



PLANO EAST

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

New Graduation Requirement

Beginning in 2021-2022, each student must do one of the following in order to graduate:

- complete and submit a free application for federal student aid (FAFSA)
- complete and submit a Texas application for state financial aid (TASFA)
- submit a signed opt-out form



FAFSA or TASFA

- **FAFSA:** This is only available to U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents.
- **TASFA:** This is available in the state of Texas for students that are not U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents, but that may be classified as Texas residents under laws HB 1403 and SB 1528.
- FAFSA covers federal and state financial aid opportunities. Students should complete FAFSA if they meet FAFSA eligibility. Students do not need to complete both the FAFSA and TASFA.

Completing the FAFSA

- Students log in at [Studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) to apply online.

Resources and Direct Support for Completing the FAFSA

- Federal Student Aid: USDE Financial Aid Toolkit
<https://financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov/tk/>

Visit our school website to learn more about ways to pay for your college education!

- Paying for College -
<https://www.pisd.edu/Page/7975>

Key Dates for FAFSA or TASFA

April 15, 2024	• 2023 tax returns due
2023-2024 school year	
January 2024	• FAFSA or TASFA forms are posted and the electronic application opens • Student completes FAFSA beginning in January 2024 (with 2023 taxes)
April 15, 2024	• Deadline for priority consideration for many four-year Texas IHEs*
May 2024	• Student graduates from high school

* IHEs may establish earlier deadlines. Students should always check with the school(s) to which they plan to apply.

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