



Austin Independent School District

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

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 & Subject Tests
October 26, 2019	September 20, 2019	ACT
November 2, 2019	October 3, 2019	SAT & Subject Tests
December 7, 2019	November 8, 2019	SAT & 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. Take college entrance exams** in spring of junior year and early senior year
SAT www.collegeboard.org *Test Fee: SAT Reasoning Test (with Writing) - \$64.50
ACT 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 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. 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.
- 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, <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org>, www.student.naviance.com
- **Apply to colleges early before the deadlines:** for most colleges in Texas apply through applytexas.org, private and/or out of state colleges through www.commonapp.org
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
(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 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).
- **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 2020-2021, your first college year goes live **Oct. 1st**)
***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.
Many Scholarship opportunities are posted in Naviance (www.student.naviance.com) Apply!



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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>

COMPLETE the FAFSA (the FREE Application for Federal Student Aid): <https://fafsa.ed.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/SCHOLARSHIP FAIRS

TACRAO COLLEGE FAIR	September 25, 2019	Delco Center (9:30AM - 11:30AM)
AISD SCHOLARSHIP FAIR	December 6, 2019	Performing Arts Center (9:30AM – 11:30A.M.)
CAREER AND JOB FAIR	January 22, 2020	Delco Center (9:30AM-11:30AM)
NACAC Austin National College Fair	Late March	Palmer Event Center (5:30PM – 8:00PM)