



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

Junior Checklist for College Readiness (Class of 2022)

Test Dates/Registration Deadlines/Test Type

February 6, 2021/January 8, 2021/ACT
Wednesday, March 3, 2021/Anticipated SAT School Day Administration/SAT
March 13, 2021/February 12, 2021/SAT
April 17, 2021/March 12, 2021/ACT
May 8, 2021/April 8, 2021/SAT
June 5, 2021/May 6, 2021/SAT
June 12, 2021/May 7, 2021/ACT
July 17, 2021/June 18, 2021/ACT
August 28th/Anticipated SAT Summer Test Administration/SAT

College Entrance Exams

Take the PSAT on January 26, 2021 (tentatively scheduled for Jan. 26th in early Winter).

1. **You will get information from our campus once plans are finalized).**
2. Study with the PSAT study guide and online through collegeboard.org
3. The junior PSAT is connected to the National Merit Competition and it is also used as a measure for College Readiness, so it is **IMPORTANT TO DO YOUR BEST ON THE PSAT**. Our District pays for all AISD students **ninth through 11th grade** and there is no need to pre-register.

Take the SAT/ACT at least once during the spring of Junior year

We anticipate that on Wed., March 3, ALL AISD 11th graders will take the SAT School Day test administration at their HS campus (you will receive information from your campus once plans are finalized).

1. **SAT:** www.collegeboard.org *Test Fee: SAT Reasoning Test (with Writing) - \$68
2. **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.

Ensure you are enrolled in the most rigorous coursework possible and that you are doing your Best!

Keep in mind that the GPA (which drives your rank) that you will use for applying to college is calculated from all coursework taken ninth through 11th grade (even HS credits taken in seventh and eighth grade).

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.

Talk to your Counselor about your College Readiness Based on your SAT, ACT, TSI and Other Test Scores

1. **Get to know your counselor and college advisor** well. They will be invaluable during the college application process. Make an appointment to go over your transcript and your college plans. Visit the **College & Career Center** often!
2. Get close to your **junior teachers**. You may need them for Letters of Recommendation early next year.

Research Colleges and Universities

1. Try to visit colleges and have a solid list of your top four choices by the start of your senior year.
2. Good websites for college searches are: www.collegeforalltexas.com, <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org>, www.actstudent.org.
3. **Visit possible colleges** and ask many questions. Use a College Visit form to be cleared with attendance. Juniors are allowed 2 visits and seniors are allowed 2 visits with the form turned in before the visit and verification of attendance after the visit. See your college advisor for more information.
4. **Also, utilize www.student.naviance.com to work on the Application Planner, college searches, etc.** This is a great program to help students track college applications and scholarships, create resumes, and help them keep up with the college application process.

Community Service can Boost Your Resume: Get involved in clubs, activities (keep a log/resume).

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>

Career Resources

1. Where To Learn About Careers? <https://roadtripnation.com>
2. Explore Careers: Naviance Student App: (www.student.naviance.com)
other career exploration tools: <http://launchmycareertx.org>
3. *Texas Workforce Commission (TWC): <https://lmci.state.tx.us/explore/TSC/k12.asp>
4. Careers In The Military: <https://www.careersinthemilitary.com/>
5. 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, specifics TBA
2. AISD Scholarship Fair —December 2020—at PAC and/or virtually, specifics TBA
3. Career And Job Fair—Late January 2021 (tentative)—Delco and/or virtually, specifics TBA
4. NACAC Austin National College Fair —Late March 2021—TBA