AUSTIN Independent School District

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

Junior Checklist

for College Readiness

Class of 2020

☐ Take the PSAT on **Oct. 10, 2018**. Study with the PSAT study guide. 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 9th -11th and no need to pre-register.

☐ Take the SAT/ACT at least once during the spring of Junior year. We anticipate that on Tuesday, April 9th, ALL AISD 11th graders will take the SAT School Day test administration at their HS campus.

Test Dates and Registration Deadlines

ACT February 9, 2019 | **Deadline:** January 11, 2019

SAT March 9, 2019 | **Deadline:** February 8, 2019

ACT April 13, 2019 | **Deadline:** March 8, 2019

Anticipated SAT school day administration *Tuesday, April 9, 2019*

SAT May 4, 2019 | **Deadline:** April 5, 2019

SAT June 1, 2019 | **Deadline:** May 3, 2019

ACT June 8, 2019 | **Deadline:** May 3, 2019

ACT July 13, 2019 | **Deadline:** June 14, 2019

Anticipated SAT summer test administration ** August 24, 2019 **

SAT: www.collegeboard.org | *Test Fee: SAT Reasoning Test (with Writing) $64.50
ACT: www.act.org | *Test Fee: ACT assessment plus Writing $67
***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 9th–11th grade** (even HS credits taken in 7th and 8th grade).

☐ **SAT and ACT Prep is important.** 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.

☐ **Work on Community Service** to boost your resume. Get involved in clubs, activities (keep a log/resume).

☐ **Research colleges and universities.** Try to visit colleges and have a solid list of your top four choices by the summer of your senior year. Good websites for college searches are: www.collegeforalltexans.com, https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org, www.actstudent.org. **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.

☐ **Get to know your counselor and college advisor well.** They will be invaluable during the college application process. Make

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an appointment to go over your transcript and your college plans. Visit the College & Career Center often!

☐ **Get close to your junior teachers.** You may need them for Letters of Recommendation early next year.

☐ **Visit potential colleges and ask lots of 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.

Academic Resources

Sat Customized Test Prep: www.khanacademy.org
Act Personalized Practice: www.academy.act.org
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

Explore And Compare College Options: https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search
Naviance College Match: www.student.naviance.com
Compare Colleges: https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/
Get Financial Aid Guidance: https://StudentAid.gov

Career Resources

Where To Learn About Careers? https://roadtripnation.com
Explore Careers: Naviance Student App (www.student.naviance.com)
Other Career Exploration Tools: http://launchmycareertx.org
*Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) https://lmci.state.tx.us/explore/TSC/k12.asp
Careers In The Military: https://www.careersinthemilitary.com/
ASVAB Test: Contact a Recruiter http://www.todaysmilitary.com/

College Fairs

TACRAO College Fair: September 26, 2018, Delco Center (9:30–11:30 a.m.)
National Hispanic College Fair: February (2nd or 3rd week), Date & Location TBD
NACAC Austin National College Fair: March 26, 2019, Palmer Event Center (5:30–8 p.m.)