

Mindful of Education



Convocation

Tuesday, August 21, 2007



Areas of Focus



- ✓ May 2008 Bond
- ✓ 2007-2012 Strategic Plan
- ✓ Student and Family Services Department
- ✓ Renewed emphasis on professional learning
- ✓ Investigating the possibility of offering an online master's degree option

Jennifer James



- ✓ Thinking in the *future tense*
 - ✓ Visualizing the future and working back to the present
 - ✓ Start with the end in mind

Thinking in the *future tense*

- ✓ 21st Century Learning
 - ✓ Core subjects
 - ✓ Interdisciplinary themes
 - ✓ Global awareness
 - ✓ Economic awareness
 - ✓ Civic literacy
 - ✓ Health literacy

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- ✓ 21st Century Learning
- ✓ University Ready
 - ✓ AVID
 - ✓ Comprehensive web site for students, parents and teachers



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University Ready



Welcome message from Dr. Doug One

Featured Website

Explore career futures by focusing in on your personal interests using ACT's [World-of-Work-Map](#).

Featured Article

"What makes a college admissions officer say yes to one applicant and no to the next?"
[Please, Let Me In!](#)

Upcoming Events

College Nights
Monday, September 10, 2007
Plano East Senior High School
7:00 - 9:00 pm

Tuesday, September 11, 2007
Plano West Senior High School
6:30 - 8:30 pm

PSAT/NMSQT Test
Wednesday, October 17, 2007
10th and 11th graders
High School and Senior High Campuses

SAT Test Dates

University Ready is designed to aid Plano students and parents as they prepare for all aspects of post-secondary experience.

Plano ISD is committed to college readiness for all students. We further believe that college readiness is a result of thoughtful and conscious preparations, not chance or privilege.

It's never too soon and never too late to start down the University Ready path. Here are resources to help you begin

Featured Alumni

(Placeholder photos. Actual photos of alumni will be added along with a link to page of brief archived interviews with the selected alumni)



"Amy Johnson"
Advertising Exec
PWSH
Class of '08



"Trumpeter Will"
Orchestra
Conductor
PESH
Class of '07



"Sally Smith"
Nuclear Physicist
PSHS
Class of '12

Watch interviews with these amazing alumnae and other biographies of other



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Academic Readiness



Once you begin your college career, you need to feel confident that your high school preparation was more than adequate: this is academic readiness, a crucial component for college success. It means that you can handle college courses with a high level of confidence.

Basic College Vocabulary

Common terms used by many institutions of higher learning.
[Glossary of College Terms \(U of North Texas\)](#)
[General College Glossary \(PBS\)](#)
[College Survival Vocabulary](#)
[100 Essential College Words](#)

ACT

College entrance exam published by American College Testing that measures a student's ability in math, verbal comprehension and problem solving.
[American College Testing Test Prep](#)

College Requirements

[General College Admission Requirements](#)
[General Outline of High School Courses](#)

PSAT/NMSQT

PSAT is a preliminary standardized test, a shorter version of the SAT, which can determine eligibility for academic scholarships.
[Preliminary SAT National Merit](#)

4-Year Plan

A student's written high school plan of academic courses.
[Academic Planning \(US Dept of Education\)](#)
[College Board High School Planning Worksheet](#)
[College Prep Timeline](#)
[ACT College Planning Checklist](#)

Middle School Guidance

[Middle School Timeline](#)
[ACT College Readiness Test \(Explore\)](#)

GPA

Grade Point Average—a numerical value assigned to your scholastic record.
[Calculate Your GPA](#)
[Grade Point Average Calculator](#)

AVID

An in-school academic support program that prepares students for college eligibility and success by placing academically average students in advanced classes.
[Advancement Via Individual Determination](#)

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- ✓ Accountability
- ✓ Department of Student and Family Services
- ✓ Capacity Development
 - ✓ Staff development
 - ✓ Team leader training

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myclasses - MyClass Jasper High School - Mozilla Firefox

http://jasper.mypisd.net/myclasses/

Welcome to myPISD.net

Welcome to the Class Foyer

This is your entry point for myclasses and contains a list of all your classes. Find out what's new in myclasses.

Class Summary

Class Name	Status	Action
01 CHEMISTRY 1 187	Open	none
02 W HIST H 226	Open	none
03 ALGEBRA 2 353	Open	none
04 CHOIR 2 411	Open	none
05 DESKTOP PUBL 541	Open	none
06 ENG 2 H 677	Open	none
07 LATIN 2 H 765	Open	none

Grade Summary

Class Name	SW1	SW2	SW3	Exam	Sem 1
ALGEBRA 2	93	92	83		89
CHEMISTRY 1	92	97	91		93
CHOIR 2	99	100	99		99
DESKTOP PUBL	97	99	100		99
ENG 2 H	90	87	84		87
LATIN 2 H	91	92	94		92
WHST H	74	90	83		82

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Title	Date Added
songCD.doc	Fri 05 May 2006
review.doc	Tue 12 Sep 2006
reviewquestions.pdf	Tue 31 Oct 2006
pic.doc	Sun 19 Nov 2006
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The Digital Student

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Kids may comprise
20% of our population,
but they are 100% of our future

Let's get them ready!



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