

Dear Parent or Guardian,

This letter/e-mail is to inform you of an opportunity available to your son/daughter currently enrolled in grade 11. As part of the Texas College Preparation Program (TCPP), funded by the 81st Texas Legislature, approximately 60 percent of 2010-2011 grade 11 students have an opportunity to take one state-funded college entrance examination in the spring or early summer of 2011.

Students in grade 11 are eligible for **ONE** state-funded college entrance exam, either the ACT (with or without writing) or the SAT. Eligible test administrations for each exam are as follows:

ACT	SAT
April 9 (registration deadline March 4)	May 7 (registration deadline April 8)
June 11 (registration deadline May 6)	June 4 (registration deadline May 6)

In order to register for an eligible test administration, students must obtain an exam voucher from their high school counselor. Please note that the voucher only covers the regular registration fees associated with the examination. All additional fees and charges are the responsibility of the examinee.

Students who have already registered at their own expense for one of the eligible administrations above may request a refund directly from the test vendor. Instructions for how to request a refund are included on the exam voucher. Students who have used a fee waiver to register for one of the eligible administrations above, and who wish to preserve that fee waiver for a future test, must follow the steps on the voucher to request a refund of their fee waiver. A valid voucher is required for all refund requests.

The TCPP voucher will be available in mid-January, and students will be provided detailed instructions on how to request one at that time. We encourage you to discuss with your son or daughter the benefits of taking a college entrance examination. Those benefits include the identification of academic strengths and weaknesses, experience taking college entrance exams, and access to scholarship opportunities. Please be aware that students have the choice of which exam to take. When students receive their exam vouchers, they should also receive a flyer from each test vendor explaining the benefits of each exam. We encourage you to take a few moments to review this information with your child in order to select the exam that best fits his/her needs.

Should you have any questions related to this opportunity, please contact your child's counselor.

Sincerely,