Senior Checklist for College Readiness (Class of 2020)

**Test Dates/Registration Deadlines/Test Type**

September 14, 2019/August 16, 2019/ACT  
October 5, 2019/September 6, 2019/SAT and Subject Tests  
October 26, 2019/September 20, 2019/ACT  
November 2, 2019/October 3, 2019/SAT and Subject Tests  
December 7, 2019/November 8, 2019/SAT and Subject Tests  
December 14, 2019/November 8, 2019/ACT  
February 8, 2020/January 10, 2020/ACT  
March 14, 2020/February 14, 2020/SAT

**College Entrance Exams**

1. Take college entrance exams in spring of junior year and early senior year  
2. SAT: [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) *Test Fee: SAT Reasoning Test (with Writing) - $64.50*  
3. 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.

4. 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**

1. 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  

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**

1. Try to visit colleges and have a solid list of your top four choices by the start  
2. of your senior year.  
3. Good websites for college searches are: [www.collegeforalltexans.com](http://www.collegeforalltexans.com), [https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org](https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org), [www.student.naviance.com](http://www.student.naviance.com)

**Apply to Colleges Early Before the Deadlines**

1. 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)  
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 Projects in Your Senior Year can Boost Your Resume**

1. Get involved in school and join a club or activity. Polish up and update your resume.  
2. 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.
3. Visit possible colleges and ask many questions. Seniors may use two school days for college visits provided they submit a College Visit form and verification of attendance (ask your college advisor about the process).

Also attend FALL College Fairs (eg., TACRAO in Sept 25th at Delco Center).
1. **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.
2. You also need to complete the **FAFSA** (FAFSA for 2020-2021, your first college year goes live **Oct. 1**).
3. **Change** that went into effect last year - **NEW state aid priority deadline: Jan 15th**! Make sure to submit your FAFSA by Winter break to access the highest amount of financial aid.
4. Many Scholarship opportunities are posted in Naviance (www.student.naviance.com) Apply!

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

**Career Resources**
2. Explore Careers: Naviance Student App (www.student.naviance.com)
3. other career exploration tools: http://launchmycareertx.org
5. Careers In The Military: https://www.careersinthemilitary.com/
6. ASVAB Test: Contact a Recruiter http://www.todaysmilitary.com/

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