptance. Be sure to include your counselor in this process.

The **first step** in securing an appointment to one of the academies is to write or email and ask for a pre-candidate questionnaire. Do this during the junior year.

Admissions Office  
U.S. Military Academy  
West Point, NY 10996  
<http://admissions.usma.edu>

Admissions Office  
U.S. Naval Academy  
Annapolis, MD 21402  
[www.usna.edu/Admissions](http://www.usna.edu/Admissions)

Admissions Office  
U.S. Air Force Academy  
U.S.A.F. Academy, CO 80840  
[www.academyadmissions](http://www.academyadmissions)

The **second step** is to request a recommendation from one of your senators or congressmen.

US Congressman Sam Johnson  
<https://samjohnson.house.gov>  
469-304-0382

Senator Ted Cruz  
[www.cruz.senate.gov](http://www.cruz.senate.gov)  
214-599-8749

Senator John Cornyn  
[www.cornyn.senate.gov](http://www.cornyn.senate.gov)  
972-239-1310

The person providing the nomination will need the following information:

- Name, address, and telephone number
- Date of birth
- Social Security number
- High school name and year of graduation
- Names of parents
- The student may indicate first, second, third, and fourth choices for Academies

## Coast Guard Academy and the Merchant Marine Academy

The admission process is similar to highly competitive colleges. There is no nomination process. Write directly for an application or apply online.

Admissions Office  
U.S. Coast Guard Academy  
New London, CT 06320  
[www.cga.edu/admissions](http://www.cga.edu/admissions)

Admissions Office  
Merchant Marine Academy  
Kings Point, NY 10024  
[www.usmma.edu/admissions](http://www.usmma.edu/admissions)

## ROTC Scholarship Programs

ROTC scholarship programs involve a competitive process. In addition to the written application, candidates must undergo a physical exam, formal interviews, and a physical abilities test.

The **first step** in the process is to request an application:

Army ROTC  
[www.goarmy.com](http://www.goarmy.com)

Air Force ROTC  
[www.afrotc.com](http://www.afrotc.com)

Navy ROTC  
[www.navy.com](http://www.navy.com)

US Coast Guard  
[www.uscg.mil](http://www.uscg.mil)

US Marines  
[www.marines.com](http://www.marines.com)

## Resources

Plano West ROTC instructor, Colonel Mike Mestan  
*How the Military Will Help You Pay for College* (Peterson)





# Financing College

There are many different resources available to help you in planning your college financing. Within the counseling department there is information regarding many scholarships. Juniors are eligible to apply for a limited number. It is not too early to begin your search; however, scholarship season tends to fall during the spring semester of the senior year. Information regarding these scholarships is disseminated through Naviance and the counseling page on the Plano West website.

## STUDENT FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS TIME LINE

- ❖ Research colleges/universities and develop your college/university list
- ❖ Go for college visits
- ❖ Check out admission requirements and deadlines
- ❖ Check out financial aid and scholarship requirements and deadlines
- ❖ Check out other scholarship options such as: scholarships offered by your parents' employers, private organizations including business or professional groups, fraternal organizations, and your family's bank. Check out the reference section of the library, the counseling center, and websites [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com). or [studentaid.ed.gov](http://studentaid.ed.gov)
- ❖ End of junior year- create your Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID (username & password) at: <https://fafsa.gov/>

**Junior Year**

### **Fall 2017**

- ❖ Create your Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID (username & password)
- ❖ **Apply for FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) as early as **October 1, 2017**
- ❖ Complete the CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE at: [css.collegeboard.org](http://css.collegeboard.org) (if needed)
- ❖ Complete college/university specific financial aid applications if required
- ❖ Check on individual college/university general academic scholarship deadlines
- ❖ Scholarship applications will be listed in Naviance and the Plano West website (counselor page) as they become available
- ❖ Meet early scholarship deadlines
- ❖ Some scholarships require essays

### **Spring 2018**

- ❖ Continue checking for Scholarships in Naviance & the Plano West Website (counselor page)
- ❖ Evaluate colleges/universities and financial aid packages
  - Be sure to compare the cost of the schools, not just the financial aid packages
  - Explore and compare colleges, majors, and living arrangements
- ❖ Select college/university you plan to attend
- ❖ Get acquainted with the financial aid office where you will attend college
- ❖ Accept financial aid package from only one college or university and notify all other college/university of decision
- ❖ Notify scholarship donors where to send scholarship funds

**Senior Year**

# FAFSA<sup>®</sup> FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID

*Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or the FAFSA, is an important document to be completed for federal and state student grants, work-study, and loans. Your application needs to be submitted as early as possible, but no earlier than October 1<sup>st</sup> of the student's senior year.*

<https://www.youtube.com/FederalStudentAid>

|                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                    |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>What is it?</i>                               | The federal government uses this form to determine your eligibility for financial aid, which includes: grants, work-study, scholarships and loans.                 |
| <i>Why fill it out?</i>                          | The FAFSA is used to determine how much aid you will receive. It may also be prerequisite for other scholarships.                                                  |
| <i>What type of aid can I expect to receive?</i> | Your prospective college will try to meet your financial need through federal, state, school and private sources, as well as loans, grants and student employment. |
| <i>May I complete FAFSA on the Web?</i>          | Yes, visit <a href="https://fafsa.ed.gov/">https://fafsa.ed.gov/</a> and click "Start a new FAFSA" to get started.                                                 |

## FAFSA Tips

- Fill out the form as early as **October 1, 2017**
- Do not leave any fields blank. Enter "0" if a question does not apply
- List your information accurately
- Take your time and follow the instructions. For assistance call 1-800-4-FED-AID.
- Sign the applications. If you are a dependent, have your parents sign too.
- Report ALL required sources of untaxed income (e.g., Social Security/child support)
- Fill out the FAFSA every year, even if you don't think you will qualify for aid

## FSID: Online Identification

- The Federal Student Aid ID is the code that is used to identify you online
- To obtain the FSA ID, visit <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/> Click on "Create FSA ID Now"
- You must submit your name, date of birth and social security number to receive the FSA ID
- The FSA ID allows anyone to electronically sign federal documents and access confidential information, therefore, do not give your ID to anyone

## Filling Out the FAFSA

You will need the following to fill out the form:

|                                                  |                                      |                           |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Social Security number                           | 2016 W2 and /or tax return           | Driver's license (if any) |
| Parent's 2016 income tax return (if a dependent) | 2016 federal income tax return       | Current bank statements   |
| Current mortgage and investment records (if any) | 2016 untaxed income records (if any) | Alien registration card   |

## Signing the FAFSA (required on WEB or paper filing)

- Use your FSA ID. Parents will also need their own FSA ID to electronically sign the FAFSA.
- Print the signature page, get the required signatures and mail the form to the address listed on the signature page
- Wait until you receive your SAR (Student Aid Report), get the required signatures and return it through the U.S. Postal Service via certified mail

## Review the Student Aid Report (SAR) receive within 2 weeks of filing

- Review immediately and carefully.
- Report errors to the FAFSA Help Desk and ask how to make corrections
- Call 1-800-433-3243 if you do not receive the SAR within 2 weeks.
- An asterisk after the EFC means your SAR has been selected for verification and you may be asked for more information which will go to the prospective college



# College Visits

## Prepare for your visit



Call and set up an official visit/tour at the college

Request “**permission form**” from sub school prior to the visit

Parent and sub school principal must sign permission form

Have college admissions advisor sign form

*Return college visit form to sub school following visit to excuse the absence*

## SUGGESTED QUESTIONS TO ASK ON A COLLEGE VISIT

### When you visit a campus



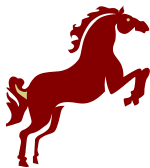
- Take the campus tour, check facilities, including dormitories
- Visit the fitness center, bookstore, library & dining hall
- Visit a class; talk with a faculty member, if possible
- Talk to students about what they think of their classes & professors
- Eat a meal on campus
- Read the campus newspaper; scan bulletin boards, listen to the college radio station
- Walk or ride around the community surrounding the campus

### Ask college students



- Do many students go home on the weekends?
- Is it possible to study in your dorm room?
- Do you like to study in the library? Do you often do research there?
- Are faculty members accessible outside of class?
- Do faculty members teach undergraduate courses?
- Is it relatively easy to get the classes you want at registration time?
- Why did you choose this college?
- Are campus jobs readily available?

### As you tour the campus, ask yourself



- How does the college promote student involvement in campus groups or extracurricular activities?
- In what ways does the college help students graduate in four years?
- What is it like to live here?
- Where do students get together on campus?
- Are the rooms in the residence halls comfortable, and are kitchen and laundry facilities available?
- How accessible are computer labs and internet access?
- Are there study groups, math/writing labs?
- What’s the surrounding town or city like?
- What are the best reasons to go to this college?



# Choosing your College

NAVIANCE offers college searches~click on the **Colleges tab** and go to any link under **College Research**



## Admission requirements

- What minimum ACT/SAT scores are required?
- Is an essay, and/or an interview, and/or recommendations required?
- What are the application deadlines? Does the school offer early decision?



## Location

- How far do you want to be from home? Do you prefer a large city or small town?
- Do you want to live on campus or commute?
- Do you want to attend a large or small campus?
- What type of transportation is available to get you to the campus? Cost?



## Academics

- Does the academic program meet your needs/interests? Is career counseling available?
- What is the student-to-faculty ratio? Do graduate students teach classes?
- Do most students graduate in four years?



## Campus housing and facilities

- What are the dorms like? How are roommates chosen? Is off-campus housing available?
- Are students required to live on campus? For how long?
- What facilities are offered: athletic center, computer lab, library?



## School activities

- Does the school offer intercollegiate and/or intramural sports?
- What types of student organizations exist?



## Student body

- Do you want to attend a public or private institution? (costs vary greatly)
- What size school interests you? Do you want to attend a co-ed school?



## Cost and financial aid

- What is the cost of the college?
- Is financial aid available? What percentage of students receives financial aid?
- Are there scholarships available for which you might automatically qualify?



## WHAT A SCHOOL WANTS TO KNOW ABOUT YOU

- What is your academic history and GPA?
- Did you take challenging classes in high school and have a strong senior year schedule?
- How do your ACT/SAT scores compare with other students' scores?
- What honors and awards have you received?
- What extracurricular activities/volunteer activities are you involved in?
- How does your writing compare to other applicants (the essay)?
- What do your counselor and/or teachers say about you?



# LARGE TEXAS UNIVERSITIES

| University                                                  | ENROLLMENT | % ACCEPTANCE | Average SAT (R/W+M =1600)/ACT 36 | Tuition  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------|--------------|----------------------------------|----------|
| <u><a href="#">SAM HOUSTON STATE</a></u><br>Huntsville      | 17,401     | 73%          | 1060/21                          | \$9,516  |
| <u><a href="#">STEPHEN F. AUSTIN</a></u><br>Nacogdoches     | 11,140     | 62%          | 1055/22                          | \$9,3537 |
| <u><a href="#">TEXAS A&amp;M</a></u><br>College Station     | 48,960     | 66%          | 1255/27                          | \$10,030 |
| <u><a href="#">TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY</a></u><br>San Marcos | 32,480     | 71%          | 1100/23                          | \$10,218 |
| <u><a href="#">TEXAS TECH</a></u><br>Lubbock                | 29,237     | 63%          | 1200/25                          | \$9,781  |
| <u><a href="#">UNIV. OF HOUSTON</a></u><br>Houston          | 34,716     | 60%          | 1220/26                          | \$10,886 |
| <u><a href="#">UNIV. OF NORTH TEXAS</a></u><br>Denton       | 30,503     | 70%          | 1170/23                          | \$10,520 |
| <u><a href="#">UNIV. TEXAS – AUSTIN</a></u><br>Austin       | 39,619     | 39%          | 1340/29                          | \$10,110 |
| <u><a href="#">UNIV. TEXAS – ARLINGTON</a></u><br>Arlington | 30,633     | 61%          | 1055/24                          | \$9,202  |

**UNIFORM ADMISSION POLICY:** Texas Education Code (TEC) 51.803-51.809 requires that all students meet one of the following college readiness standards in order to be eligible to be considered for admission at a Texas Four-Year Public Institution:

- Successfully complete the foundation high school program
- or
- Satisfy the College Readiness Benchmarks on the ACT or SAT assessment: ACT – 18 English, 22 Reading, 22 Math and 23 Science  
SAT – minimum score of 480R/W & 530M

\*Check individual college websites for admission standards above and beyond this minimum requirement \*\*Check high school course requirements for each college

## Automatic Admission at Texas Universities

| University                                      |                | <u>SAT(R/W+M=1600)/ACT 36</u> |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>ALL TEXAS PUBLIC UNIV. EXCEPT UT AUSTIN*</b> | <b>Top 10%</b> | <b>No Minimum</b>             |
| <i>SAM HOUSTON STATE</i>                        | Top 25%        | No Minimum                    |
| <i>STEPHEN F. AUSTIN</i>                        | Top 25%        | 850/17                        |
| <i>TEXAS A&amp;M UNIVERSITY</i>                 | Top 10%        | No Minimum                    |
| <i>TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY</i>                   | Top 25%        | 920/20                        |
| <i>UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS-AUSTIN</i>               | Top 7%         | Automatic                     |
| <i>TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY</i>                    | Top 25%        | 1140/25                       |
| <i>TEXAS WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY</i>                 | Top 25%        | No Minimum                    |
| <i>UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS</i>            | Top 15%        | 1200/26                       |

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## SMALL TEXAS UNIVERSITIES & COMMUNITY COLLEGES

| University/College                                                                                                                                                                                | ENROLLMENT | % ACCEPTANCE | AVERAGE SAT(R/W+M=1600)/ACT 36 | Tuition Only |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| <a href="#"><u>ANGELO STATE</u></a><br>San Angelo                                                                                                                                                 | 8,094      | 74%          | 1030/21                        | \$8,038      |
| <a href="#"><u>AUSTIN COMM. COLLEGE</u></a><br>Austin<br>Open Admission/No Housing                                                                                                                | 41,574     | N/A          | No Minimum                     | \$2,550      |
| <a href="#"><u>BLINN COLLEGE</u></a><br>Brenham<br>Open Admission/No Housing                                                                                                                      | 19,776     | N/A          | No Minimum                     | \$3,030      |
| <a href="#"><u>BROOKHAVEN COLLEGE</u></a><br>Farmers Branch                                                                                                                                       | 12,403     | N/A          | No Minimum                     | \$1,770      |
| <a href="#"><u>COLLIN COLLEGE</u></a><br>McKinney/Plano<br>Open Admission<br>(SELECT ADMISSION FOR ALLIED HEALTH PROGRAMS)                                                                        | 28,187     | N/A          | No Minimum                     | \$1,174      |
| <a href="#"><u>KILGORE COLLEGE</u></a><br>Kilgore<br>Open Admission                                                                                                                               | 5,666      | N/A          | No Minimum                     | \$2,040      |
| <a href="#"><u>MIDWESTERN STATE</u></a><br>Wichita Falls                                                                                                                                          | 5,287      | 76%          | 1070/21                        | \$8,294      |
| <a href="#"><u>PRAIRIE VIEW A&amp;M</u></a><br>Prairie View<br>GPA OF 2.0 (4 PT. SCALE) OR BETTER                                                                                                 | 6,959      | 86%          | 935/18                         | \$10,059     |
| <a href="#"><u>RICHLAND COLLEGE</u></a><br>Dallas<br>Open Admission                                                                                                                               | 14,546     | N/A          | No Minimum                     | \$1,770      |
| <a href="#"><u>TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY</u></a><br>Stephenville                                                                                                                                  | 10,750     | 71%          | 1030/21                        | \$8,466      |
| <a href="#"><u>TEXAS A&amp;M - COMMERCE</u></a><br>Commerce<br>Regular Admission                                                                                                                  | 7,642      | 47%          | 1045/21                        | \$8,009      |
| <a href="#"><u>TEXAS A &amp; M - GALVESTON</u></a><br>Galveston                                                                                                                                   | 2,168      | 68%          | 1105/24                        | \$9,988      |
| <a href="#"><u>TEXAS WOMENS UNIVERSITY (TWU)</u></a><br>Denton                                                                                                                                    | 10,080     | 83%          | 1020/17                        | \$8,770      |
| <a href="#"><u>TYLER JUNIOR COLLEGE</u></a><br>Tyler<br>Open Admission/Housing available<br>(SELECT ADMISSION FOR HEALTH SCIENCE & COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY)                                           | 10,934     | N/A          | No Minimum                     | \$2,634      |
| <a href="#"><u>UNIV. OF TEXAS, DALLAS</u></a><br>Richardson<br>ALL OTHER STUDENTS REVIEWED<br>➔ STUDENTS MUST HAVE 4 ENGLISH, 3.5 MATH, 3 SCIENCE, 3 SOCIAL STUDIES, 2 FOR LANGUAGE, .5 FINE ARTS | 15,575     | 76%          | 1325/28                        | \$12,162     |
| <a href="#"><u>WEST TEXAS A&amp;M</u></a><br>Canyon                                                                                                                                               | 7,279      | 67%          | 1045/21                        | \$7,936      |

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## PRIVATE & OUT-OF-STATE COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES

| NAME                                                               | ENROLLMENT | %ACCEPTANCE | AVERAGE SAT(R/W+M 1600)/ACT 36 | TUITION ONLY        |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| <a href="#"><u>ABILENE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY</u></a><br>ABILENE, TX | 3,760      | 50          | 1140<br>25                     | \$30,070<br>PRIVATE |
| <a href="#"><u>UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA</u></a><br>TUSCALOOSA, AL     | 32,563     | 53          | 1180<br>27                     | \$26,950            |
| <a href="#"><u>ARIZONA STATE</u></a><br>TEMPE, AZ                  | 41,828     | 83          | 2440<br>25                     | \$26,470            |
| <a href="#"><u>UNIV. OF ARIZONA</u></a><br>TUSCON, AZ              | 33,732     | 76          | 1165<br>24                     | \$36,017            |
| <a href="#"><u>UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS</u></a><br>FAYETTEVILLE, AR  | 22,548     | 62          | 1190<br>26                     | \$23,168            |
| <a href="#"><u>AUBURN UNIVERSITY</u></a><br>AUBURN, AL             | 21,786     | 83          | 1240<br>27                     | \$28,840            |
| <a href="#"><u>AUSTIN COLLEGE</u></a><br>SHERMAN, TX               | 1,255      | 54          | 1250<br>25                     | \$37,340<br>PRIVATE |
| <a href="#"><u>BAYLOR UNIVERSITY</u></a><br>WACO, TX               | 14,189     | 44          | 1295<br>28                     | \$42,276<br>PRIVATE |
| <a href="#"><u>BOSTON COLLEGE</u></a><br>CHESTNUT HILL, MA         | 9,309      | 31          | 1410<br>31                     | \$51,296<br>PRIVATE |
| <a href="#"><u>BOSTON UNIVERSITY</u></a><br>BOSTON, MA             | 17,932     | 33          | 1360<br>29                     | \$50,240<br>PRIVATE |
| <a href="#"><u>BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIV.</u></a><br>PROVO, UT            | 30,221     | 47          | 1260<br>29                     | \$ 5,300<br>PRIVATE |
| <a href="#"><u>BROWN UNIVERSITY</u></a><br>PROVIDENCE, RI          | 6,652      | 9           | 1495<br>32                     | \$51,366<br>PRIVATE |
| <a href="#"><u>CALIF. POLYTECH.</u></a><br>SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA     | 20,049     | 31          | 1300<br>28                     | \$20,235            |
| <a href="#"><u>UC - BERKELEY</u></a><br>BERKELEY, CA               | 27,496     | 15          | 1420<br>31                     | \$40,167            |
| <a href="#"><u>UCLA</u></a><br>LOS ANGELES, CA                     | 29,585     | 17          | 1365<br>29                     | \$40,091            |
| <a href="#"><u>CARNEGIE-MELLON UNIV.</u></a><br>PITTSBURGH, PA     | 6,454      | 24          | 1490<br>32                     | \$52,310<br>PRIVATE |
| <a href="#"><u>UNIV. OF COLORADO</u></a><br>BOULDER, CO            | 27,010     | 80          | 1250<br>27                     | \$35,079            |
| <a href="#"><u>CLAREMONT MCKENNA</u></a><br>CLAREMONT, CA          | 1,328      | 11          | 1475<br>31                     | \$50,945<br>PRIVATE |
| <a href="#"><u>COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY</u></a><br>NEW YORK, NY         | 6,102      | 6           | 1520<br>33                     | \$55,161<br>PRIVATE |
| <a href="#"><u>CORNELL UNIVERSITY</u></a><br>ITHACA, NY            | 14,315     | 15          | 1470<br>32                     | \$50,953<br>PRIVATE |
| <a href="#"><u>DUKE UNIVERSITY</u></a><br>DURHAM, NC               | 6,639      | 12          | 1490<br>33                     | \$51,265<br>PRIVATE |

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| NAME                                                              | ENROLLMENT | % ACCEPTANCE | AVERAGE SAT(R/W+M 1600)/ACT 36 | TUITION ONLY        |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| <a href="#"><u>EMORY UNIVERSITY</u></a><br>ATLANTA, GA            | 6,867      | 24           | 1425<br>31                     | \$47,954<br>PRIVATE |
| <a href="#"><u>FLORIDA STATE UNIV.</u></a><br>TALLAHASSEE, FL     | 32,640     | 56           | 1265<br>27                     | \$21,673            |
| <a href="#"><u>UNIV. OF FLORIDA</u></a><br>GAINESVILLE, FL        | 35,043     | 48           | 1325<br>29                     | \$28,658            |
| <a href="#"><u>GEORGE WASHINGTON</u></a><br>WASHINGTON, DC        | 11,157     | 46           | 1350<br>29                     | \$51,950<br>PRIVATE |
| <a href="#"><u>GEORGETOWN UNIV.</u></a><br>WASHINGTON, DC         | 7,562      | 17           | 1455<br>32                     | \$50,547<br>PRIVATE |
| <a href="#"><u>HARVARD</u></a><br>CAMBRIDGE, MA                   | 6,712      | 5            | 1540<br>33                     | \$47,074<br>PRIVATE |
| <a href="#"><u>UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS</u></a><br>URBANA-CHAMPAIGN | 33,368     | 66           | 1420<br>29                     | \$31,320            |
| <a href="#"><u>INDIANA UNIV.</u></a><br>Bloomington, IN           | 38,364     | 78           | 1240<br>27                     | \$34,246            |
| <a href="#"><u>UNIVERSITY OF IOWA</u></a><br>Iowa City, IA        | 23,357     | 81           | 1230<br>26                     | \$28,413            |
| <a href="#"><u>IOWA STATE</u></a><br>Ames, IA                     | 30,034     | 87           | 1180<br>25                     | \$21,583            |
| <a href="#"><u>JOHNS HOPKINS</u></a><br>BALTIMORE, MD             | 5,386      | 13           | 1505<br>33                     | \$50,910<br>PRIVATE |
| <a href="#"><u>UNIV. OF KANSAS</u></a><br>LAWRENCE, KS            | 18,753     | 93           | 26                             | \$28,239            |
| <a href="#"><u>KANSAS STATE</u></a><br>MANHATTAN, KS              | 19,859     | 95           | 26                             | \$24,775            |
| <a href="#"><u>LSU</u></a><br>Baton Rouge, LA                     | 25,572     | 77           | 1120<br>26                     | \$26,236            |
| <a href="#"><u>MIT</u></a><br>CAMBRIDGE, MA                       | 4,527      | 8            | 1535<br>34                     | \$48,452<br>PRIVATE |
| <a href="#"><u>UNIV. OF MICHIGAN</u></a><br>ANN ARBOR, MI         | 28,983     | 29           | 1450<br>31                     | \$45,410            |
| <a href="#"><u>UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI</u></a><br>Columbia, MO     | 27,812     | 78           | 1245<br>26                     | \$25,892            |
| <a href="#"><u>MOREHOUSE COLLEGE</u></a><br>ATLANTA, GA           | 2,167      | 76           | 1060<br>21                     | \$26,742<br>PRIVATE |
| <a href="#"><u>NEW YORK UNIVERSITY</u></a><br>NEW YORK, NY        | 25,722     | 33           | 1410<br>30                     | \$49,062<br>PRIVATE |
| <a href="#"><u>UNIV. OF N. CAROLINA</u></a><br>CHAPEL HILL, NC    | 18,415     | 30           | 1355<br>29                     | \$33,648            |
| <a href="#"><u>NORTHWESTERN</u></a><br>EVANSTON, IL               | 9,001      | 13           | 1510<br>33                     | \$50,855<br>PRIVATE |

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| NAME                                                                 | ENROLLMENT | %ACCEPTANCE | AVERAGE SAT(R/W+M 1600)/ACT 36 | TUITION ONLY        |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| <a href="#"><u>NOTRE DAME</u></a><br>NOTRE DAME, IN                  | 8,462      | 20          | 1480<br>33                     | \$49,685<br>PRIVATE |
| <a href="#"><u>OKLAHOMA STATE UNIV.</u></a><br>STILLWATER, OK        | 21,046     | 75          | 1165<br>25                     | \$22,443            |
| <a href="#"><u>UNIV. OF OKLAHOMA</u></a><br>NORMAN, OK               | 22,132     | 78          | 1265<br>26                     | \$25,203            |
| <a href="#"><u>UNIV. OF PENNSYLVANIA</u></a><br>PHILADELPHIA, PA     | 9,726      | 10          | 1495<br>32                     | \$51,464<br>PRIVATE |
| <a href="#"><u>PEPPERDINE UNIV.</u></a><br>MALIBU, CA                | 3,533      | 38          | 1275<br>28                     | \$50,022<br>PRIVATE |
| <a href="#"><u>PRINCETON UNIV.</u></a><br>PRINCETON, NJ              | 5,402      | 7           | 1515<br>33                     | \$45,320<br>PRIVATE |
| <a href="#"><u>RICE UNIVERSITY</u></a><br>HOUSTON, TX                | 3,910      | 16          | 1505<br>33                     | \$43,918<br>PRIVATE |
| <a href="#"><u>UNIV. SOUTHERN CALIF.</u></a><br>LOS ANGELES, CA      | 18,810     | 18          | 1430<br>31                     | \$52,283<br>PRIVATE |
| <a href="#"><u>SMU</u></a><br>DALLAS, TX                             | 6,411      | 49          | 1375<br>30                     | \$50,358<br>PRIVATE |
| <a href="#"><u>SOUTHWESTERN UNIV.</u></a><br>GEORGETOWN, TX          | 1,515      | 44          | 1225<br>26                     | \$39,060<br>PRIVATE |
| <a href="#"><u>SPELMAN COLLEGE</u></a><br>ATLANTA, GA                | 2,125      | 36          | 1145<br>23                     | \$27,564<br>PRIVATE |
| <a href="#"><u>STANFORD UNIVERSITY</u></a><br>STANFORD, CA           | 6,999      | 9           | 1515<br>33                     | \$47,940<br>PRIVATE |
| <a href="#"><u>TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIV.</u></a><br>FORT WORTH, TX       | 8,894      | 43          | 1245<br>27                     | \$42,670<br>PRIVATE |
| <a href="#"><u>TRINITY UNIVERSITY</u></a><br>SAN ANTONIO, TX         | 2,273      | 48          | 1325<br>29                     | \$39,560<br>PRIVATE |
| <a href="#"><u>TULANE UNIVERSITY</u></a><br>NEW ORLEANS, LA          | 8,339      | 31          | 1385<br>31                     | \$51,010<br>PRIVATE |
| <a href="#"><u>VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY</u></a><br>NASHVILLE, TN        | 6,883      | 12          | 1535<br>33                     | \$46,110<br>PRIVATE |
| <a href="#"><u>UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA</u></a><br>Charlottesville, VA | 16,736     | 30          | 1405<br>31                     | \$45,058            |
| <a href="#"><u>WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY</u></a><br>WINSTON-SALEM, NC   | 4,871      | 29          | 1365<br>30                     | \$49,308<br>PRIVATE |
| <a href="#"><u>WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY</u></a><br>ST. LOUIS, MO        | 7,504      | 17          | 1505<br>33                     | \$49,770<br>PRIVATE |
| <a href="#"><u>WELLESLEY COLLEGE</u></a><br>WELLESLEY, MA            | 2,286      | 30          | 1435<br>31                     | \$48,802<br>PRIVATE |
| <a href="#"><u>YALE UNIVERSITY</u></a><br>NEW HAVEN, CT              | 5,532      | 7           | 1535<br>33                     | \$49,480<br>PRIVATE |

Please consult with the university for exact costs, size and admission information

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## Community College Programs

### **AUTO TECHNOLOGY/AUTO BODY**

Brookhaven College – DCCCD  
Cedar Valley College – DCCCD  
Eastfield College – DCCCD  
Grayson County College

### **AVIATION/FLIGHT SCHOOL**

Central Texas College  
Mountain View College – DCCCD

### **CHEFS/CULINARY ARTS**

Collin College  
El Centro College – DCCCD  
Texas State Technical College/Waco

### **COMMERCIAL MUSIC**

Cedar Valley College – DCCCD  
McLennan Community College

### **COMPUTER APPLICATIONS PROGRAMMERS**

Eastfield College – DCCCD  
El Centro College – DCCCD  
Richland Junior College - DCCCD  
Texas State Technical College/Waco

### **COMPUTER SERVICE TECHNICIANS**

Brookhaven College – DCCCD  
Eastfield College – DCCCD  
El Centro College – DCCCD  
Richland Junior College – DCCCD  
Texas State Technical College/Waco

### **COSMETOLOGISTS**

Cosmetology Career Center  
Dallas Barber & Stylist College  
Grayson County College  
ITS Beauty College  
McLennan Community College  
Navarro College

### **CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS OFFICER**

Cedar Valley College  
El Centro College – DCCC  
Grayson County College  
McLennan Community College  
Tarrant County Junior College, NW

### **DENTAL ASSISTANTS/DENTAL HYGIENISTS**

ATI Health Education Center  
Collin College  
Tarrant County Junior College

### **DRAFTERS**

Collin College  
Eastfield College – DCCCD  
El Centro College – DCCCD  
Tarrant County Junior College, NW

### **EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS (EMT)**

Brookhaven College – DCCCD  
Collin College  
El Centro College – DCCCD  
Grayson County College  
McLennan Community College  
Trinity Valley College

### **FASHION COORDINATORS**

Brookhaven College – DCCCD  
Tarrant County Junior College, NW  
The Art Institute of Dallas

### **FASHION/INTERIOR DESIGN**

El Centro College – DCCCD  
The Art Institute of Dallas

### **GRAPHIC DESIGN**

Collin College  
Texas State Technical College/Waco

### **HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING**

Cedar Valley College  
Grayson County College  
Tarrant County Junior College

### **MEDICAL ASSISTANTS**

ATI Health Education Center  
Eastfield College – DCCCD  
Concorde Career Center  
PCI Health Training Center

### **NURSES, LICENSED PRACTICAL**

El Centro College – DCCCD  
Grayson County College

### **NURSES, REGISTERED**

Brookhaven College – DCCCD  
Grayson County College  
McLennan Community College  
Navarro College

### **OIL & GAS PRODUCTION**

Navarro Community College

### **REAL ESTATE AGENTS/BROKERS**

Cedar Valley College  
North Lake College  
Richland Junior College – DCCCD  
Tarrant County Junior College, NE  
Tyler Junior College

### **WELDING**

Grayson County College  
Navarro College  
Tarrant County Junior College, NW  
Tyler Junior College



# Collin College Pre-Admission Partnerships

Collin College Pre-Admission Partnerships allows student to complete the first 2 years of their bachelor's degrees, pay Collin tuition rates, and guarantee admissions to the partner university if admission requirements are meet. Pre-Admission Programs will help reduce the time to earn a degree, making college more affordable and accessible.

- As a Collin student, you may apply to participate in any of the ten Pre-Admission Programs.
  - Each program has its own admission procedure.

~ ~ ~ Colleges partnering with Collin College ~ ~ ~

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Austin College                | Texas Tech University         |
| Baylor University             | Texas Women's University      |
| Dallas Baptist University     | Texas Wesleyan University     |
| Southern Methodist University | University of Texas at Dallas |
| Texas A&M University-Commerce | University of North Texas     |



## Texas Success Initiative (TSI)

Test required by 2 & 4 year Texas public colleges/universities for college course placement (not criteria for admission)

TSI assessment consists of 3 parts: Reading, Writing, and Math

- Exemptions may be based on the following SAT or ACT scores:
  - ACT score of 23 composite; with a score of at least 19 English & 19 Math
  - SAT scores – minimum score of 480 CR/W & 530 M

## AP<sup>®</sup> CollegeBoard ~ AP Testing

AP courses are recognized as a means for high achieving students to receive college credit while still in high school...

- AP tests are given in May each year
- Each AP test is given a score from 1 to 5
- Credit awarded varies among colleges and universities

College credit and placement website: <https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/creditandplacement>  
To access AP scores online go to: <https://apscore.collegeboard.org/scores>



# FINAL EXAM GRADE WAIVER AND EXEMPTION GUIDELINES

## Final Exam Grade Waiver- 11<sup>th</sup> graders

Students enrolled in an AP course for the second semester of the school year may be eligible for a grade waiver from the final exam in that subject for the second semester if the following conditions exist:

- ✓ A minimum overall 2<sup>nd</sup> semester average of 80 (per class) and a minimum grade of 80 in the final grading period.
- ✓ Student takes the National AP exam for that course in May.
- ✓ Student shall have no more than four absences during the second semester (per class).
- ✓ Student shall have no more than five tardies in that AP class.
- ✓ No major infractions resulting in ISS, Saturday School, Out of School Suspension, or Special Program Center.
- ✓ Student must have no outstanding fines, fees, or debts for school property or other PISD services.
- ✓ Student takes the semester exam on the date/time original scheduled, in the case of an excused absence, during the determined make-up exam time.

### To qualify for the grade waiver:

- ❖ Students must report to class on the day of the exam and take the final exam for the course.
- ❖ If the semester exam grade benefits the student, it will be recorded and counted toward the student's course grade.
- ❖ If a student has an unexcused absence during the exam, the student forfeits the option to take advantage of the exam grade waiver, and will take the exam for credit.



## Final Exam Exemption-12<sup>th</sup> grade

Seniors may qualify for exemption from final exams during the second semester of the school year if the following conditions exist:

### Seniors in AP courses

- ✓ A senior in an AP class must meet the criteria noted **above** to qualify for exemption in that AP class.
- ✓ A senior in an AP course who chooses not to take the national exam may also qualify for the final exam exemption if all of the requirements for the Senior Exemption Guidelines are met.

### Seniors in non-AP courses

- A minimum overall 2<sup>nd</sup> semester average of 85 (per class) and a minimum grade of 85 in the final grading period.
- Student shall have no more than four absences during the second semester (per class).
- Student shall have no more than five tardies in each class.
- No major infractions resulting in ISS, Saturday School, Out of School Suspension, or Special Program Center.
- Student must have no outstanding fines, fees, or debts for school property or other PISD services.

### To qualify for the exam exemption:

- ❖ Students must be present in class for each exam. Various activities will be conducted at this time for students qualified to use exemptions, including the completion of course evaluations, student surveys, and projects.
- ❖ Exempt students may choose to take the exam. If the semester exam grade benefits the student, it will be recorded and counted toward the student's course grade.
- ❖ If a student has an unexcused absence during the exam, the student forfeits the option to take advantage of the exam exemption, and will take the exam for credit.



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### COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

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### COURSE CATALOG

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*The Sport Source: The Official Athletic College Guide.*



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