

Senior Year



Graduation Requirements

- **Check Credits**

- ✓ 26 Credits for Distinguished Plan
- ✓ Counselors are working with your student
- ✓ Complete Credit Recovery ASAP
- ✓ Transcript will be mailed shortly

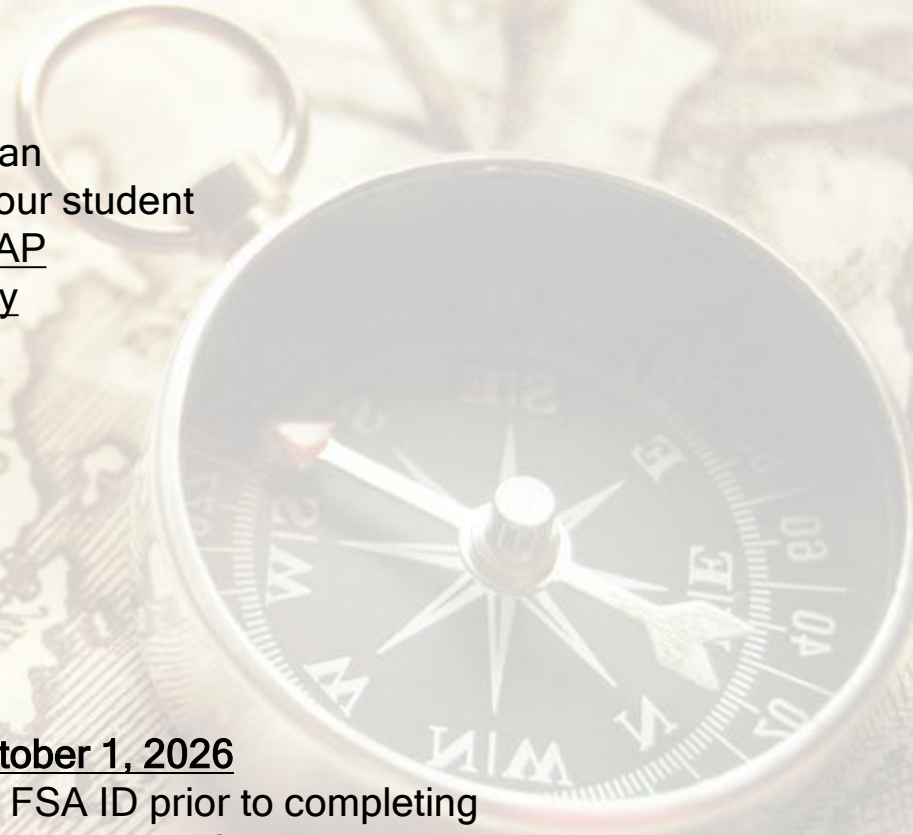
- **Pass EOC's**

- ✓ ELA 1 and 2
- ✓ Algebra 1
- ✓ Biology
- ✓ U.S. History

- **FAFSA**

- ✓ FAFSA Applications opens October 1, 2026
- ✓ Parent and Student must have FSA ID prior to completing
- ✓ Taxes filed online can be linked directly to form.

- **Pass all their classes!**



Take care of anything that would prevent you from getting into college.

- Denied credits due to attendance
- Failed classes
- Behavior incidents
- Parents monitor your student's social media!
- Social Media- Colleges and potential employers are using Facebook, Instagram, twitter and other social media to check on your student. College admissions officers check them and can use positive or negative posts for acceptance or denials.

Simplifying the College Planning Process

- Our goal tonight is to help simplify the College Admissions Process with these main objectives:

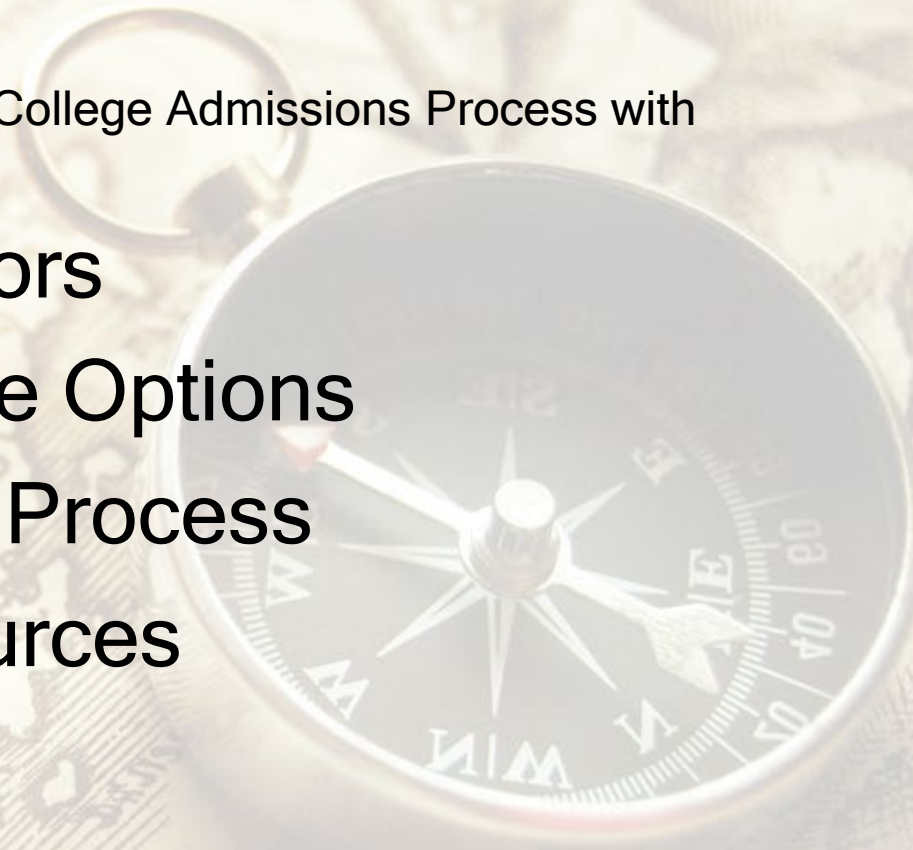
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V. Timeline



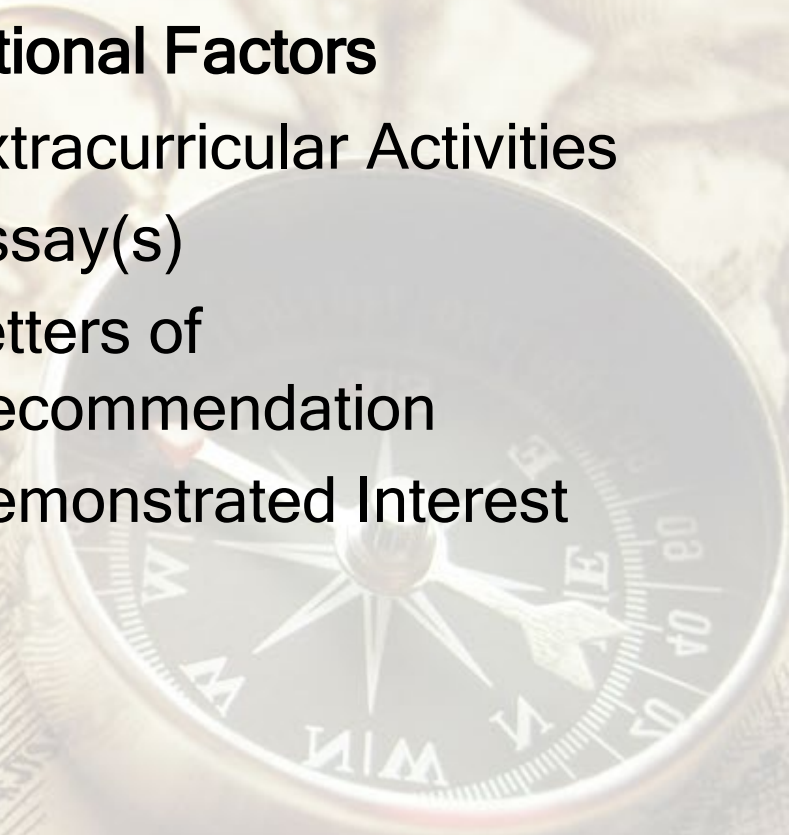
Admissions Factors

Primary Factors

- Quality/Rigor of Academics
- Academic Performance/Grades
- Test Scores (SAT, SAT Subject, AP, ACT, etc.)

Additional Factors

- Extracurricular Activities
- Essay(s)
- Letters of Recommendation
- Demonstrated Interest

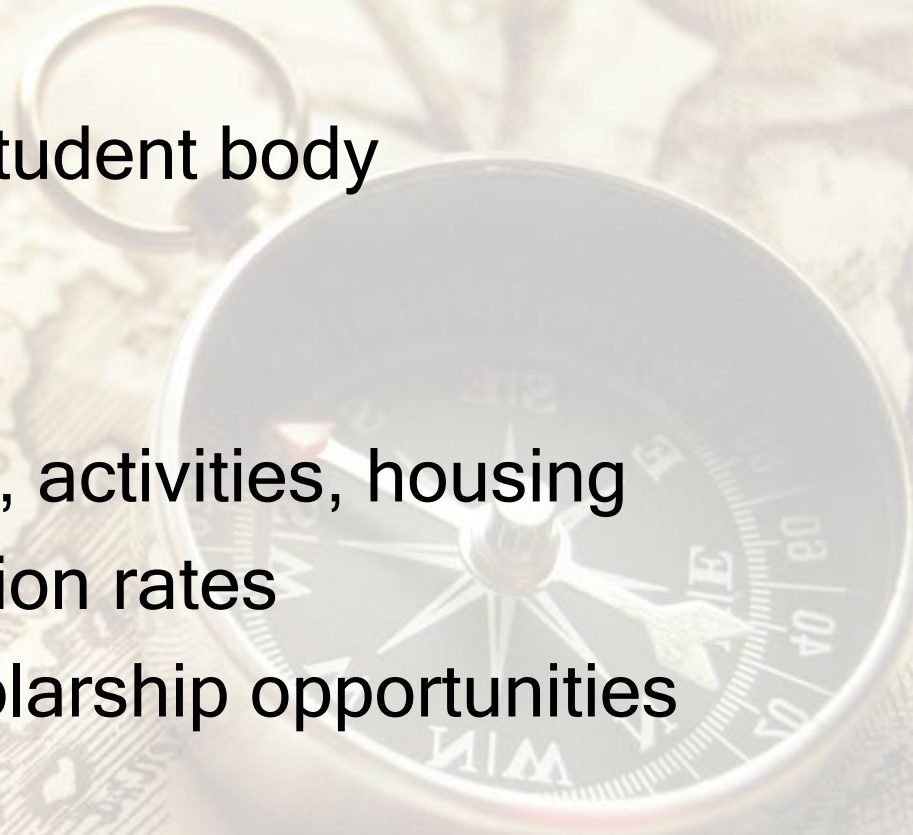


Other Considerations

- Positive recommendations from educators and mentors
- Personal statement and essay(s) demonstrating writing ability and self-expression
- A “demonstrated interest” that shows your enthusiasm in the colleges to which you’re applying
- Extracurricular activities, including participating in sports performing/visual arts, volunteering, etc.
- Community involvement, part-time work or internship
- Interview (if applicable)

College Exploration

- What to consider
 - Size and diversity of student body
 - Location
 - Academic programs
 - Campus life - athletics, activities, housing
 - Graduation and retention rates
 - Financial aid and scholarship opportunities



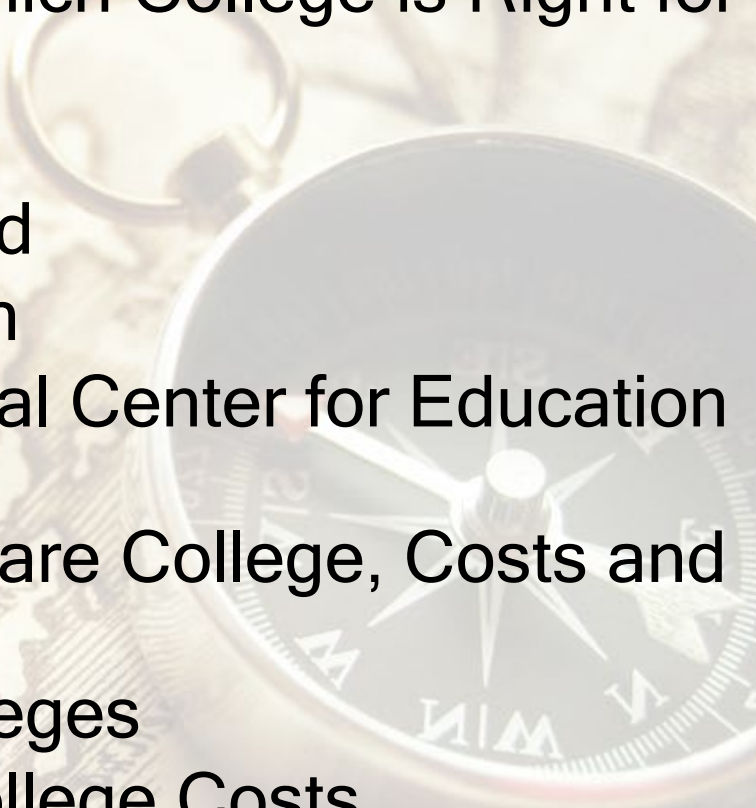
College Exploration

- VISIT CAMPUSES

- Take a campus tour
- Speak with an admissions counselor
- Ask about financial aid opportunities
- Sit in on a class of interest
- Talk to students and faculty.

Each senior gets 2 days for college visits. Forms can be picked up in the counselor's office.

Sites for College Exploration

- College for All Texans: Which College is Right for You?
 - ACT Profile by ACT
 - BigFuture by CollegeBoard
 - Peterson's College Search
 - College Navigator (National Center for Education Statistics)
 - College Navigator - Compare College, Costs and Programs
 - BigFuture - Compare Colleges
 - College for All Texans: College Costs
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APPLICATION PROCESS

First, get organized! Gather all documents & information before starting the online application.
Apply Texas – [Application Guide](#)

College Applications

- 1) **2) Texas schools** – If you are applying to a Texas school, then apply through Apply Texas at www.applytexas.org (Recommended if attending college within Texas)
- 2) **Common Application** - Complete this application online at www.commonapp.org
- 3) **All other schools** - they will have their own application that will need to be completed.

Common Application (August 1) and Apply Texas (July 1) can be started this summer.

Keep a chart of all ID #'s & passwords assigned for quick access to Apply TX, Common App, College Board, ACT as well as ID #'s assigned by the college itself.

What completes an application?

- All four-year colleges require: **1)** an application, **2)** an official transcript sent from YHS, **3)** SAT or ACT scores sent from the testing agency (Some are still Test Optional) and **4)** Self-Reported Academic Record (SRAR) if applicable.

Some colleges also require letters of recommendation

Online portion of the application requires:

- choice of major (if required - some schools request a 1st & 2nd choice major)
- biographical information
- educational background
- residency information
- extra-curricular activities
- volunteer, community service
- talents, awards, honors
- employment, internships, summer activities
- essays (if required)
- scholarship essays and short answer questions (if applying for general university scholarships)
- resume (if required)
- acknowledgement that applicant information is accurate
- fee for application to be processed (if required)

What completes an application? (continued)

2. Transcript

- Transcript can be requested to be sent by emailing your counselor. Be Sure to give the full name of the College.
- Allow up to 10 days for transcript to be sent.
- Final transcript will be sent to the college attending, students will provide information where to send transcripts at graduation practice.

3. SAT/ACT Scores (Check if Test Optional)

- Colleges require an official score report sent directly from the testing agency.
- Scores can be sent to 4 schools at no charge as part of test registration or an applicant can wait on scores and pay a fee to SAT/ACT to send scores.

- * Plan early for requesting transcripts and test scores to be sent to meet deadlines.
- * Dual Credit coursework: the college you attend will require a transcript from Temple College to determine if college credit has been earned. You must order this through Temple College Self Service section.

Regular Decision, Early Action, and Early Decision

Deadlines: Pay close attention to application deadlines!

- **Rolling Admission or Regular Decision:** The vast majority of students who apply to a given institution will do so through Regular Decision. While the application submission deadlines will vary between institutions, Regular Decision deadlines typically fall in early January, and offers of admission are sent out in late March or early April. These students will have until Spring to either accept or decline their offers.
- **Early Action:** Students will submit their applications before the regular deadline and will be informed of their admissions decision soon after (typically in January or February). Although the students apply and may be accepted, they are not committed to their Early Action school, and have until Spring to either accept or decline their offers of admission.
- **Early Decision:** Similar to Early Action, students will submit their applications before the Regular Decision deadline and receive their admissions decisions soon after. The most significant difference is that Early Decision is ***binding***, which means that any student who applies and is admitted to a school through Early Decision is expected to enroll. Early Decision applicants typically require some type of signed form that indicates the intention to enroll upon admission.

TRANSCRIPTS

- Unofficial Transcripts
 - When applying to Colleges or Trade School
 - Email Mrs. Vaculin or Mrs. Hause to request your transcript and information where to send it.
 - College Applications
 - » Provide school name if it is in Texas and we will send electronically
 - » Provide school name, email and/or mailing address if recipient is outside of Texas.
 - Scholarships
 - » Let us know if you need a paper copy to be picked up yourself or if you need a digital copy to be emailed to you.

TRANSCRIPTS

- Official Transcripts

- » Some scholarships require Official transcripts, if so please be sure to let us know.

- End of School Year

- » At the completion of High School you will be required to send your Official Transcript to the school you will be attending.

- » You will provide the information where you need your Official Transcript sent to at Graduation Practice. This will be to Temple College (if any dual credit courses were taken) and to the school you will be attending.

2026-2027 SAT Test Dates

SAT Test Date*	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Changes, Regular Cancellation, and Late Registration**
Aug. 22, 2026	Aug. 7, 2026 Register	Aug. 11, 2026
Sept. 12, 2026	Aug. 28, 2026 Register	Sept. 1, 2026
Oct. 3, 2026	Sept. 18, 2026 Register	Sept. 22, 2026
Nov. 7, 2026	Oct. 23, 2026 Register	Oct. 27, 2026
Dec. 5, 2026	Nov. 20, 2026 Register	Nov. 24, 2026
March 6, 2027	Feb. 19, 2027	Feb. 23, 2027
May 1, 2027	Apr. 16, 2027	April 20, 2027
June 5, 2027	May 21, 2027	May 25, 2027

SAT School Day: October 2026 March 2027

- CISD will pay for student to take SAT one time during high school.
- Students can participate in SAT school day and self pay multiple times.

**Callaway –
SAT scores must be received
by December.****

School Code: 441-091

2026-2027 ACT Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Late Registration, Cancellations and Changes
Apr 11, 2026	Mar 6, 2026	Mar 24, 2026
June 13, 2026	May 8, 2026	May 29, 2026
July 11, 2026**	June 5, 2026	June 24, 2026
Sept 19, 2026	Aug 14, 2026	Sept 1, 2026
Oct 17, 2026	Sept 11, 2026	Sept 29, 2026
Dec 12, 2026	Nov 6, 2026	Nov 29, 2026
Feb 27, 2027	Jan 22, 2027	Feb 9, 2027
Apr 10, 2027	Mar 5, 2027	Mar 23, 2027
June 12, 2027	May 7, 2027	May 25, 2027
July 10, 2027	June 4, 2027	June 22, 2027

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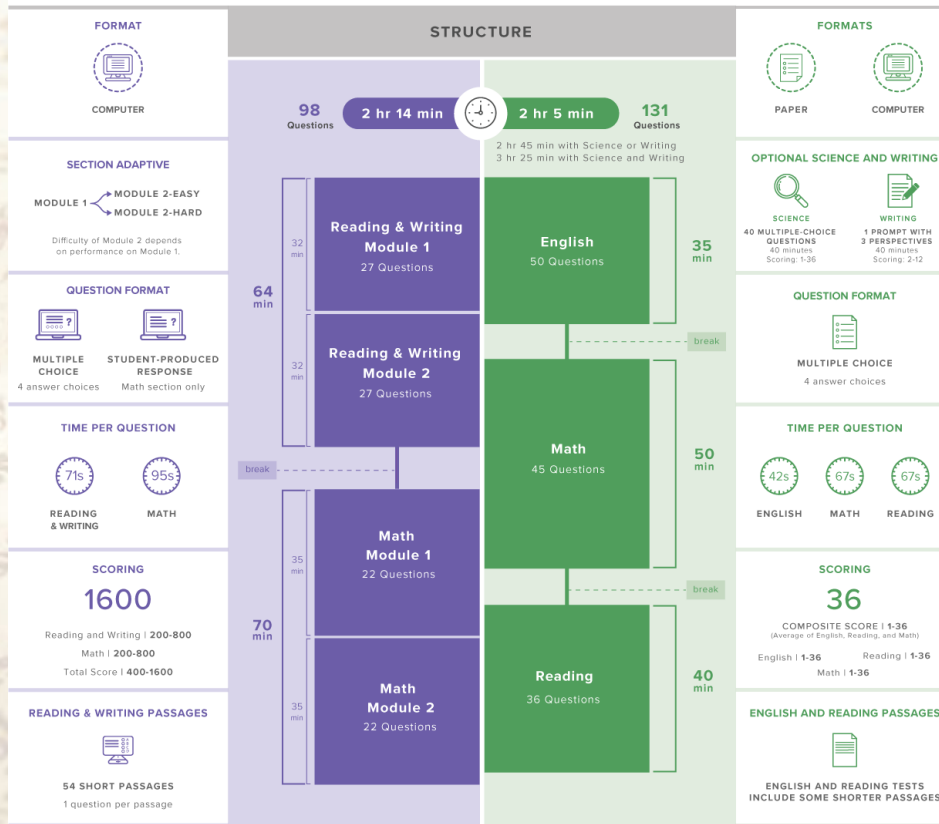
STANDARDIZED TESTING

Digital SAT vs Enhanced ACT

Compare the digital SAT to the new ACT to learn the differences between the two tests.
No matter which test you choose, prep for success with Test Innovators.

www.testinnovators.com/sat

www.testinnovators.com/act



What is SRAR

- This is a Self Reported Academic Record
- Only required by a few schools
- DO NOT go off memory or guess when entering this information - **USE YOUR TRANSCRIPT**

Some schools that require or highly recommend SRAR:

Baylor

Texas A&M

Texas Tech

University of Houston

University of Texas

Letters of Recommendation

Counselor Letters of Recommendation

- Counselors write a letter of recommendation for any school that requires it
 - *Common Application schools often require letter(s).*
- Larger public institutions usually do not require a letter. Acceptance at these institutions is based upon the student's application which includes their essay(s), ACT/SAT test scores and the student's transcript which shows strength of schedule and grades earned. Student should check the college website to see if they will need a letter of recommendation.
- If you are applying to a school or for a scholarship that requires a counselor letter of recommendation, students must provide a resume to the counselor at least *two weeks prior to your first deadline* .

Recommendation Letter

- **If your school requires a recommendation letter:**
 - Choose someone who knows you well enough to write the letter for you. This may be a teacher, coach, employer or friend of the family.
 - If your school specifically asks for the school counselor to write the letter, you will need to email and provide a resume.
 - Please allow 2 weeks from the date you turn in the profile for the letter to be completed.
 - Recommendation letters are mailed directly to the school.
- If the letter is not required, it will not be considered for acceptance.**

Application Overview

In order to apply, you will need the following items:

- Application
- Application Fee
- Official Transcript
- SAT/ACT Scores
- Essays

Some colleges will also want:

- Recommendation Letters



Apply: Essays

- ◎ Some schools will require that you write certain essays. For example, Apply Texas has Essay “A,” Essay “B,” and Essay “C.” Some schools will require 2 of the 3 or require A and B, and so on.
- ◎ If a school “suggests” doing an extra essay DO IT!! Don’t even THINK about NOT doing it.
- ◎ REVIEW your essays before you send them in.
- ◎ Have it proofread, English teachers are happy to help you.
- ◎ Admissions personnel want to see individuality and want something that stands out.
- ◎ If you have overcome adversity or have a special situation, tell them about it!
- ◎ If you are writing about someone who is your role model talk about how you are like them, not just about the person - they will want to admit that person and not you.

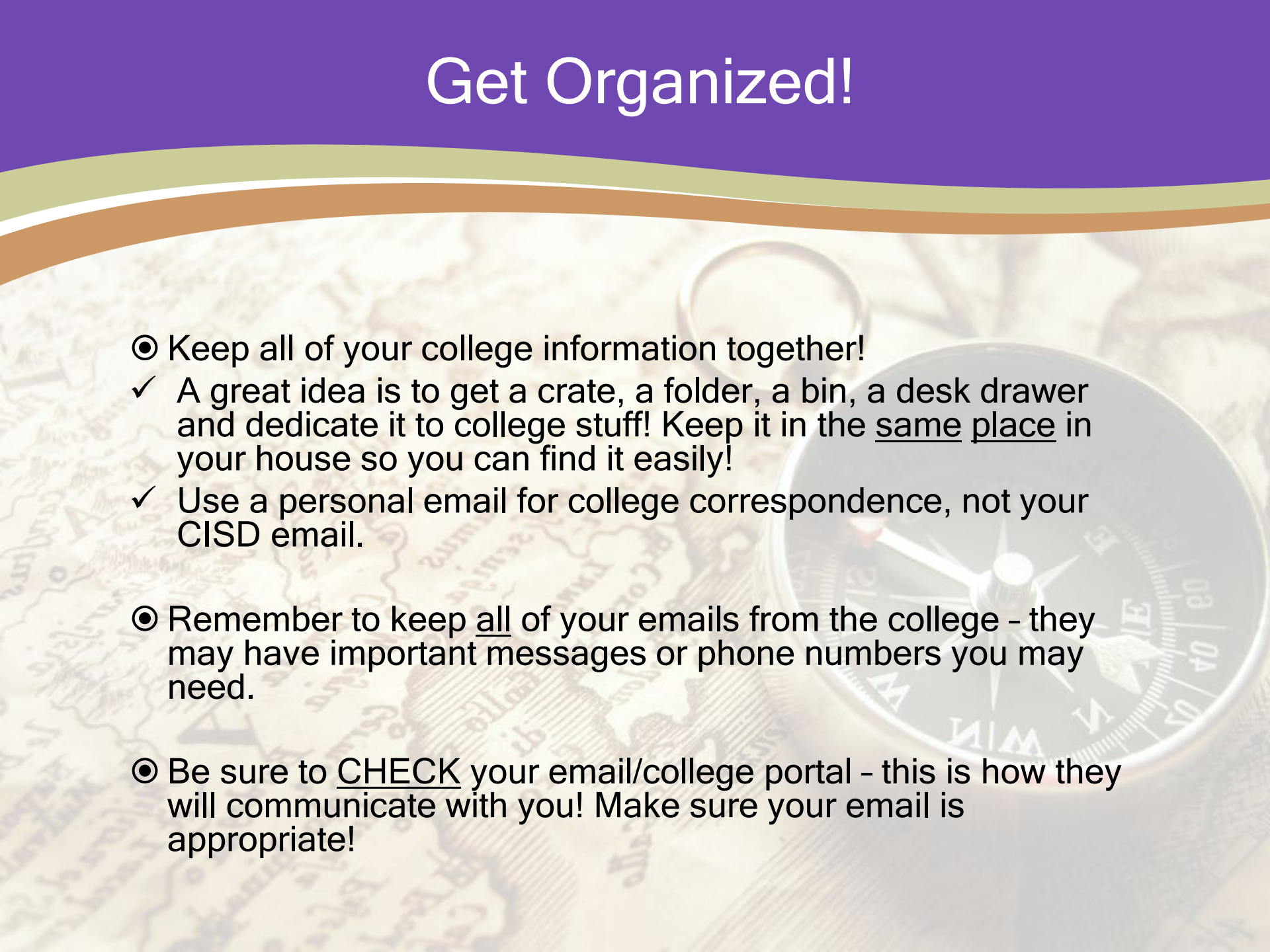
Apply: Application Fee

- Each university will require a one-time application fee ranging from \$25 to \$75 (many are about \$40).
- Many schools will offer a time period of no application fee- Apply Texas **October 12-18, 2026**
- Fee waivers are available for College applications if you meet the requirements (ex: free or reduced lunch, see your counselor)
- Fee waivers are available for ACT/SAT/Applications, if meet requirement or extenuating circumstance. (see your counselor)


Update Personal File/Resumé

- Be sure to update your personal file/resumé with any activities, community service and awards you have received.
- If you have NOT started a resumé, there's no time like the present! A resumé will make it easier to fill out applications and will help your teachers, coaches and your counselor write correct recommendation letters for you.
- You may list your awards by year or by activity. Many applications want items listed by type (sport, extra-curricular, etc.) and then by year.

Get Organized!

- ◎ Keep all of your college information together!
 - ✓ A great idea is to get a crate, a folder, a bin, a desk drawer and dedicate it to college stuff! Keep it in the same place in your house so you can find it easily!
 - ✓ Use a personal email for college correspondence, not your CISD email.
 - ◎ Remember to keep all of your emails from the college - they may have important messages or phone numbers you may need.
 - ◎ Be sure to CHECK your email/college portal - this is how they will communicate with you! Make sure your email is appropriate!
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Acceptances

- As soon as you have made a decision on which school you will attend, send a deposit right away.
 - Inform the schools whose offers you are declining.
 - This helps for admission of waitlisted students sooner.
 - Let your school counselor know where you will be attending and of any scholarships you receive!
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APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

- ◎ Go to www.fafsa.ed.gov for the application. **YOU MUST FILL THIS OUT TO RECEIVE ANY FINANCIAL AID FROM ANY UNIVERSITY.**
- ◎ Be sure to have this document sent to the university of your choice.
- ◎ **FINANCIAL AID IS FIRST COME FIRST SERVED, SO TURN IN YOUR APPLICATION AS SOON AS YOU CAN!**
- ◎ FAFSA Application posted to open October 1, 2026
- ◎ FAFSA NIGHT @ YHS - Will be announced

Cameron ISD Foundation Scholarship

Cameron ISD Scholarship Foundation

Criteria

- Application (YHS Website)
- Written Essay (Personal Narrative)
- Transcript
- Any other documents requested

Available to ALL students attending post secondary education

Can be awarded six semesters after initial award.

CALLAWAY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

General Funds Allocation

- Legacy Scholarship (\$60,000)
- Distinguished Scholarship (\$60,000)
- Vocational Scholarship (\$10,000/year for 2 years)
- Quintile Based

Anticipated Callaway Endowed Scholarships 2026-2027

Temple College Multi Year foundation Scholarship - MUST also apply to TC Foundation Scholarship

Baylor University- Business Major (3 available)

Texas State University

Updated details to come August 2026 regarding specific scholarships

Additional Funds

Perfect Attendance

U.I.L. Academic Excellence

Extracurricular Activities - Maximum \$225/year

CALLAWAY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Eligibility Guidelines

- Must live within the district and have attended C.H. Yoe High School for at least 2 years.
- Must be graduating in the Spring of the current year.
- Must provide a brief written statement as to how any funds received will be utilized to enhance their future, with their application.
- Must meet at least a 90% attendance for each year in high school. We define attendance as in-person attendance. The following does **NOT** count for attendance: virtual check-ins or excused absences. School-related absences do count as attendance.

CALLAWAY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

- Must have no serious disciplinary referrals. Examples include violence, vandalism, and possession of illegal substances.
- Must be a good citizen. Convictions of crimes deemed serious by the Foundation will result in your exclusion from scholarship consideration. You cannot apply for this scholarship if you have felony or misdemeanor charges. If charges are pending but you have pleaded guilty, you cannot apply for this scholarship. If you have been charged but have not admitted guilt, you can apply for this scholarship. However, the Foundation will withhold scholarship funds until court proceedings are final and you have been cleared of all charges.

CALLAWAY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Must provide documentation of **20** hours of approved community service completed benefiting the community of Cameron.

10 hours must be **completed and turned in before Christmas break**

An additional **10 hours completed and turned in by the Tuesday after spring break.**

Hours Cannot be earned during the school day

Pre-Approved Activities (WHITE FORM)

- Listed on WHITE
- Opportunities sent out on remind/Email

Approval Required (GREEN FORM)

- Activities not on the white form that benefit the Cameron Community.
- **MUST** be approved by Mrs. Vaculin **PRIOR** to service being served.

Do Not wait until the day before to get hours approved



Scholarships

- ◎ [Cameron ISD Website](#)
- ◎ Reputable scholarships are listed on:
 - ◎ FastWeb: www.fastweb.com
 - ◎ Scholarships.com: www.scholarships.com
 - ◎ College Board's scholarship search: bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search
 - ◎ Texas Comptroller: <https://comptroller.texas.gov/programs/education/>
 - ◎ YHS Webpage: YHS Webpage
- ◎ Most of the big scholarships come from the university you attend.
- ◎ Remember, you can still get scholarships WHILE attending college, don't forget to keep applying..
- ◎ Most scholarship awards will be sent directly to the college - make sure they know where to send the money! Information for scholarship will be in your award folder on Scholarship Night.
- ◎ Write THANK YOU NOTES!

Graduation

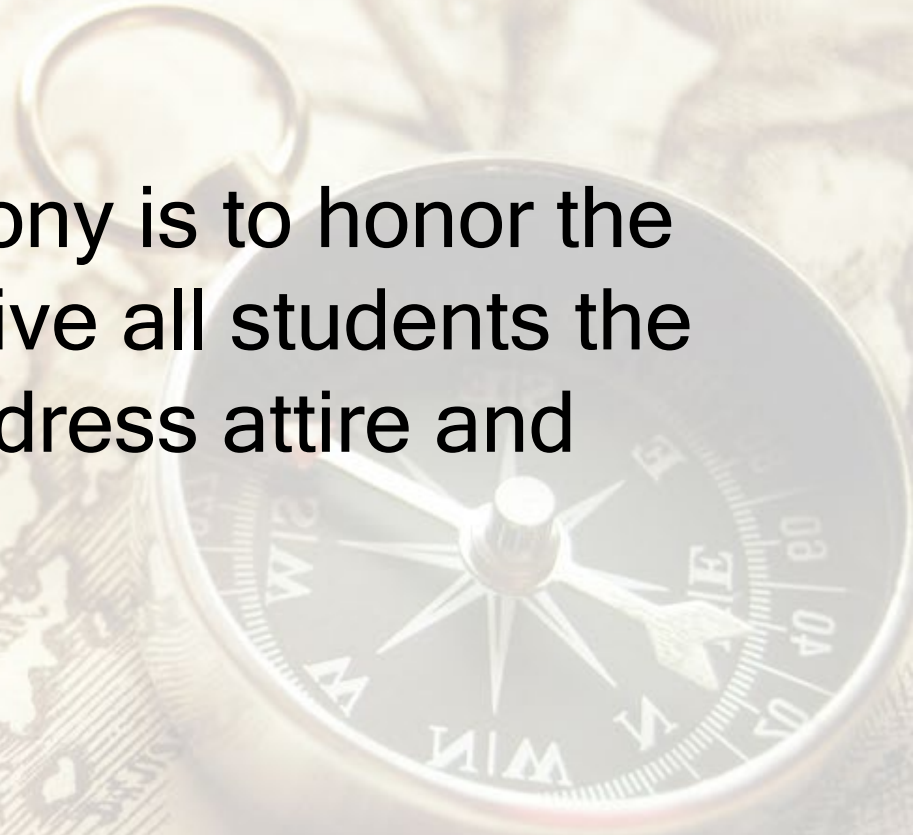
Cap & Gown

Information regarding cap and gown will be sent out in the Fall and you will order it then from Balfour.

Cost - Generally between \$70-80

Graduation

The Graduation Ceremony is to honor the graduates. In order to give all students the attention they deserve, dress attire and behavior is important.



Additional information

Email Address for applications - Do not use school

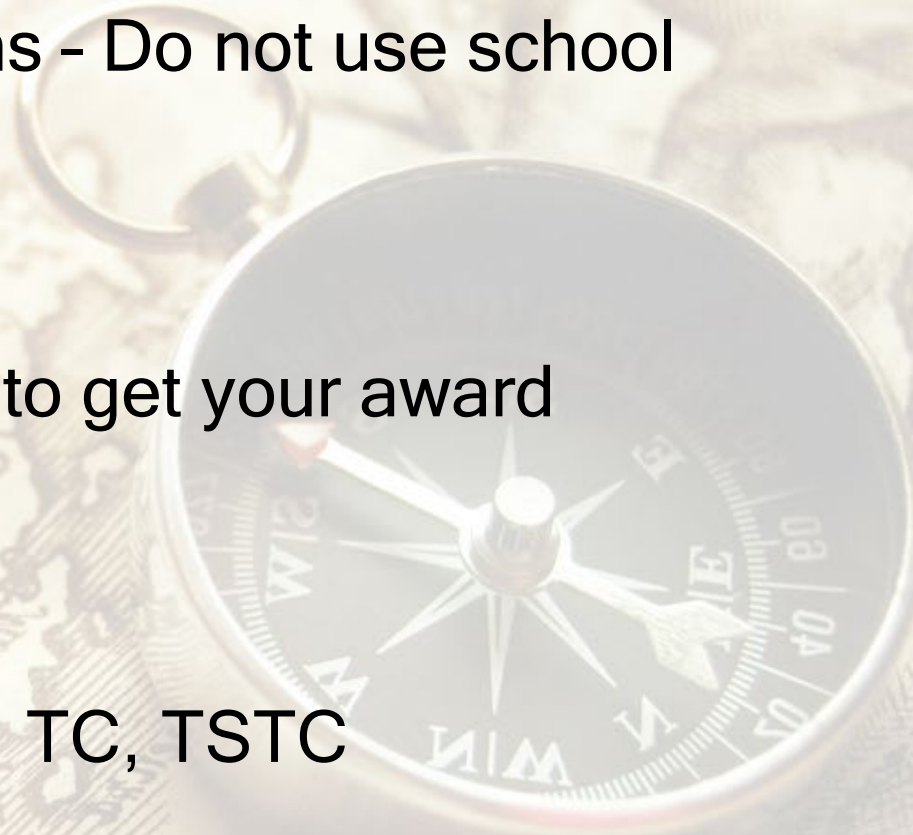
TSIA - once a month

Scholarships received - How to get your award

Student ID # for college

College Trips - Baylor, TXST, TC, TSTC

ASVAB Test



Questions?

