

Junior Parent Night



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Upcoming Important Dates

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- **SAT School Day**

March 19th - All Juniors will take , SLHS handles all registration

- **Miller Career Center Application**

Due February 28th

- **DUAL CREDIT Registration & Paperwork**

Due February 28th

- **KSAT (credit recovery summer school)**

[More information coming in April](#)

- **Summer Tuition-based Virtual Courses
(formerly known as KVS)**

Registration through Course Selection with School Counselor.
Must be submitted by the end of Course Verification on March 24th.



26 total credit are needed to graduate in the state of Texas



- 4 English credits
- 4 Math credits (Algebra 2 is needed for Distinguished Level of Achievement and important for 4-year universities)
- 4 Science credits (Biology, Chemistry, and Physics recommended for university-bound students)
- 3 Social Studies (recommend 4 for university-bound students)
- 2 Foreign language credits
- 1 Fine Art credit
- 1 credit PE
- .5 credit Health
- 6.5 Elective Credits including a course with a speech component

Please see the course catalog in SchoolLinks for more details

Alternative Options to 4-year University

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- Junior College/Community College

- Can move to 4-year university as a transfer student.
- Usually the university has a credit hour requirement (24 credits+) to apply as a transfer student.
- Important to check on transferability to future university

- Trade School

- Workforce Training Programs

- Military

- ASVAB

- Gap Year or enter workforce



SLHS COLLEGE DATA- In State

Class of 2024

University	Denied	Waitlist/ Deferred	Accepted	Total Apps	SLHS	National
TCU	6	4	10	20	50%	43%
Texas A&M University	39	167	237	443	53.5%	63%
Trinity University	8	3	14	25	56%	28%
UT Austin	1	250	97	348	28%	29%
Rice University	105	9	5	119	4%	7.5%
SMU	3	1	15	19	79%	61%
UT Dallas	25	1	187	213	88%	65%
University of Houston	60	17	255	332	77%	70%
Southwestern	2	0	10	12	83%	39%
Baylor	13	12	117	142	82%	51%
Texas State	5	2	145	152	95%	89%
Texas Tech	3	2	110	115	96%	71%



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University	Denied	Waitlist/ Deferred	Accepted	Total Apps	SLHS	National
Carnegie Mellon	7	20	7	34	20.5%	11%
Clemson	2	1	4	7	38%	38%
Colorado School of Mines	5	2	13	20	65%	60%
Colorado State Univ	0	0	9	9	100%	90%
Casewestern	2	3	0	8	61%	28%%
Cornell	16	7	1	24	4%	7.5%
Duke University	26	1	2	29	7%	7.7%
Emory University		10	6	16	37.5%	17%
Florida State University	18	0	4	22	18%	25%
Fordham	1	5	3	9	33%	53%
Georgetown	5	1	1	7	14%	13%
Georgia Tech	61	8	1	70	1.4%	13.8%
LSU	0	0	47	47	100%	74%
Northwestern	14	3	2	19	10.5%	9%
Harvard	11	2	1	14	7%	4.9%
NYU	24	8	5	37	13.5%	8%
Oklahoma State	0	0	16	16	100%	71%
Auburn	4	5	19	28	68%	41%



SLHS COLLEGE DATA- Out of State

University	Denied	Waitlist/ Deferred	Accepted	Total Apps	SLHS	National
Pace University	0	0	5	5	100%	77%
Purdue	4	7	27	37	73%	49.8%
University of Oklahoma	8		58	66	88%	77%
USC	27	2	3	32	9.4%	15.8%
U Penn	14	3	1	18	5.5%	8%
UCLA	13	1	3	17	17.6%	9%
U Colorado Boulder	1	2	17	20	85%	81%
UC Irvine	9	4	14	27	52%	29%
UC San Diego	19	7	8	34	23.5%	25%
UNC Chapel Hill	16	2	4	22	18%	24%
University of Arkansas	6	0	54	60	90%	72%
University of Alabama	0	0	32	32	100%	76%
University of Florida	11	1	6	33%	20%	23%
University of Virginia	4	0	1	5	20%	18.7%
University of Illinois- Chicago	0	0	4	4	100%	78.5%
University of Miami	4	6	4	14	28.5%	18.5%
Vanderbilt	17	5	5	27	18.5%	6%
Wake Forest	2	1	1	4	25%	22%
Wash U St Louis	17	1	3	21	14%	12.8%
Yale	24	1	0	25	0	6.5%



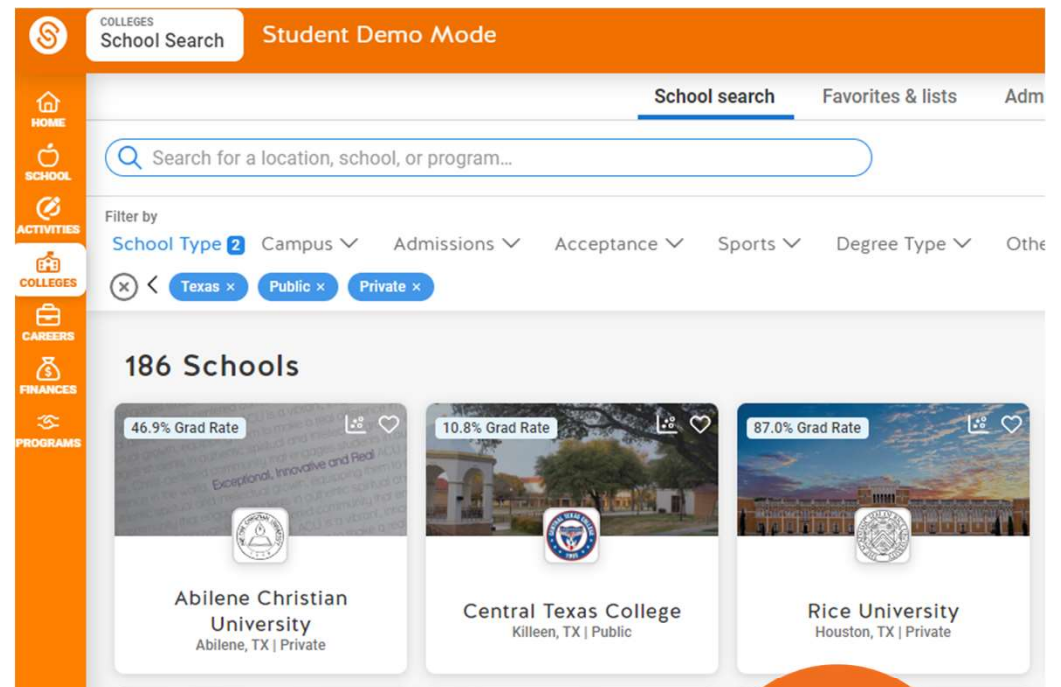
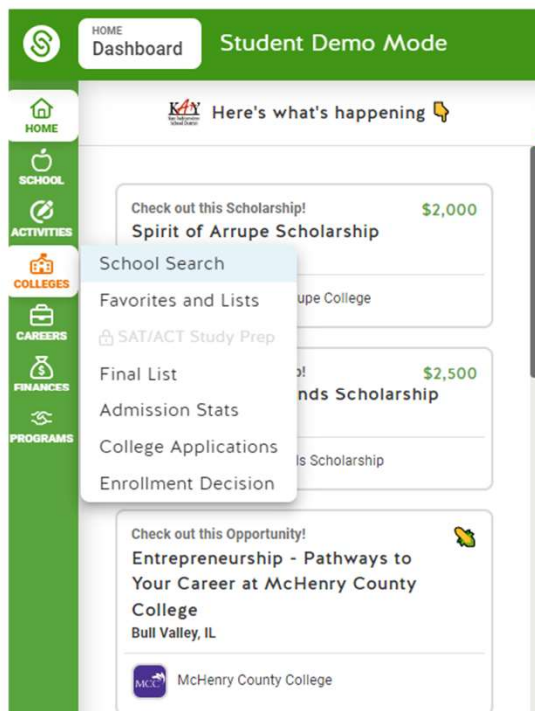
- Each university has their own recommendations for what a high school student's coursework should be.
- Important to research at each university's website
- Most Common HS Coursework recommendations
 - 4 years of social studies
 - Physics
 - More than 2 years of Foreign Language
 - Pre-Cal/AP Calculus for certain majors
 - Taking math/science during all 4 years of high school

For a future college athlete, there are even more important considerations for coursework to ensure student is meeting criteria for NCAA eligibility.

Which university should my child apply to?

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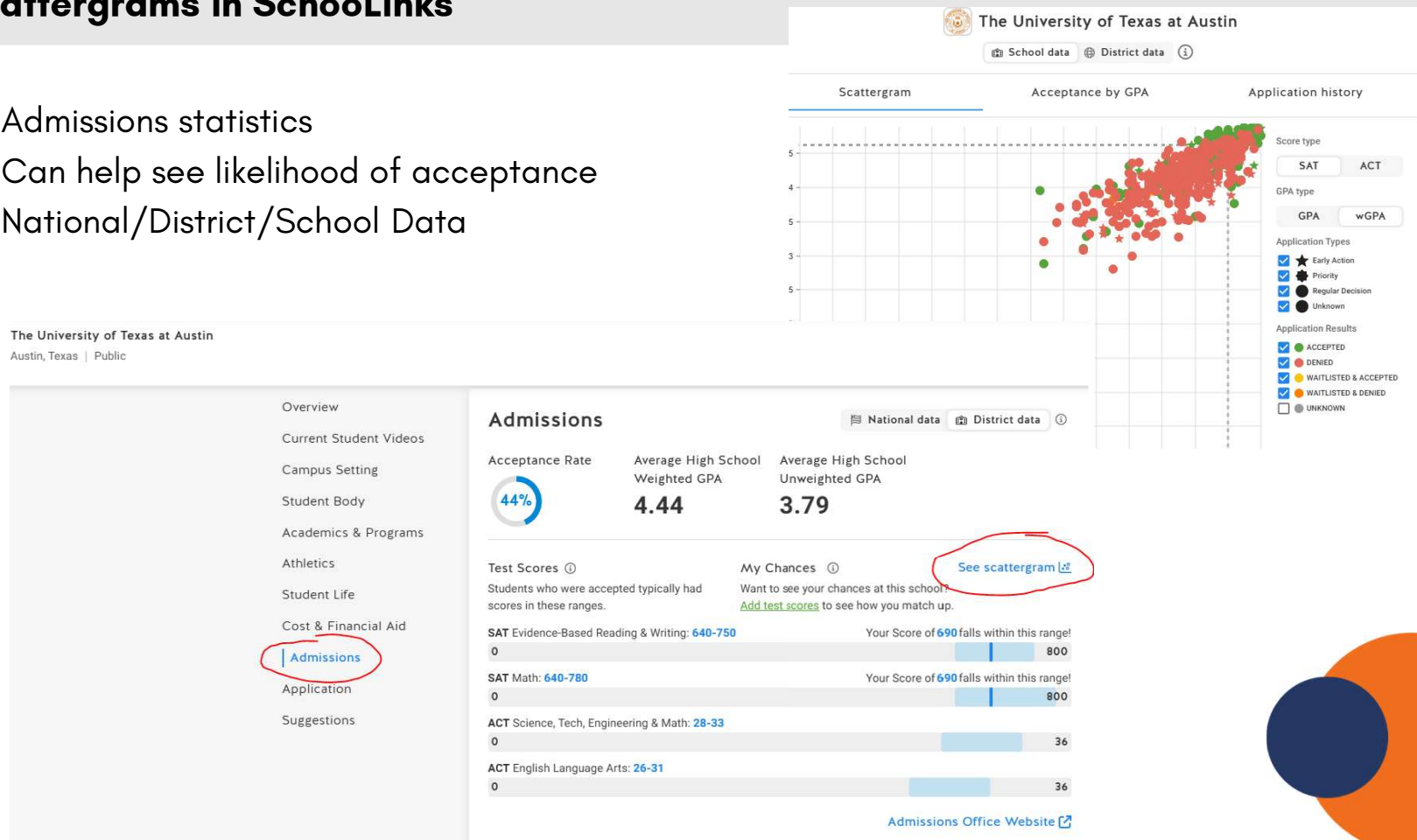
- Recommend applying to 3-8
- Reach, match, safety
- SchoolLinks
 - *College Search and Admission Stats



Scattergrams in SchoolLinks

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- Admissions statistics
- Can help see likelihood of acceptance
- National/District/School Data



What's needed?

(varies by institution)

- **Application**

May include Essay/s

May request Resume

- **Transcript - Unofficial/Official**

Initial

Midyear, if required

Final



SchoolLinks

- **Colleges may require**

SAT/ACT scores

TSIA2 scores (Texas)

TOEFL

Letters of Recommendation/s

Portfolio (art/design programs)

Most applications will
open August 1st for
FALL 2025



3 Application Platforms

- **Applytexas.org**

Students that are applying to In-State public or private universities and community colleges in Texas.

- **CommonApp.org**

Students that are applying Out-of-State and/or Texas universities; accepted by more than 900 colleges.

- **Institutional**

Some universities use their own applications such as MIT.

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What is considered?

01

Well-written essay

* collegeessayguy.com

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**Student & Community
Involvement**

03

**Standardized test scores
(SAT, ACT)**

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Rigorous curriculum

05

**Strong academic
standing/grades**

Holistic Review

The following items are considered for Holistic Review:

- *Class Rank
- *Academic Background
- *Extracurricular Involvement
- *Achievements, accomplishments, honors, and awards that your student has received.
- ***ESSAY Prompts**
- *Letters of Recommendation (if required)
- *How competitive the MAJOR is that the student applied to

Automatic Admission

*If your student is within the **TOP 10%** of their class beginning their senior year, then they are automatically accepted into all state-funded universities within Texas.

*Does **not** include private universities

*The **ONLY** university in Texas that does NOT fall within the Top 10% rule is the **University of Texas at Austin**. Students need to be in the **Top 5%** of their class.

*Students can also meet assured admissions via standardized test scores such as SAT/ACT.

College Admissions - Holistic Review vs Automatic

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University of Houston

Admission Requirements

Texas Education Code (TEC) 51.803-51.809 requires all students meet college readiness standards to be eligible for admission at a Texas Institution. [Read about the Texas Uniform Admission Policy.](#)

On your application, you will select whether you want your application to be reviewed with a test score or without a test score. The admission requirements for each choice is below.

With Test Score

Class Rank	SAT or	ACT	Admission Type
Top 10%	No Minimum	No Minimum	Assured Admission
11 - 25%	1080	21	Assured Admission
26 - 50%	1170	24	Assured Admission
51% and Lower, No Rank	—	—	Individual Review*

Without Test Score

Class Rank	Calculated Unweighted GPA**	Admission Type
Top 10%	No Minimum	Assured Admission
11 - 25%	3.40 or higher	Assured Admission
	lower than 3.40	Individual Review*
26 - 50%	3.45 or higher	Assured Admission

Stephen F. Austin University

Standardized test requirements

High school class rank	SAT	ACT
Top 10%	No minimum required	No minimum required
Top 11-25%	No minimum required	No minimum required
2nd Quarter	1030	20
3rd Quarter	1170	24
4th Quarter	File Review	File Review

Test-optional for 2024-25 terms

SFA will admit students in the top 25% automatically. Applicants not in the top 25% will be reviewed for admission based on available information. Test scores are not required, but students are encouraged to submit new or existing scores as they are required for some scholarships. Test scores will never disadvantage a student for admission.

SAT

NEW** Digital ONLY

*2 sections : Reading & Writing / Math

*Reading & Writing – 54 questions (64 min.)

*Math – 44 questions (70 min.)

*No essay

*scaled scored 400 – 1600



ACT

*3 hours

*4 reading passages

*1 science section

*Arithmetic, Algebra 1&2, Geometry, and Trig

*Essay optional (40 mins)

*scaled scored 1 – 36

2025 Remaining SAT/ACT Dates

SAT

SAT Test Date*	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Changes, Regular Cancellation, and Late Registration**
Mar 8, 2025	Feb 21, 2025 Register	Feb 25, 2025
May 3, 2025	Apr 18, 2025 Register	April 22, 2025
June 7, 2025	May 22, 2025 Register	May 27, 2025

ACT

2025 National Test Dates Schedule

Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline Late Fee Applies After This Date	Late Registration Deadline
February 8, 2025	January 3	January 24
April 5, 2025	February 28	March 16
June 14, 2025	May 9	May 26
July 12, 2025*	June 6	June 20

What is the TSI and why would a student have to take it?

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Digital: ELAR + Essay, Math

In order to take college level/credit bearing classes, you have show that you are “college ready”

College readiness standards can be met in several ways – through SAT and ACT or TSI

SAT – Reading 480+ – Math 530+

ACT – Reading 18 – Math 22 – Science – 23

SAT/ACT vs TSI

When will it be offered?

House Bill 3

Overview

- HB3 was passed in Texas in 2019 requiring ALL seniors to submit a financial aid application.
- FAFSA or TASFA
 - *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (online)
 - *Texas Application for State financial Aid (paper)
- Financial Aid Opt-Out Form



FAFSA vs TASFA

What is FAFSA/TASFA?

- Financial aid application that colleges, universities, trades or technical schools request in order to award financial aid to eligible students to help pay for their college expenses.

- **FAFSA vs TASFA**

FAFSA – U.S. Citizens, permanent residents, or hold a visa on asylee status or refugee status. More information available in www.studentaid.gov

TASFA – non-citizen students **AND** Texas residents; meaning the student has lived in TX for the last 36 months or 3 years.



Junior/Senior Timeline

Summer 2025

- *Begin Essay
- *Update Resume
- *Take or Retake SAT/ACT
- *Explore SchoolLinks
(college search)

FALL 2025

- *Apply to colleges
- *Send official transcripts
- *Apply for Scholarships
- *Start FAFSA
(Opens October, hopefully)

SPRING 2026

- *Scholarships – Apply, apply, apply
- *Mid-Year reports
(if required – automatically)
- *Financial Summary
- *Make college decision
- *Final transcript (Senior Survey)

SchooLinks

*If you are applying via CommonApp, you will need to go into SchooLinks to add the school to your account and sign your FERPA Waiver.

This is the only way counselors can send documents including letters of recommendation and transcripts.

*Students will learn more about this in their Junior Meeting with their counselor/CCF

*They Must sign in through their Katy Cloud

What does a counselor need in order to write a letter of recommendation?

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Counselors Need:

- *At least 21 business days advanced notice of the institution's deadline. This does NOT include weekends. Counselors start writing letters of recommendation on **September 1st**.
- *Filled out Personal Data Sheet and Letter of Rec Request Form.
- *Invitation from Common App, email invite from the University, OR information on how to get the letter to the specific university (email addresses, forms, etc.)
- *Please check with your Texas schools to see if they really need a Counselor letter of rec.



- Students will receive a REMIND announcement
- Counselors will walk students through the application process and answer questions.

Thank You!



Counselors' Website

