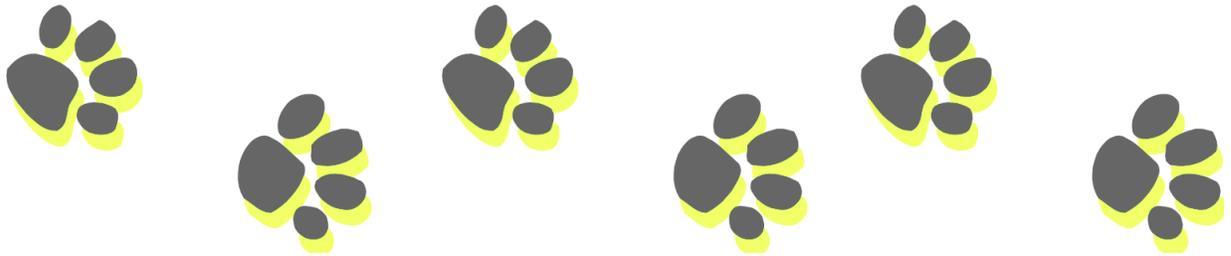


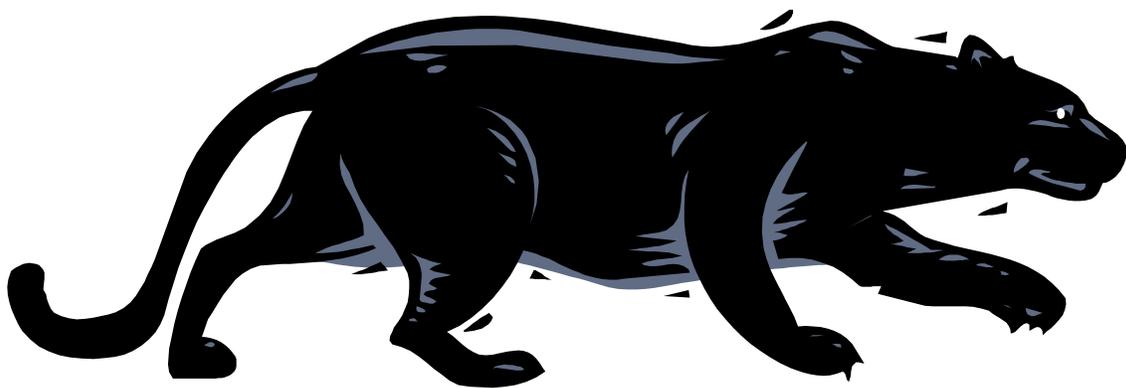
# **Plano East Senior High**

## **Junior to Senior**

### **Handbook**



# **Class of 2023**



# TEXAS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

New graduation plans took effect for the fall of 2013 in Texas. Counselors will work closely with students to determine which plan best fits their academic goals and post-secondary plans.

An overview of all graduation plans is shown on page 3 of this handbook. Detailed information can be found in the course catalog, which can be found on the Plano ISD website.

In addition to meeting coursework requirements, all students must pass End of Course exams in the following areas: English 1, English 2, Algebra 1, Biology and US History.

## EOC Retest Dates for Spring 2022

Tuesday, April 5      English 1 Retest  
 Thursday, April 7    English 2 Retest  
 May 3 - 9            Algebra 1/Biology/  
                                  US History Retest Window

## EOC Retest Dates for Summer 2022

Tuesday, June 21     English 1 Retest  
 Thursday, June 23    English 2 Retest  
 June 21 - 24         Algebra 1/Biology/  
                                  US History Retest Window

More information regarding End of Course exams can be found at [www.tea.state.tx.us](http://www.tea.state.tx.us)

GRADE POINTS: Class of 2023					
Numerical Grade	AP/IB	Honors	Regular	Modified	Applied/ Fundamental
97 & above	5.0	4.5	4.0	3.5	2.5
93 – 96	4.8	4.3	3.8	3.3	2.3
90 – 92	4.6	4.1	3.6	3.1	2.1
87 – 89	4.4	3.9	3.4	2.9	1.9
83 – 86	4.2	3.7	3.2	2.7	1.7
80 – 82	4.0	3.5	3.0	2.5	1.5
77 – 79	3.8	3.3	2.8	2.3	1.3
73 – 76	3.6	3.1	2.6	2.1	1.0
71 – 72	3.4	2.9	2.4	1.9	1.0
70	3.0	2.5	2.0	1.5	1.0
Below 70	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

# Texas Graduation Requirements

Required Subject Areas	Foundation/Endorsement Plan Students are eligible to apply for general admission to state colleges and universities	English Language Arts 4 <sup>th</sup> year English:	Math 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> year Math:	Science 2 <sup>nd</sup> year Science:	Science 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> year Science
English	4 Credits English 1,2,3, 4 <sup>th</sup> year choice (EOCs: English 1 and English 2)	English 4  Oral Interpretation 3	Math Models (must be taken before Algebra 2)  Algebra 2	IPC (Integrated Physics and Chemistry)  Chemistry	Chemistry  Physics
Math	4 credits Algebra 1, Geometry, 3 <sup>rd</sup> year choice, 4 <sup>th</sup> year choice (EOC: Algebra 1)	Debate 3  AP English Literature and Composition	<b>Algebra 2 is a prerequisite for the following courses:</b>  Pre-calculus		Earth and Space Science  Environmental Systems
Science	4 credits: Biology, 2 <sup>nd</sup> year choice 3 <sup>rd</sup> year choice, 4 <sup>th</sup> year choice (EOC Biology)	IB Language Studies A1 HL  Professional Communication – if taken after English 3 – a ½ semester course which must be combined with another ½ semester course	Advanced Quantitative Reasoning  AP Statistics		AP or IB Biology  AP or IB Chemistry
Social Studies	4 credits World Geography, World History, US History, US Government/Economics (EOC: US History)	Literary Genres – if taken after English 3  Creative Writing – if taken after English 3	AP Calculus AB  AP Calculus BC		AP Physics 1-2  AP Physics C
Fine Arts	1.0 credit Art, Music, Theater, Dance, Principles and Elements of Floral Design		Math Independent Study  IB Mathematics SL		IB Physics  AP Environmental Science
Foreign Language	2 credits		IB Mathematics HL  IB Further Mathematics HL		IB Environmental Systems  Anatomy and Physiology Food Science
Health	.5 or 1.0 credit of Principles of Health Science		AP Computer Science A		Forensic Science  Honors Scientific
Physical Education	1.0 credit				Research and Design  Engineering Design and Problem Solving
Communication	.5 credit – AVID 1, Oral Interpretation 1, Debate 1, Professional Communication				Principles of Engineering
Electives/ Endorsement Choices	5 credits				
<b>Total</b>	<b>26 Credits</b>  Distinguished Level of Achievement is the Foundation/Endorsement Plan including Algebra 2. Students are eligible for top 10% automatic admission to state universities.	All prerequisites must be met before taking a course.	All prerequisites must be met before taking a course.	All prerequisites must be met before taking a course.	All prerequisites must be met before taking a course.

# Senior High School Courses 2022-2023

## ENGLISH & READING

^American Studies  
English 3, 3H or 3AP  
# English 4, 4H or 4AP  
# College Prep English  
Bible Literacy  
Literary Genres  
College Read Appl  
Creative Writing  
World of Ideas

## MATHEMATICS

Geometry  
Math Models  
Algebra 2 or Algebra 2H  
# College Prep Math  
Computer Science A AP  
Adv Quant Reasoning  
Statistics  
Statistics AP  
PreCalculus  
PreCalculus H  
Calculus AB AP  
Calculus BC AP  
Digital Electronics  
# Accounting II H

## SCIENCE

Anatomy & Phys  
^Biology AP  
Chemistry 1 or Chemistry 1H  
^Chemistry AP  
Earth & Space Sci  
# Eng Design & Problem Solving  
Engineering Science  
Environ Systems  
Environ Sci AP  
Food Science  
# Forensic Science  
Physics 1 or 1H  
# Physics 1/2 AP  
# Physics C Mechanics AP  
# Physics C Electricity & Mag AP  
Sci Research H

## SOCIAL STUDIES

World Geography  
World History  
^American Studies  
U.S. History  
U.S. History AP  
Euro History AP  
Afr. Amer. Studies  
Mex. Amer. Studies  
# Economics  
# Economics: MAC AP  
# Economics: MIC AP  
# Government  
# Government AP  
Comparative Govt AP  
Contemporary World Issues  
Psychology  
Psychology AP  
Sociology  
Sociology Honors

## FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Am Sign Lang 1, 2 & 3  
Chinese 2  
Chinese 3 Honors  
Chinese 4 AP  
French 2  
French 3 Honors  
French 4 AP  
# French 5 Honors  
German 3 Honors  
German 4 AP  
Spanish 1  
Spanish 2  
Spanish 3 or 3 Hon  
Spanish 4 & 4 AP  
# Spanish 5 AP

## AGRICULTURE

Ag Mechanics & Metal Tech PESH, PSHS  
#^ Ag Structures Design & Fabrication  
PESH, PSHS  
Equine Science  
Floral Design (Fine Art)  
# Advanced Floral Design  
Horticulture  
Landscape Design and Management  
Livestock Production  
Professional Standards in Agribusiness  
Turf Grass Management  
Veterinary Medical Applications  
Wildlife, Fisheries, & Ecology  
Management  
#^ Practicum in Ag, Food, & Natural  
Resources

## ARCHITECTURE & CONSTRUCTION

Architectural Design I  
#^ Architectural Design II  
Interior Design I

## ARTS, A/V TECH, & COMMUNICATIONS

Audio/Video Prod I  
#^ Audio/Video Prod II  
Digital Design and Media Production  
Digital Media  
Fashion Design I  
#^ Fashion Design II  
Graphic Design I  
#^ Graphic Design II  
Video Game Design

## BUSINESS, MARKETING, & FINANCE

Accounting I  
# Accounting II H (math credit)  
Bus Info Management  
Business Law  
Entrepreneurship  
Fashion Marketing  
Global Business  
Principles of Business, Marketing, &  
Finance (11)  
Social Media Marketing  
Sports & Entertainment Marketing  
Virtual Business  
Practicum in Marketing

## CAREER/WORK PROGRAMS

(1 hr class + 2 hrs work)  
Career Preparation I  
# Career Preparation II

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

^ Instructional Practices  
#^ Practicum in Education and Training

## HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM

Intro to Culinary Arts  
Principles of Hospitality and Tourism  
^ Culinary Arts PESH  
Food Science (science credit)  
#^ Practicum in Culinary Arts PESH

## HEALTH SCIENCE

Anatomy & Physiology (science credit)  
Health Science Theory (meets health  
req.)  
Medical Terminology  
# Pharmacology  
^ Practicum in Health Science I\*\*  
#^ Practicum in Health Science II\*\*  
World Health Research

## HUMAN SERVICES

Child Development  
Dollars & Sense  
Family & Community Services  
Interpersonal Studies  
Lifetime Nutrition & Wellness  
Principles of Human Services

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Networking Technologies I  
# Networking Technologies II  
Principles of Information Technology  
Web Design

## JOURNALISM

Journalism  
Independent Study in Journalism  
Newspaper \*\*  
Photojournalism \*\*  
Yearbook \*\*

## LAW & PUBLIC SERVICE

Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections,  
& Security  
# Forensic Science (science credit) PESH,  
PSHS  
Law Enforcement I  
# Law Enforcement II

## STEM

Aerospace Engineering  
Digital Electronics (math credit)  
# Engineering Design & Development  
# Engineering Design & Problem Solving  
(science credit) PSHS  
Engineering Design and Presentation  
Engineering Science (science credit)  
Computer Science I  
Computer Science II  
Computer Science III H  
^ AP Computer Sci A (math credit)  
Scientific Research & Design H

## TRANSPORTATION

^ Automotive Technology I PESH, PSHS  
#^ Automotive Technology II PESH, PSHS  
^ Collision Repair PSHS  
#^ Paint & Refinishing PSHS

## FINE ARTS

Art 1 & 2- 2D or 3D  
Art 3  
Art History AP  
^ AP Art: 2D  
^ AP Art: 3D  
^ AP Art: Drawing  
Art & Media Comm  
Band 3, 3H, #4, #4H  
Jazz Band 3, #4  
Choir 3, 3H, #4, #4H  
Dance 1 - 4  
Music Studies  
Music Theory AP  
Music Theory 2H  
Musical Theater 1  
Musical Theater 2  
Orch 3, 3H, #4, #4H  
Theater 1 - 4  
Tech Theater 1 - 4  
Tech Theater 2 Costume Construction  
Tech Theater 3 Advanced Costume  
Construction  
#Tech Theater 4 Advanced Costume  
Construction

## PHYS ED / HEALTH

JROTC 3  
# JROTC 4  
Dance 1-4 (PE Credit)  
Partners PE  
PE Lifetime Fitness and Wellness  
PE Lifetime Recreation and Outdoor Pursuits  
PE Skill-Based Lifetime Activities  
Cheer  
Drill Team  
Off Campus PE (application/fee)  
Health

## UIL Athletics

(competitive sports; cuts may be made)  
Baseball Condition fall (sem)  
Baseball spring (sem)  
Basketball (boys)  
Basketball (girls)  
Cross Country boys fall (sem)  
Cross Country girls fall (sem)  
Diving  
Football  
Golf  
Soccer (boys)  
Soccer (girls)  
Softball Condition fall (sem)  
Softball spring (sem)  
Swimming  
Tennis  
Track (girls) spring (sem)  
Track (boys) spring (sem)  
Volleyball  
Wrestling

## SPEECH

Debate  
Oral Interpretation  
Professional Comm  
Independent Study in Speech  
Visual Media/ Intro TV

## OTHER ELECTIVES

AP Capstone Seminar  
Peer Assist\*\*  
# Senior Release  
# PALS\*\* (Local Credit)  
AVID 3  
# AVID 4  
Acad Decathlon (local credit)

## Dual Credit

English 3 Honors  
# English 4 Honors  
# Government Honors  
# Economics Honors  
US History Honors  
Pre-Calculus Honors  
Multivariable Calculus  
Statistics Honors  
Biology Honors  
# ASL IV

## COLLAGE COLLEGE INDUSTRIES

ACADEMY \*\*  
Biomedical Equipment Technology  
Electrical Engineering Technology  
Industrial Automation  
Construction Management  
Computer Aided Drafting & Design  
HVAC  
Welding Technology  
Computer Networking

All courses listed are subject to change.

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## KEY

Semester Class  
Course taught at specific campus

# Senior Course

^ 2-hour class

\*\* Application Require

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# Senior Scheduling Options for Fall 2022

## SENIOR SCHEDULE OPTION 1

- Take 7 classes

SENIOR SCHEDULE OPTION 2: A senior who meets the following criteria may be eligible to take only **6 classes**:

- Must be on the Recommended Graduation Plan or Foundation with Endorsement
- Pass all EOC exams
- Completion of **17 credits** by mid-term 11<sup>th</sup> grade
- Must have parental approval

SENIOR SCHEDULE OPTION 3: A senior who meets the following criteria may be eligible to take only **5 classes**:

- Must be on the Recommended Graduation Plan or Foundation with Endorsement
- Pass all EOC exams
- Completion of **17.5 credits** by mid-term 11<sup>th</sup> grade
- Must have parental approval
- **AND** must be enrolled in **3 or more AP or IB** courses per semester.

CORRESPONDENCE AND E-SCHOOL: If you choose to take a course through e-school or correspondence, be sure to check with your counselor first to ensure that you are taking the correct course in the correct format. Correspondence exams may only be administered by Plano East Counseling staff on the Plano East campus.

## SCHEDULE CHANGE PROCEDURES

All requests for schedule changes for 2022-2023 school year must be made by **May 2, 2022**. **No Elective Changes will be made after this date.**

No schedules will be changed during the first three days of school unless a student is misplaced. Students must attend all classes listed on their schedule, or they will have an unexcused absence for the classes missed.

## Overview

With Naviance Student, you can prepare for success after high school. Use this quick guide to get started with the tools in Naviance.

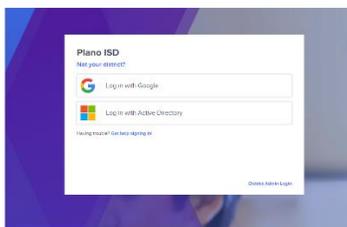
## Getting Started

### From your PISD Web Desk:

1. Tap on the Naviance App to open the program.

### From a web browser:

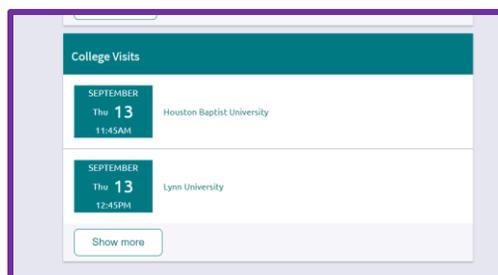
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2. Use the same user name and password that you use to log in to a PISD computer to enter the program.
3. Click "Log in with Clever"
4. Sign in with Active Directory or Google



## Connecting with Colleges

### Log-in to Naviance to see the college visits to Plano East:

1. Upcoming visits are listed under the **What's New** tab on the home page.
2. You can also see them on the **Colleges Home** page.

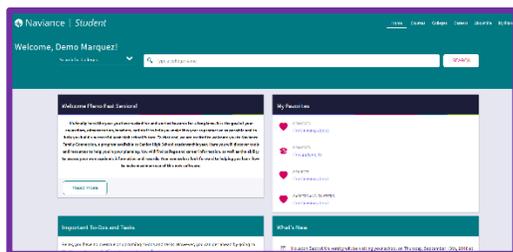


## Colleges Tab

Research colleges, enrichment programs, and scholarships

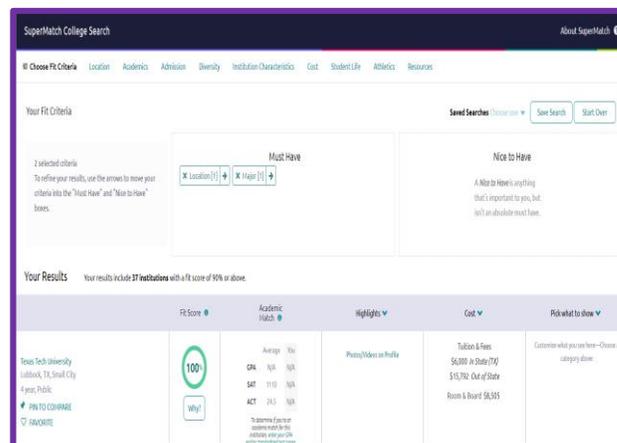
- Add colleges to the **Colleges I'm Thinking About** list
- Use the different College Search options
- Find your college fit using the many tools

## Overview of Naviance Student



### Review the welcome message and links:

1. The welcome message is located on the **Home** page.
2. The school posts pages, links, and updates on the **Home** page.



## Careers Tab

- Review the results of your career interest assessments
- Research careers
- View your favorite career list
- Explore the Roadtrip Nation Interview Archive



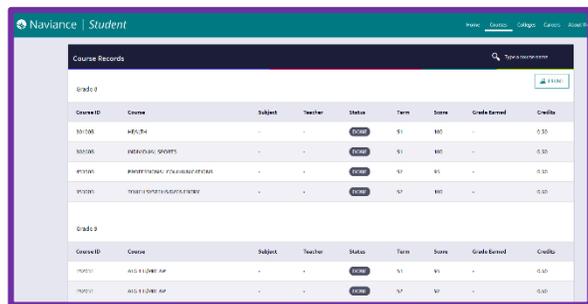
## About Me Tab

- Review your surveys
- Review your resume
- View your test scores
- View documents posted by your school
- Review your journal entries



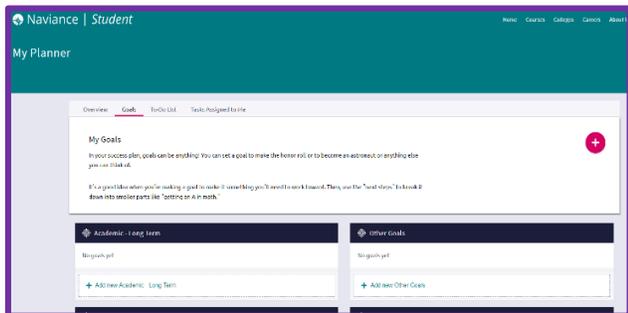
## Courses Tab

- View your course records
- Develop and edit your four-year high school plan



## My Planner Tab

- Review and comment on your child's academic and personal goals
- Review and comment on your child's task lists



# Student Timeline for College Admissions

## JUNIOR YEAR

- Begin to research colleges by going to Naviance Student.
- **Consider taking the SAT and/or the ACT in the spring to allow you time to review results and retake the exams in the fall of your senior year if necessary.**
- Register for May AP Exams. Information will be given through your AP teachers.
- Take the US History End of Course Exam in May.
- AP Exams will be administered at Plano East during the weeks of May 4-15.
- Complete the Personality Profile and Career Interest Survey on Naviance if you have not done so and investigate colleges on the Super Match.
- Looking for opportunities to study in the summer? Check Naviance under “Enrichment Opportunities” for the latest information during the spring semester.

## SUMMER 2022

- Visit colleges during the summer. Call ahead for appointments with the financial aid, admissions and academic advisors at the schools that you plan to visit.
- If you go on interviews or visits, send thank you notes.
- Go on-line to view applications and learn what information you will be asked to provide. Focus on the essay portions and decide how you would like to present yourself to the college admissions representatives.
- Decide if you are going to apply under a particular college’s early decision or early action program. Remember to make note of all of your deadlines, including admissions, housing and scholarship applications!

## SENIOR YEAR

### August/September

- Register to take the SAT and/or ACT tests if you have not done so or if you wish to retake the tests in hopes of making a higher score.
- Attend the College Night program in September to visit with college representatives. Specific dates for upcoming college night programs will be announced at a later date.
- Double check the deadlines for college admissions/housing and scholarships and begin your applications. There may be separate applications and deadlines for housing and scholarships!
- Get a Letter of Recommendation packet from the counseling office or from our Plano East website **if the college requires a letter from your counselor**. Remember to allow **10 school days** for your counselor to write your letter. If you need a teacher recommendation letter, provide them with a resume.
- Create or update your resume. The Resume builder on Naviance is a great tool to use!

### October

- Most early action and early decision applications are due between October 1 and November 1.
- The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will be available this month. Complete it online as soon as possible. The CSS Financial Profile will also be available this month if your college required it. Young men who are 18 years or older must prove selective service registration in order to receive federal financial aid.

### November/December

- Watch the Panther Pause for the December deadline to order transcripts through Naviance.
- Take the EOC test if you did not pass all exams previously.

### February/March

- Check Naviance for scholarship information and to access applications.
- Remember that grades through the **third nine weeks** will be used to calculate your final class rank, and you will send your final transcript to the universities at the *conclusion of the spring semester*.

### April/May

- Watch deposit deadlines for colleges. Most colleges have a May 1 deadline for the deposit.
- Complete the Senior Survey in Naviance, which will include any scholarships that you have received.
- Colleges in Texas require that you have had a Bacterial Meningitis vaccine before you enroll. Be sure that you have taken care of this requirement!

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# Eight Steps to Admissions Success

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1. **Consider applying early.** College admissions deadlines are earlier every year! Getting an application in early often gives you an advantage.
2. **Take the toughest courses you can handle.** A student whose curriculum includes a good number of advanced placement and honors courses has an edge over someone with slightly higher grades with a less rigorous curriculum.
3. **Choose your schools well.** The applications most easily dismissed are from those who have not thought at all about why they are a good match for a certain school and, therefore, have trouble making a plausible case in their essays. It is much easier if you do your research and choose the school rather than applying to numerous universities/colleges in the hopes that at least one will accept you. Be sure to ask questions about housing, meal plans and campus life!
4. **Ask for letters from teachers who will be enthusiastic about you.** A lukewarm recommendation can damage an application.
5. **Get to know your counselor.** Make sure you give your counselor plenty of time to write your letter for you. Four weeks lead-time is a good rule of thumb, but ten school days are required.
6. **Craft essays to the question.** Admissions officers can easily spot "one size fits all" essays, so turn in a clean copy that is carefully proofread. Don't rely on your spell check program, which won't tell you that *Duke* appears in the essay you intended for *Princeton*. Be sure that your essay gives the committee an idea of who you are as a person and as a student.
7. **Do an alumni interview, if it is an option.** This will signal that you are serious about the school.
8. **Don't let up on academics your senior year. *Admissions committees do look at first semester grades and have been known to reject students who take it easy.*** Also remember that you will submit a final transcript to your college showing all of your senior year grades.
9. **Keep accurate records of your application materials.** Maintain a separate file for each school.

While most schools look for similar qualities in applicants, there is no sure-fire formula for getting into a particular college. With that in mind, parents and students should study college websites and quiz recent alumni, current students and admissions officials to learn which school would be the best "fit."

## WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN COLLEGE?

- **Budget your time and stay organized!**
- **Prepare and study for your classes. Typical study time is 2 – 3 hours for every hour that is spent in class.**
- **Go to class and ask questions!**
- **Connect with your professors and with other students through student organizations and study groups.**

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# College Admissions Options

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**Early Action, Early Notification** – These are very similar. High school students apply in the fall of their senior year and the colleges notify them of acceptance generally by January without requiring them to commit financially. Students have until early May to accept or decline an offer of admission.

**Early Decision** – Early Decision is a **binding** agreement between you and the college, so it's essential that you be certain about wanting to enroll at that college.

By applying under an early decision plan, you are making a commitment to attend that college and surrender the right to wait until May 1 to make a decision. With this application method, a student is saying "if I am accepted, I am going – no exceptions". High school counselors and admission officers take this commitment very seriously. It is important to know that you may apply for early decision to only one college. You may apply for regular admission to other colleges during the fall, but once you are admitted under an Early Decision plan, you must withdraw all applications to other colleges immediately.

## When is Early Decision the right choice?

Advice from the experts: Don't opt for Early Decision unless you've spent time on the campus in classes and dorms, and you have a true sense of the academic and social climate of the college. Advocates of Early Decision feel that students who know exactly where they want to go and know that they have the funds to go to the school should take advantage of what Early Decision offers, but again, only if they have meticulously researched their options.

In general the Early Decision applicant pool is more competitive, but fewer in number. More competitive schools are drawing more applicants from their early decision applicants than ever before.

Be sure to investigate what happens if you are denied admission under Early Decision. Questions to ask are:

- Are you automatically placed in the regular decision category if denied early decision acceptance?
- Is the denial final?
- Is it possible to reapply?

## Be Aware!!!

**Colleges and universities use the terms "Early Decision", "Early Action" or "Early Application" differently and/or interchangeably – make sure you understand how the college you are applying to uses the term!**

# COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTING

## Should I take the ACT or the SAT?

Most colleges will accept either test for admission. However, you should check the admission requirements for each college to be sure. Colleges also vary as to the parts of each exam that they require or which parts that they consider for admission. Please see the chart on the following page for more in depth information.

## When do I need to take the SAT or ACT?

We recommend that juniors consider taking the April, May or June SAT and/or ACT. The preferred method of registration is on-line, however registration booklets for these tests are in the Counseling Office. If registration is completed by mail, watch your POSTMARK deadlines carefully. For a quick and easy registration, you may go to the website, where you can also find information on test dates for the 2020-2021 school year. You will need to upload a photo when registering and present photo id when you arrive at the testing site.

### Spring 2022 SAT Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline
March 12, 2022	February 11, 2022
May 7, 2022	April 8, 2022
June 4, 2022	May 5, 2022

### Spring 2022 ACT Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline
February 12, 2022	January 7, 2022
April 2, 2022	February 25, 2022
June 11, 2022	May 6, 2022

**Note:** There are **two** types of **SAT** exams; the Reasoning and a variety of Subject Tests. The basic test is the Reasoning test. Only certain colleges and programs require Subject Tests.

## How do I prepare for the SAT or ACT?

The best preparation for college entrance exams is to do well in your courses in high school and take on as much challenge as you can. There are also many websites and books that can help you prepare. The College Board will soon be offering free online SAT preparation in partnership with the **Khan Academy**. See their website for details.



[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

[www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

# SAT vs. ACT

	(NEW) SAT	ACT
<b>When is it administered?</b>	Seven times per year	Seven times per year
<b>How much does it cost?</b>	<b>\$49.50 (no essay)</b> <b>\$64.50 (plus essay)</b>	<b>\$52.00 (no writing)</b> <b>\$68.00 (plus writing)</b>
<b>What is the test structure?</b>	<b>Three section exam:</b> 1) Reading test 2) Writing & Language test 3) Math test Essay (optional)  Total Time: 3 hours Additional 50 minutes w/ essay	<b>Four section exam:</b> 1) English 2) Math 3) Reading 4) Science Writing (Optional)  Total Time: 3 hours Additional 40 minutes w/ writing
<b>What is the test content?</b>	<b>Math:</b> Focuses on math that research shows is used most in college and career. <b>Evidence-Based Reading &amp; Writing:</b> Questions are passage based. Students are asked to support answers with evidence from a passage.	<b>Math:</b> up to trigonometry <b>Science:</b> charts, experiments <b>Reading:</b> four passages, one each of Prose Fiction, Social Science, Humanities, and Natural Science <b>English:</b> stresses grammar
<b>Is there a penalty for wrong answers?</b>	No	No
<b>How is the test scored?</b>	200 – 800 per section, added together for a combined score of 1600. The writing section is scored separately on a scale of 2-8.	1-36 for each subject, averaged for a composite score. A 36 is the highest possible composite score.
<b>Are all scores sent to schools?</b>	<b>No.</b> There is a "Score Choice" option. Students can choose which schools will receive their scores AND which scores the schools will see.	<b>No.</b> There is a "Score Choice" option. Students can choose which schools will receive their scores AND which scores the schools will see.
<b>Are there other uses for the exams?</b>	Scholarship purposes Texas Success Initiative	Scholarship purposes Texas Success Initiative
<b>Best time to register?</b>	At least <b>six weeks</b> before the test date	At least <b>six weeks</b> before the test date



[www.Khanacademy.org](http://www.Khanacademy.org)

- Free personalized SAT test prep
- College essay help
- College admissions resources
- Free tutorial help in every subject

Khan Academy is a free education website that offers, “a free, world-class, education for anyone anywhere”. It offers tutorials and short- lectures in the form of You-Tube videos. In addition, College Board has teamed up with Khan Academy to offer FREE personalized SAT test prep for all students.

# THE TEXAS SUCCESS INITIATIVE

The purpose of the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) is to assess the reading, mathematics, and writing skills that entering freshman-level students should have if they are to perform effectively in Texas public colleges or universities. The test consists of three sections: Reading, Mathematics, and Writing.

## **Who should take the TSI?**

Any student that is planning to enter a Texas community college or four-year public college in Texas is required by law to take the test, unless you are already exempt (see below), to determine your readiness for college-level work.

## **When should I take the TSI?**

It is required that you take the test at the college that you are attending and your scores must be in place before you register for classes. Although it is not used for admission, public colleges in Texas use your results to determine course placement.

## **How do I register?**

You will be asked to complete a Pre-Assessment activity, which is required before you take the actual TSI. Contact your admissions representative or view the website in the spring for information about where and when you can take the test and how to register. You may be required to take the test on the college campus that you are attending or another affiliate campus.

## **Can I be exempt from taking the TSI?**

You can be exempt by attaining the following scores on standardized tests:

**ACT:** A composite score of 23 with a minimum of 19 on both the English and Mathematics tests.

**OR**

**SAT:** A minimum score of 530 on the Math test and a minimum score of 480 on the Reading/Writing tests.

# COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

## Apply Texas

The Texas Common Application for freshman admission can be used to apply to any Texas public university and some private Texas colleges. It can be completed and submitted electronically.

The website provides information about admission requirements, application procedures and major codes. The information outlines the parts you must complete, the application deadline, the application fee and the documents you must submit for each school. You will also find helpful telephone numbers, e-mail and mailing addresses and other information, such as scholarship and financial aid application deadlines, and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) code for the university.



[www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org)

## The Common Application

The Common Application is the recommended form of over 900 colleges and universities for admission to undergraduate programs. Many of these institutions use the form exclusively. All Common Application schools require a counselor recommendation and 2 – 3 teacher recommendations.

The concept is simple: Students create an account and complete one Common Application and submit the form electronically to every Common Application school to which they are applying. It is important to link your Common Application account to your Naviance account before requesting transcripts or recommendations. Teacher and Counselor recommendations must be requested through Naviance.



[www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)

# TRANSCRIPTS

**All transcripts must be requested through Naviance.**

**This means all!**

**Transcripts for college:**

**APPLY TEXAS**

**COMMON APP**

**SCHOOL SPECIFIC APP**

**ALL APPLICATION TYPES!**

**Transcripts for scholarships**

**Personal Copies of transcripts**

**Transcripts for NCAA**

- This option will be made available to you in the summer before your senior year and counselors will be visiting with you about the specifics of the procedure.
- Personal copies of transcripts must be picked-up in person from the registrar's office.
- **Transcripts do not include SAT or ACT scores**; these must be sent directly to the college from the testing organization.

**Please Note:**

Once a student requests a transcript, it will be sent regardless of whether or not the student completes the college application.

## Selected Two-Year Junior and Community Colleges

<b>College and contact information</b>	<b>Class Rank</b>	<b>General Information</b>
Austin Community College Austin	512-223-4636 www.austincc.edu	Open Admission High School Diploma
Blinn Junior College Brenham	979-830-4000 www.blinn.edu	Open Admission High School Diploma
Collin College Plano	972-881-5790 www.collin.edu	Open Admission High School Diploma
Dallas County Community Colleges Dallas County	214-378-1500 www.dcccd.edu	Open Admission High School Diploma
Tyler Junior College Tyler	1-800-687-5680 www.tjc.edu	Open Admission High School Diploma

- SAT Scores based on Critical Reasoning and Math portions only. ACT Scores based on composite score.
- “Review” indicates that the college will look at all parts of your admission file in order to determine eligibility to enroll.
- Many Colleges recalculate your GPA based only on courses that they consider for admission or without weighting Honors, AP or IB courses. Be sure to read each college’s admissions requirements carefully!
- **Remember that you must submit all test scores and other required admission documents even if you are under the assured admission category! You must also meet the college’s deadlines to submit this information!**

## Community College: First Steps to Your Future

Community Colleges offer a number of advantages, including much lower costs than four year universities and a smooth transition to college. They also offer a variety of programs and opportunities that will help you to reach your career goals. Following are some examples:

**CERTIFICATE PROGRAM** – If you are excited about learning a real skill like audio engineering, networking or graphic design, one of the many certificate programs at a Community College would be perfect for you. Depending on the number of courses required to complete the certificate, you may be exempt from the TSI requirement (Texas College Admissions Test). Courses in a certificate program tend to concentrate on hands-on skill development. Upon completion of the certificate, you would have the credentials to get an entry-level position in the industry.

**ASSOCIATE DEGREE (AA)** – An Associate Degree may be earned by taking related course work beyond the basic certificate program. With an Associate Degree, you gain the skills for a job in the field of your study. An Associate Degree typically takes two years to complete if you are a full time student and includes several core classes in addition to the classes in your field of study.

**TRANSFER PROGRAM** – Community College offers open enrollment and can serve as a bridge from high school to the college or university of your choice. Texas has adopted a “Core Curriculum” which includes a number of basic courses that will automatically transfer to a four-year public college in Texas. A student may transfer to a four-year university at any time. The conditions of the transfer vary with each college, but grade point average is important when transferring! See the “Transfer U” page on the Collin College website for much more information on how to transfer to a four-year school from a community college.

**PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS** – Several of the major universities in Texas have a partnership program with the Community College in their area. Austin Community College is a pipeline school for UT-Austin, Blinn College is a link to Texas A&M in College Station, and South Plains is a bridge to Texas Tech in Lubbock. Each partner school has slightly different arrangements specifying the requirements for transferring from the community college to the four-year school. Collin College has agreements with the following schools:

Austin College  
Baylor University  
Dallas Baptist University  
Southern Methodist University  
Texas A&M University-Commerce  
Texas Tech University  
Texas Woman's University  
Texas Wesleyan University  
University of Texas at Dallas  
University of North Texas



[www.collin.edu](http://www.collin.edu)

[www.collin.edu/transferu/Pre-admnProg.html](http://www.collin.edu/transferu/Pre-admnProg.html)

## DUAL CREDIT

Through dual credit, students are able to take a class for both high school credit and college credit at the same time. Plano ISD has a dual enrollment agreement with Collin College. Students must meet the guidelines for admission and enrollment at Collin College in order to be eligible. Students must also pay for books, tuition and fees for each course according to the Collin College fee schedule. Students that are eligible for the free or reduced lunch program will have their tuition waived by Collin College. Dual credit classes meet on the high or senior high school campus. The counselor will have information about which courses are available for each grade level and the transferability of these courses to other colleges.

# **Are You Interested in Dual Credit with Collin College?**

**Apply Here: <https://apply.collin.edu>**

***Students will need to complete the following steps:***

- Apply for admission (you must apply before paperwork can be processed)
- Turn in completed and signed High School Registration Permission Form
- Take the TSI assessment or provide proof of exemption/waiver
- Complete mandatory campus safety training
- Register online via CougarWeb
- Pay tuition by the deadline

***Fall 2022 Registration opens April 14th***

***Informational Meetings:***

**Plano Senior High School: February 9th @ 6-7pm Lecture Hall**

**Plano West Senior High School: February 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6-7pm Auditorium**

**Plano East Senior High School: February 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6-7pm Cafeteria**

**For more information: Please visit [www.collin.edu/dualcredit](http://www.collin.edu/dualcredit)**





## Dual/Concurrent Credit Registration Checklist

Please visit our website for more information on program procedures and restrictions

[www.collin.edu/express/dualcredit/](http://www.collin.edu/express/dualcredit/)

- Apply** at [www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org)(New Students)
  - Double check you are applying for the correct term and that you fully submit your application
  - Application must be completed before any paperwork will be processed
- Remove All Holds**
  - High School Registration Permission Form** (New and Returning Students)
    - Please work with your high school counselor to complete this form
  - Mandatory Campus Safety Training** (New Students)
    - Located on the Student tab in CougarWeb. The hold will be removed approximately one hour after completing the training.
  - TSI** (New Students)
    - Take the TSIA2 or provide proof of waiver/exemption
    - Minimum score requirements for the TSIA, waivers, and exemptions on page 2
    - Additional information and sign up instructions are available online at:  
[www.collin.edu/studentresources/testing/availabletesting/tsi.html](http://www.collin.edu/studentresources/testing/availabletesting/tsi.html)
    - Returning students with a partial TSI status will not see a TSI hold, but may need to provide scores if they are signing up for a course in the subject that they do not have scores for on file.
  - Bacterial Meningitis Vaccine** (New Students)
    - The High School Registration Permission Form will serve as a waiver for students taking courses only online or on their high school campus
    - Students taking courses on a Collin campus will need to provide a valid bacterial meningitis vaccine record or exemption at least 10 days prior to the start their course.
    - More information available online at [www.collin.edu/meningitis](http://www.collin.edu/meningitis)
  - Above are common holds dual credit students encounter, additional information regarding holds is available online at [www.collin.edu/gettingstarted/register/hold\\_info\\_guide.html](http://www.collin.edu/gettingstarted/register/hold_info_guide.html)
- Register and Pay** (all registration and payment must be completed according to your high school's deadlines)
  - All registration will be done online through CougarWeb**
    - Registration for designated dual credit sections**
      - Log into Cougarweb: [cougarweb.collin.edu](http://cougarweb.collin.edu)
      - On the Home or Student tab and under "Registration Tools" go to "Registration and Planning"
      - Click on "Add, Drop, or Withdraw"
      - Select the registration term (Credit Fall 2022) and continue
      - Dual/concurrent registration is always under "credit" terms not "cont. Ed" terms*
      - Click on the "Enter CRNs" tab above the search boxes, and input your 5 digit CRN(s)
        - CRNs are provided by your high school counselor or College & Career Counselor
      - Add to summary, and submit
    - Payment**
      - You may pay online through Cougarweb or in person
      - If your schools deadlines are after Collin's early payment deadline, you will need to complete payment by Collin's deadline. After Collin's early payment deadline, payment must be made at the time of registration.
      - More information about payment methods, policies and installment plans is available online at [www.collin.edu/bursar/paymentpoliciesandmethods.html](http://www.collin.edu/bursar/paymentpoliciesandmethods.html)

## Additional Information for Dual/Concurrent Registration

### Texas Success Initiative (TSI)

<i>New TSIA2 Minimum Score Requirements—beginning January 11, 2021</i>		
English Language Arts & Reading (ELAR)		Math
CRC 910—944 w/Diagnostic level 5-6 and Essay 5-8		CRC 910-950 w/Diagnostic level 6
<b>OR</b>		<b>OR</b>
CRC 945—990 w/Essay 5-8		CRC 950-990
<i>Old TSIA Minimum Score Requirements—Prior to January 11, 2021</i>		
Reading	Writing	Math
351	Essay score of 5 or Essay score of 4 and multiple choice of 340	350

#### *Exemption Scores (minimum scores listed):*

Test	Combined/Composite Requirement	Exempts TSI Reading & Writing	Exempts TSI Math
SAT (after March 2016)	N/A	Evidence Based Reading/Writing <b>480</b>	Math <b>530</b>
ACT	Composite <b>23</b>	English <b>19</b>	Math <b>19</b>

*All test scores must be received through official document (transcript) and need to be sent to Collin from the testing source. The Collin College code for ACT is 4046 and SAT is 1951. [www.actstudent.org (ACT) or www.collegeboard.org (SAT)]. Please note that it can often take 2-3 weeks to get scores from ACT or College Board.*

#### *Temporary Waiver for Dual Credit students (minimum scores listed):*

Test	Combined/Composite	Waives TSI Reading & Writing	Waives TSI Math
PSAT/ NMSQT	N/A	Evidence-Based Reading & Writing: <b>460</b>	Math: <b>510</b>
ACT-Aspire	N/A	English: <b>435</b>	Math: <b>431</b>
STAAR	N/A	English II: <b>4000</b>	Algebra I: <b>4000</b> and min. final grade of <b>70</b> in Algebra 2

*Waivers are only needed for the subject you want to take.*

*All test scores must be documented on an official document from the high school.*

### Registration for non-designated sections

- Log into **Cougarweb**: [cougarweb.collin.edu](http://cougarweb.collin.edu)
- On the Home or Student tab and under “Registration Tools” go to “Registration and Planning”
- Click on “Add, Drop, or Withdraw”
- Select the registration term (Credit Fall 2022) and **continue**
  - Dual/concurrent registration is always under “credit” terms not “cont. Ed” terms*
- Use the “Find Classes” tab to **search** for your course (search by Subject and Course Number)
- Add to summary, and submit**

### ACCESS/Disability Services

- Accommodations do not transfer over from your High School classes.
- To receive accommodations in your Dual Credit classes, you must apply through the ACCESS Office, more information is available at [www.collin.edu/studentresources/disabilityservices/index.html](http://www.collin.edu/studentresources/disabilityservices/index.html)

### Order books/course materials

- Click on “My Class Schedule” on **Student Quick Links** in CougarWeb for textbook information.

## Texas Success Initiative (TSI)

<b>TSI Minimum Score Requirements</b>		
<b>Reading</b>	<b>Writing</b>	<b>Math</b>
<b>351</b>	Essay score of <b>5</b> Essay score of <b>4</b> and <b>multiple choice of 340</b>	<b>350</b>

<b>Exemption Scores (minimum scores listed):</b>			
<b>Test</b>	<b>Combined/Composite Requirement</b>	<b>Exempts TSI Reading &amp; Writing</b>	<b>Exempts TSI Math</b>
<b>SAT (prior to March 2016)</b>	Combined Reading and Math: <b>1070</b>	Reading: <b>500</b>	Math: <b>500</b>
<b>SAT (after March 2016)</b>	N/A	Evidence Based Reading/Writing: <b>480</b>	Math: <b>530</b>
<b>ACT</b>	Composite: <b>23</b>	English: <b>19</b>	Math: <b>19</b>

All test scores must be documented on an **official document (transcript) or be sent to Collin from the testing source.** The Collin College code for ACT is 4046 and SAT is 1951. [[www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) (ACT) or [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) (SAT)]. Faxes, student score reports, or Xerox copies are not considered official. Please note that it can often take 2-3 weeks to get scores from ACT or College Board.

<b>Temporary Waiver for Dual Credit students (minimum scores listed):</b>			
<b>Test</b>	<b>Combined/Composite Requirement</b>	<b>Waives TSI Reading &amp; Writing</b>	<b>Waives TSI Math</b>
<b>PSAT</b>	N/A	Evidenced Based Reading & Writing: <b>460</b>	Math: <b>510</b>
<b>ACT-Aspire</b>	N/A	English: <b>435</b>	Math: <b>431</b>
<b>STAAR</b>	N/A	English II: <b>4000</b>	Algebra I: <b>4000</b> and at least a final grade of <b>70</b> in Algebra 2

Waivers are only needed for the subject you want to take. All test scores must be documented on an official document from the high school. Faxes, student score reports, or Xerox copies are not considered official and will not be accepted.

## Online Registration Procedures for Traditional Courses at Collin Campuses

1. Go to [www.collin.edu](http://www.collin.edu) and login to CougarWeb
2. Go to **New Registration Tools** under Registration Tools
3. Click on **Student Registration** in My CougarCompass
4. Click on **Register for Classes**
5. Select the registration term (e.g. Credit Fall 2019), then click Continue
6. On the **Find Classes** tab, enter the Subject (e.g. History) and then the Course Number (e.g. 1301)
7. Click **Search**
8. Click on **Add** for the course you want
9. Click **Submit** (in the bottom right corner of the screen)

## Additional Resources

### ACCESS (Accommodations at Collin College for Equal Support Services)

- Visit [www.collin.edu/studentresources/disabilityservices/index.html](http://www.collin.edu/studentresources/disabilityservices/index.html) for more information.

### Books and Supplies

- Click on "My Class Schedule" on Student Quick Links in CougarWeb for textbook information.

### College Photo ID and Parking Sticker

- You get these from any Student Engagement Office starting one week prior to classes beginning.

For more information, please visit [www.collin.edu/dualcredit](http://www.collin.edu/dualcredit) or call 469.365.1850

# PAYING FOR COLLEGE

## TYPES OF FINANCIAL AWARDS

- Need-Based: Based only on financial need
- Merit-Based: Based on accomplishments of the student, as in grade point average, extra-curricular or community service involvement and much more!

## SOURCES OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- Federal and State Financial Aid
- College or University Scholarships.
- Scholarships from Businesses and Organizations

### Federal and State Financial Aid

## THE FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)

Federal and State Governments use the FAFSA form to determine a family's ability to pay for college. After the form is submitted, a Student Aid Report (SAR) is sent to each college listed on the form. You will also receive a copy of this form, which will tell you the amount of your Expected Family Contribution (EFC). Each college will then send you an award letter outlining how much and which types of aid that you will be eligible for at their school. It is recommended that you apply as soon as possible in order to have priority consideration for aid.

### PPY

Per the Federal Government, beginning in 2016, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will be available earlier – in **October** rather than January – and will use tax information from two years ago (prior-prior year, or PPY) rather than from the previous year.

The change to PPY has great potential to benefit students, including:

- The ability to file the FAFSA earlier and get information about federal financial aid eligibility faster.
- The ability to use the IRS's Data Retrieval Tool to populate several questions on the FAFSA, making the filing process much easier.

Many experts believe that these changes will increase the number of eligible students who apply for and receive financial aid, and the earlier availability of financial aid information will help students and families make more informed decisions.

Be sure to check the deadline for your college; most deadlines are on or before March 15. Families are recommended to apply online, but a paper application may be downloaded. Eligibility is for one year only; the FAFSA must be submitted every year! The FAFSA website provides excellent information and an estimator of how much aid a family may be eligible to receive.



## **TYPES OF FEDERAL AND STATE FINANCIAL AID**

- Loans
- Grants
- Federal Work Study

The FAFSA determines eligibility for all types of federal and state financial aid. It is not necessary to apply for each grant or loan separately. All Federal and State Financial Aid is solely need-based.

**Federal Financial Aid Toll Free Number: 1-800-4 Fed Aid**

## **FEDERAL AND STATE LOANS**

There are many types of loans offered, but all require repayment with interest. Some are subsidized by the government, meaning that the interest on the loan is paid until after the student's graduation. Unsubsidized loans may require payment of interest during college. Most loans do not require repayment until after graduation from college. Typically, federal and state loans offer very competitive interest rates.

Some types of loans are:

- HINSON-HAZELWOOD COLLEGE STUDENT LOANS: Loans for legal residents of Texas.
- PLUS LOANS: PLUS loans are for parent borrowers and provide additional funds for educational expenses. They are made by a lender such as a bank, savings and loan association or credit union.
- STAFFORD LOANS: May be subsidized or unsubsidized.

Private loans may also be sought by individual families.

## **FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS**

Grants do not require repayment by parents or students. Some types of federal and state grants include:

- PELL Grant: Based on exceptional family need.
- ACADEMIC COMPETITIVENESS GRANT: Must be eligible for a Pell Grant and obtain a minimum grade point average.
- FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY GRANT (SEOG): Eligibility is based on exceptional need.
- TEACHER EDUCATION ASSISTANCE FOR COLLEGE AND HIGHER EDUCATION (TEACH) GRANT: Provides funds for future teachers. Includes a four year commitment to teach in a high-need field in a low income school.
- TEXAS EQUALIZATION GRANT (TEG): If you are applying to a private college in Texas, you may apply for a T.E.G. by completing the financial aid form and the TEG application form, which can be obtained from the Financial Aid Office of the private college.
- TEACH FOR TEXAS GRANT: Offers assistance to those desiring to teach in identified fields or geographical areas experiencing a critical shortage of teachers. Student must complete the Recommended or Distinguished Achievement program graduation requirements. *Financial need is NOT a criteria.*

## **FEDERAL WORK STUDY PROGRAM**

The program provides part-time jobs on campus for students with financial need, allowing them to earn money to help pay education expenses.

## College or University Scholarships

- Can be need-based or merit-based and do not require repayment.
- Check the college's website to see if the school has its own financial aid form, which must be completed in addition to the FAFSA. Find out about general scholarship information and applications that the college offers.
- Check with the department that houses your major at the college to ask about the application procedures for departmental scholarships.
- Find out the college's priority application deadline for financial aid applications. You must submit the FAFSA and any other required documents by the deadline in order to be considered for aid.
- Some colleges and universities also require the CSS/Financial Aid Profile, which is available on the College Board website.
- Plano East receives a great deal of information on scholarships offered by individual colleges and universities and their departments. All scholarships are posted on Naviance under the "Colleges" tab. Keep in mind that the applicant pool for local scholarships tends to be much smaller, giving you a greater chance of winning the scholarship.

## Scholarships from Businesses and Organizations

- Can be need-based or merit-based and do not require repayment.
- Scholarship information that the Plano East counseling department receives is updated on a regular basis on Naviance.
- All scholarship applications are available online and the links are provided
- Please read requirements for scholarships carefully to be sure that you meet all requirements.



<http://student.Naviance.com/planoeast>

**You are not advised to pay a fee for any financial aid or scholarship information. There is no financial aid or scholarship information that you cannot find on your own or with the help of your counselor.**

# US Military Academies Application Process

## WHERE DO I START?

### Spring, Junior Year

Write your Congressman and 2 Senators

#### U.S. Senators

<b>Ted Cruz</b> B40B Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510 202-224-5922 Cruz.senate.gov	<b>John Cornyn</b> 517 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510 202-224-2934 Cornyn.senate.gov
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#### U.S. Congressman

<b>Van Taylor - R District 3</b> 1404 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515 (202) 225-4201 vantaylor.house.gov
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Request and fill out the PCQ card for the academy of choice

Mid-April ACT (register by end February)

Early May SAT (register by early April)

Begin nomination process in June

### Summer Junior/Senior Year

Request Presidential nomination, if eligible

Request Vice-Presidential nomination, if eligible

### Fall/Winter Senior Year

Follow-up on Congressional/Senate nomination

Meet with Liaison Officer for academy of choice

Complete application process with academy of choice

### Summer, Junior/Senior Year

Complete academy process for appointment (medical, physical, etc.)

Attend reception/press conference for appointees

<b>US MILITARY ACADEMY (West Point)</b> Brig. Gen. Mark C. Quander H - 972-769-0455 O - 469-467-1100	<b>US NAVAL ACADEMY</b> Commander Jackie Booker, Jr H - 972-599-2139
<b>US MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY</b> Lt. Commander Mikel E. Stroud H - 972-233-1328 O - 214-340-0265	<b>US AIR FORCE ACADEMY</b> General Charles Q. Brown Jr. O - 214-641-53631

## NCAA Eligibility Center

### General Information for College Bound Athletes

If you are planning to attend college and participate in Division I or Division II athletics, you must be certified as eligible by the NCAA Eligibility Center.

#### To get certified:

1. At the beginning of your senior year go online to complete an application.
2. The fee can be waived for students who have already received a waiver of the ACT or SAT fee. See your counselor if you have questions regarding fee waivers.
3. Send ACT or SAT score reports to the Eligibility Center by filling in their code (9999) as one of your four choices when you take the test or by filling out an additional score report form later.
4. Use Naviance to order a transcript from the registrar's office to be sent to the Eligibility Center.

You cannot play any sport at an NCAA college or accept a scholarship to do so, without clearance from the Eligibility Center. Be sure you complete this important information if college sports are part of your future plans.

#### Minimum scores for NCAA full eligibility:

<b>Division I</b>	<b>Division II</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 16 core courses</li> <li>• Ten (10) core courses completed before the start of seventh semester. Seven (7) of the 10 must be in English, math or natural/physical science.</li> <li>• "Locked in" for core-course GPA calculation.</li> <li>• Corresponding test score (ACT sum score or SAT combined score and core-course GPA (minimum 2.300) on Sliding Scale) See website for scales.</li> <li>• Graduate from high school.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;">16 Core Courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 years of English.</li> <li>• 2 years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher).</li> <li>• 2 years of natural/physical science (1 year of lab if offered by high school).</li> <li>• 3 years of additional English, mathematics or natural/physical science.</li> <li>• 2 years of social science.</li> <li>• 4 years of additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or comparative religion/philosophy).</li> </ul>



[www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)



## About the NAIA

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), headquartered in Kansas City, Mo., is a governing body of small athletics programs that are dedicated to character-driven intercollegiate athletics.

Each year more than 65,000 student-athletes have the opportunity to play college sports at NAIA member institutions.

The NAIA is comprised of more than 250 colleges and universities and 21 conferences.

In 2010, the association opened the doors to the **NAIA Eligibility Center**, where prospective student-athletes are evaluated for academic and athletic eligibility. It delivers on the NAIA's promise of integrity by leveling the playing field, guiding student-athlete success, and ensuring fair competition.

For more information and to access the NAIA Eligibility Center go to <https://www.playnaia.org>

# Directory of Websites

## NAVIANCE

Access Naviance at <http://student.Naviance.com/planoeast>

You can research and compare careers, colleges and college majors (courses of study) on Naviance. This is also the site that you will use to complete college applications, request letters of recommendation and find summer opportunities and scholarship information.

Save this one to your favorites!

### APPLICATIONS

**Texas Common Application**

[www.goapplytexas.org](http://www.goapplytexas.org)

**Universal Common Application**

[www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)

### TEST PREPARATION

**SAT**

[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

**ACT**

[www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

### COLLEGE SEARCH

[www.collin.edu/gettingstarted/explore/](http://www.collin.edu/gettingstarted/explore/)

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-started>

[www.cappex.com](http://www.cappex.com)

[www.myplan.com](http://www.myplan.com)

[www.aie.org](http://www.aie.org)

[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

[www.collegenet.com](http://www.collegenet.com)

[www.collegeview.com](http://www.collegeview.com)

[www.collegeexpress.com](http://www.collegeexpress.com)

[www.collegeforalltexans.com](http://www.collegeforalltexans.com)

[www.petersons.com](http://www.petersons.com)

[www.princetonreview.com/](http://www.princetonreview.com/)

[www.thecb.state.tx.us](http://www.thecb.state.tx.us)

[www.usnews.com](http://www.usnews.com) (Click Education)

<https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>

[www.txccrsc.org](http://www.txccrsc.org)

### FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

**FAFSA**

[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

<https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/>

[www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov)

[www.ed.gov/edpubs/](http://www.ed.gov/edpubs/)

[www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)

[www.aie.org](http://www.aie.org)

[www.collegeforalltexans.com](http://www.collegeforalltexans.com)

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

[www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)

[www.nasfaa.org](http://www.nasfaa.org)

[www.petersons.com](http://www.petersons.com)

[www.salliemae.com](http://www.salliemae.com)

[www.mappingyourfuture.org](http://www.mappingyourfuture.org)

[www.consumerfinance.gov/paying-for-college](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/paying-for-college)

### CAREER

[www.myfuture.com](http://www.myfuture.com)

[www.careeronestop.org](http://www.careeronestop.org)

[www.achieve.org/texas](http://www.achieve.org/texas)

[www.careers.org](http://www.careers.org)

[www.twc.texas.gov](http://www.twc.texas.gov)

[www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov)

### COLLEGE MAJORS

[www.mymajors.com](http://www.mymajors.com)

# Who to contact at Plano East

## 469-752-9000

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BETA	E – LI
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Secretary: Gloria Morales

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#### How to Log in to the PISD Parent Portal

- a. Go to <https://parentportal.pisd.edu>
- b. Click on "Create New Registration"
- c. Complete information for your student (it is only necessary to create one account – all of your PISD students will automatically be accessible).
- d. Click "Submit Request". Look for an automated message in your e-mail with instructions on completing the process

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