



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

## Senior Checklist for College Readiness Class of 2019

### Test Dates and Registration Deadlines

**ACT** September 8, 2018 | **Deadline:** August 12, 2018  
**SAT & Subject Tests** October 6, 2018 | **Deadline:** September 7, 2018  
**ACT** October 27, 2018 | **Deadline:** September 28, 2018  
**SAT & Subject Tests** November 3, 2018 | **Deadline:** October 5, 2018  
**SAT & Subject Tests** December 1, 2018 | **Deadline:** November 2, 2018  
**ACT** December 8, 2018 | **Deadline:** November 2, 2018  
**ACT** February 9, 2019 | **Deadline:** January 11, 2019  
**SAT** March 9, 2019 | **Deadline:** February 8, 2019

☐ **College Entrance exams.** Take college entrance exams in spring of junior year and early senior year.

SAT: [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) | \*Test Fee: SAT Reasoning Test (with Writing) \$64.50

ACT: [www.act.org](http://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 courses** possible. Investigate about **dual credit and advanced course options** with your counselor.

☐ **SAT and ACT Prep is important.** See your counselor or visit the College & Career Center for SAT Prep classes in the area. Practice SAT and ACT questions on-line at [www.number2.com](http://www.number2.com). Other free websites that offer SAT/ACT Prep online are [www.sat.collegeboard.org](http://www.sat.collegeboard.org), ACT [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org), or <https://www.khanacademy.org/test-prep/sats>. Sign up for the SAT question of the day at [www.collegeboard.org](http://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.** Try to visit colleges and have a solid list of your top four choices by the start of your senior year. Good websites for college searches are: [www.collegeforalltexas.com](http://www.collegeforalltexas.com), <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org>, [www.student.naviance.com](http://www.student.naviance.com)

☐ **Apply to colleges early before the deadlines:** for most colleges in Texas apply through [applytexas.org](http://applytexas.org), private and/or out of state colleges through [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)  
Some Application Deadlines: Oct 15, 2018 – Early deadline for many competitive schools  
Oct 15, Nov 15, or Dec 1 – Priority deadlines for many TX colleges/universities  
(Visit each college website, as it is all dependent on what program you are seeking, etc.)

☐ **Continue working on Community Service Projects throughout your senior year to boost your resume.** Get involved in school and join a club or activity. Polish up and update your resume.

☐ 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 lots of questions. **Seniors may use two school days for college visits provided they submit a**



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College Visit form and verification of attendance (ask your college advisor about the process). Also attend FALL College Fairs (eg., TACRAO in Sept 26th)

- ☐ **Show Me The Money!!** Yes, there is money to pay for college, but you must **apply for scholarships** by completing applications, essays and submitting all requested paperwork by the DEADLINES. You also need to complete the **FAFSA (FAFSA for 2019-2020 goes live Oct. 1st )**

\***New Change ~earlier state aid priority deadline: Jan 15th!** Make sure to submit your FAFSA by Winter break to access the highest amount of financial aid.

Many Scholarship opportunities are posted in Naviance ([www.student.naviance.com](http://www.student.naviance.com))

### Academic Resources

Sat Customized Test Prep: [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org)

Act Personalized Practice: [www.academy.act.org](http://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](http://www.student.naviance.com)

Compare Colleges: <https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/>

Get Financial Aid Guidance: <https://StudentAid.gov>

Complete the FAFSA (the FREE Application for Federal Student Aid): <https://fafsa.ed.gov>

### Career Resources

Where To Learn About Careers? <http://roadtripnation.com>

Explore Careers: Naviance Student App ([www.student.naviance.com](http://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/Scholarship Fairs

TACRAO College Fair: September 26, 2018, Delco Center (9:30–11:30 a.m.)

AISD Scholarship Fair: January 23, 2019, Performing Arts Center (9:30–11:30 a.m.)

NACAC Austin National College Fair: March 26, 2019, Palmer Event Center (5:30–8 p.m.)