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

Junior Checklist for College Readiness (Class of 2021)

Test Dates/Registration Deadlines/Test Type
- February 8, 2020/January 10, 2020/ACT
- Wednesday, March 4, 2020/Anticipated SAT School Day Administration/SAT
- March 14, 2020/February 14, 2020/SAT
- April 4, 2020/February 28, 2020/ACT
- May 2, 2020/April 3, 2020/SAT
- June 6, 2020/May 8, 2020/SAT
- June 13, 2020/May 8, 2020/ACT
- July 18, 2020/June 19, 2020/ACT
- **August 22nd**/Anticipated SAT Summer Test Administration/SAT

College Entrance Exams

Take the PSAT on Oct. 16, 2019
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 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 4, ALL AISD 11th graders will take the SAT School Day test administration at their HS campus.

1. SAT: [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) *Test Fee: SAT Reasoning Test (with Writing) - $64.50
2. ACT: [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) *Test Fee: ACT assessment plus Writing - $68

*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.

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.
3. 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.

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
3. (Visit each college website, as it is all dependent on what program you are seeking, etc.)

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

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.

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

Career Resources

2. Explore Careers: Naviance Student App: (www.student.naviance.com)
   other career exploration tools: http://launchmycareertx.org
5. ASVAB Test: Contact a Recruiter: http://www.todaysmilitary.com/

College Fairs/Scholarship Fairs

1. TACRAO College Fair—September 25, 2019—Delco Center (9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.)
2. AISD Scholarship Fair —December 9, 2019—Performing Arts Center (9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.)
3. Career And Job Fair—January 22, 2020 (tentative)—Delco Center (9:30 a.m.-11:30AM)
4. NACAC Austin National College Fair —April 16, 2020—Palmer Event Center (5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.)