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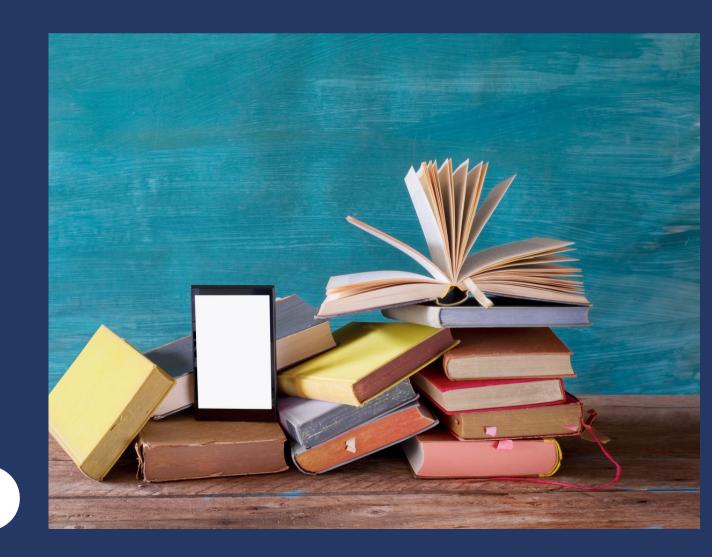
Junior Night







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Upcoming Important Dates

SAT School Day

March 6th - All Juniors will take , SLHS handles all registration

- Miller Career Center Application
 Due March 1st
- DUAL CREDIT Registration & Paperwork
 Due March 1st
- KSAT (credit recovery summer school)

More information coming in April

KVS (original credit summer school)

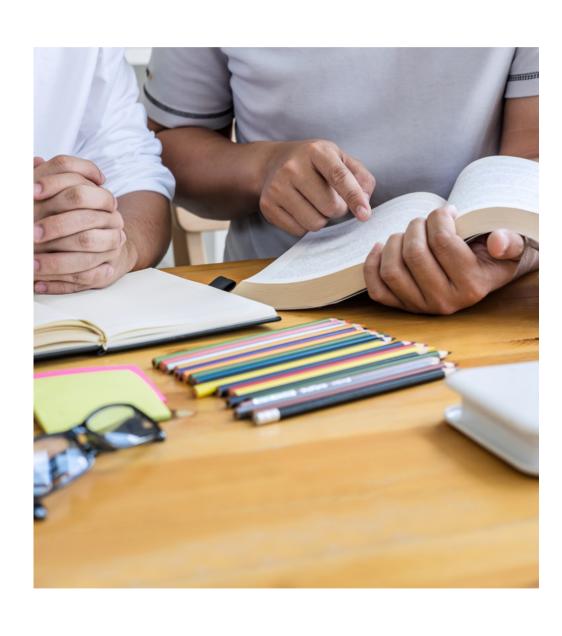
Sign Up through Katy Virtual School's website by May 27th



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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)
- 4 Science credits
- 3 Social Studies
- 2 Foreign language credits
- 1 Fine Art credit
- 1 credit PE
- .5 credit Health
- 6.5 Elective Credits including .5 speech credit

Please see the course catalog in SchooLinks for more details



- 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 senior year even if met requirement

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

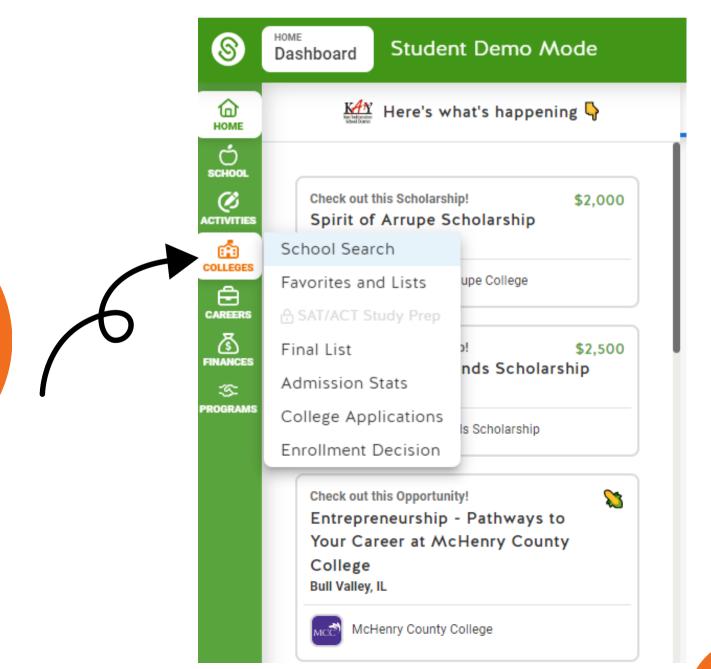
Alternative Options to 4-year University

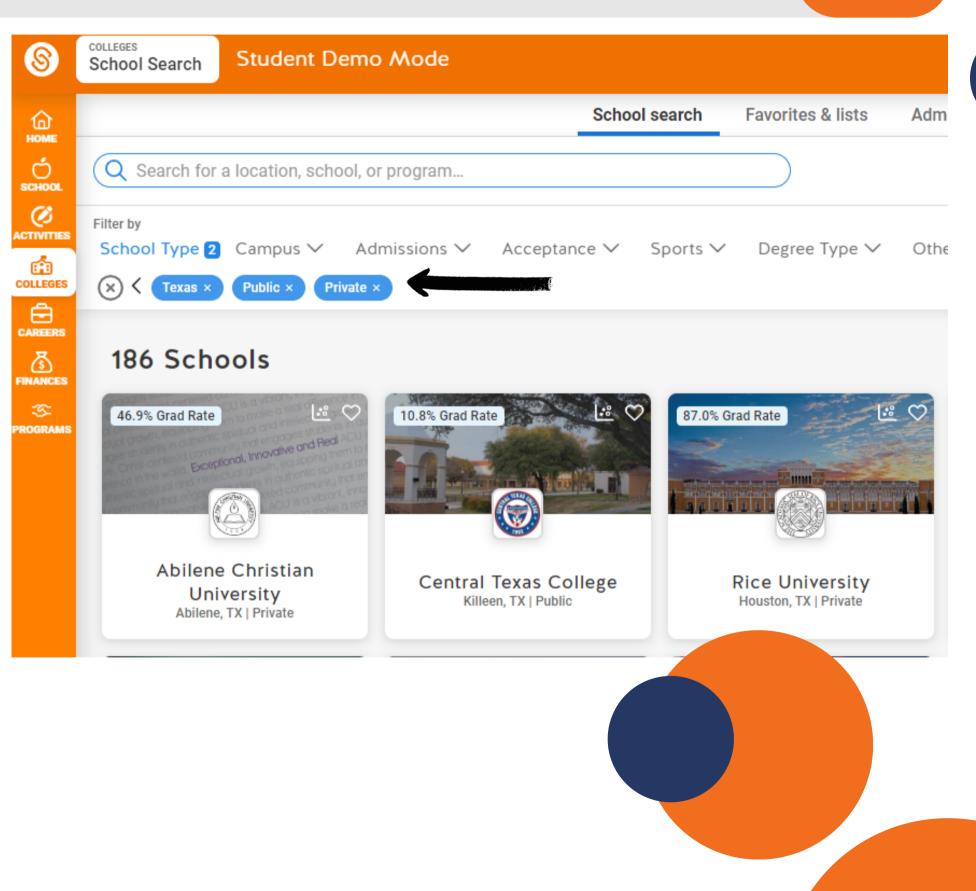
- Junior College/Community College
 - -Can move to 4-year university as a transfer student.
 - -Usually the university has a credit hour requirement (24 credits+) to apply as a transfer student.
 - Important to check on transferability to future university
- Trade School
- Workforce Training Programs



Which university should my child apply to?

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





College Applications

What's needed?

(varies by institution)

Application

May include Essay/s May request Resume

Transcript - Unofficial/Official

Initial
Midyear, if required
Final

Schoolinks

Colleges may require

SAT/ACT scores
TSIA2 scores (Texas)
TOEFFL
Letters of Recommendation/s
Portfolio (art/design programs

Most applications will open <u>August 1st</u> for FALL 2025



College Application Platforms

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?

- Well-written essay * collegeessayguy.com
- O2 Student & Community Involment
- High standardized test scores

04 Rigorous curriculum

Strong academic standing/grades

College Admissions - Holistic Review vs Automatic

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 6% of their class.

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

College Admissions - Holistic Review vs Automatic

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 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 a 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

<u>Stephen F. Austin University</u>

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.

College Admissions - SAT VS ACT

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
- *Arimethic, Algebra 1&2, Geometry, and Trig
- *Essay optional (40 mins)
- *scaled scored 1 36

SAT/ACT Dates

2024 Remaining SAT/ACT Dates

SAT

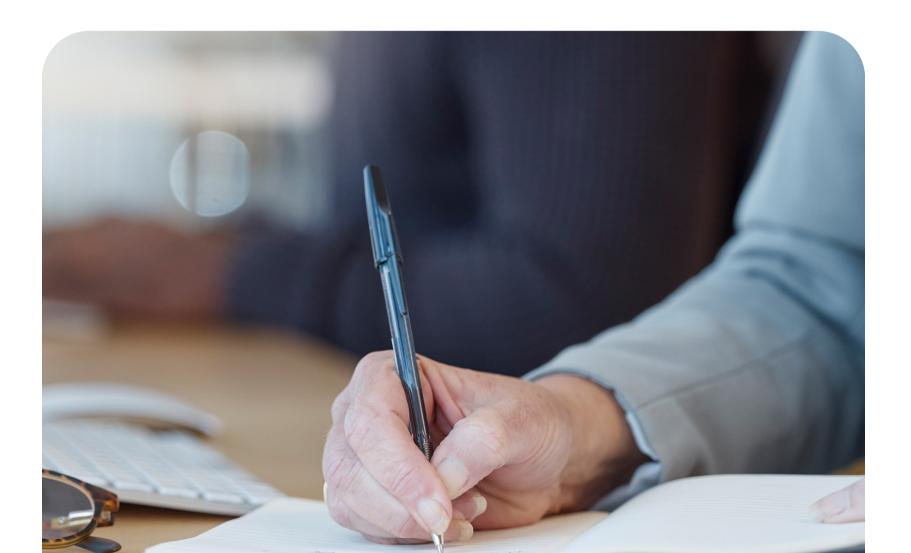
ACT

SAT Test Date*	Registration Deadline*	Deadline for Changes, Regular Cancellation, and Late Registration**
Mar 9, 2024	Feb 23, 2024 Register	February 27, 2024
May 4, 2024	Apr 19, 2024 Register	April 23, 2024
June 1, 2024	May 16, 2024 Register	May 21, 2024

Upcoming Test Dates (National)

Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline Late Fee Applies After This Date	Late Registration Deadline
April 13, 2024	March 8	March 24
June 8, 2024	May 3	May 19
July 13, 2024*	June 7	June 21

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

When should Juniors start their college journey?

Junior/Senior Timeline

Summer 2024	FALL 2024	SPRING 2025
*Begin Essay	*Apply to colleges	*Scholarships - Apply, apply, apply
*Update Resume	*Send official transcripts	*Mid-Year reports (if required – automatically)
*Take or Retake SAT/ACT	*Apply for Scholarships	*Financial Summary
*Explore SchooLinks (college search)	*Start FAFSA (Opens October)	*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?

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 <u>Personal Data Sheet</u> and <u>Letter of Rec Request</u> <u>Form</u>.

*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
- -They will receive a link to sign up
- -Counselors will walk students through the application process and answer questions.

Thank You!



College and Career Website











Counselors Website



Scan the QR Code for questions