



# Austin Independent School District

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

## JUNIOR CHECKLIST for College Readiness

CLASS of 2021

- ☐ 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 9<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th</sup>, ALL AISD 11<sup>th</sup> graders will take the SAT School Day test administration at their HS campus.

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 22 <sup>nd</sup> **	Anticipated SAT summer test administration	SAT

SAT [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)  
ACT [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

\*Test Fee: SAT Reasoning Test (with Writing) - \$64.50  
\*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 9<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> grade** (even HS credits taken in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade).
- ☐ **SAT and ACT Prep is important.** 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).
- ☐ 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.collegeforalltexas.com](http://www.collegeforalltexas.com), <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org>, [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). **Also, utilize [www.student.naviance.com](http://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 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.



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## 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>

## CAREER RESOURCES

WHERE TO LEARN ABOUT CAREERS? <https://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

TACRAO College Fair	September 25, 2019	Delco Center (9:30AM - 11:30AM)
National Hispanic College Fair	Mid/Late March	Date & Location TBD
CAREER AND JOB FAIR	Early Spring	Delco Center (9:30AM-11:30AM)
NACAC Austin National College Fair	March 24, 2020 ( <i>tentative</i> )	Palmer Event Center (5:30PM – 8:00PM)