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SENIOR HANDBOOK

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SENIOR YEAR TIMELINE

- Determine if the colleges you are interested in will require SAT or ACT scores.
- Plan your testing schedule carefully to complete all testing before applications are needed.
- Narrow your list of colleges to three to five top picks.
 - If you have not done so, visit the website of each school.
 - Plan to tour as many of these colleges as possible.
- Create a planning calendar that includes:
 - Tests you will take and their fees, dates, and registration deadlines.
 - College application due dates. Try to apply by the scholarship deadline.
 - Financial aid application forms required and their deadlines. (Note: Scholarship and/or financial aid applications may be due before college admission applications.)
 - Other materials you might need (recommendations, resume, etc.)

SEPTEMBER

- Create an [Apply_Texas](#) account to access any public college or university in the State of Texas.
- Start working on your college applications.
- Continue to work on your college essays.
- Complete College Application Checklist for each college that you are applying.
- Confer with military recruiters if interested in the military.
- Student athletes planning to continue playing a sport in college, register with NCAA Eligibility Center (<https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>)
- If you have used a SAT or ACT fee waiver, you may be eligible for an application fee waiver or a fee waiver from the NCCA if needed – see your counselor for details.

OCTOBER

- Apply for a FSA ID (Personal identification number) for both student and parent.
- Complete the FAFSA online at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>.
- Prepare Early Action applications as soon as possible.
- Submit requests for counselor and teacher recommendations if you need them.
- Draft college essays and have someone review them.
- Many colleges consider students for merit scholarships based on their admissions application when submitted early. Try to submit by November 1. Consult the college website to determine scholarship deadlines and procedures.
- Remember to start other college paperwork such as housing or honors program applications.

NOVEMBER

- Be aware of early decision deadlines. Some colleges have application deadlines during November; others may consider applicants for merit scholarships with applications submitted in November.
- Submit as many college applications as possible before Thanksgiving. Check your application status at the colleges for updates.
- Request that your transcripts be sent to the colleges of your choice using Parchment. Watch application deadlines!

DECEMBER

- Keep copies of everything you submit. Read and save all emails from your prospective colleges.
- Turn in forms to your counselor as needed, allowing at least 15 school days for processing.
- Continue to research and apply for scholarships.
- Prepare for final exams.

JANUARY

- Check your college application status to make sure your application is complete.
- Continue to research and apply for scholarships.

FEBRUARY

- Maintain strong academic marks. Colleges will review spring semester grades!
- Continue to research and apply for scholarships.
- Watch the scholarship list as many scholarships have deadlines in February and March.

MARCH

- Carefully evaluate college admissions decisions as they come in. Revisit the campus if necessary.
- Register to take the TSI test if required for your two-year or four-year public Texas college. Students with certain credentials may be exempt from the TSI. Consult with your college for details.
- Continue to research and apply for scholarships.
- You should receive admission decision and financial aid offers by April. Contact the college financial aid office(s) with questions.

APRIL

- If you have not yet done so, if possible, visit your final college before accepting an offer of admissions. Many colleges have “admitted students’ weekends” for this purpose.
- Work with the financial aid office at your college to resolve financial aid problems.
- Contact your college if you have questions about housing.
- Get your bacterial meningitis vaccination. Send a COPY of the immunization to your college (if required).
- Report all scholarships you are accepting to the counselor at your school.

MAY

- Notify colleges of your intention to enroll by May 1st. Make sure you pay the required deposits. Send enrollment deposit only to the ONE college you will attend.
- Attend the Senior Activities to celebrate your achievements.
- Schedule orientation, TSI exams, or other requirements as directed by your college.
- If you were enrolled in Dual-Credit or OnRamps classes, request your college transcript be sent to your college/university.

JUNE

- Graduate!
- Enjoy your summer.
- Pack and get ready for college.
- Update your high school if you have changed your college destination since graduation (final transcript).
- Attend freshman orientation at your college.
- Order your final transcript from Parchment and have it sent to the university you will be attending.

COLLEGE CAMPUS AND TOURS

There is no better way to learn about a college or university than to visit the campus when the college is in session. A live campus gives you better insight to the right fit for you when you are on campus while students are learning, professors are teaching, and the campus culture is in full swing.

- Arrange for the visit in advance. Ask for a campus tour.
- Check to see if the college has special recruiting weekend events and tours.
- Allow sufficient time for a visit. Preferably a full day but not less than a half day.
- Familiarize yourself with the college before you visit.
- Inform the college about your areas of interest.
- Take a copy of your resume with you.
- Take an unofficial copy of your transcript with you.
- Give careful attention to your appearance, grooming, and conduct. This will be your first contact with the school and first impressions do count. Follow up the visit with a thank-you email or note.

PREPARE FOR THE VISIT

THE VISIT

- Visit several classes.
- Talk with students. If possible, stay overnight in the dorm to see what living at college is really like.
- Ask to meet a faculty member from the department in which you are interested.
- Eat in a dining hall.
- Pick up a copy of the student newspaper.
- Take notes. Jot down what you liked and didn't like.
- Bring back a letter from the college on their stationery with your name and the date to count as an excused College Visit!

- What is the profile of students accepted to this college? What is your acceptance rate?
- What percentage of freshmen return for the next year? How long does it take the average student to graduate?
- What kind of assistance do you provide to help students find a job when they graduate?
- How many students go on to graduate school?
- Are freshmen required to live on campus? How many upperclassmen stay on campus? Are there campus apartment houses?
- How are the dorms set up? Do you have suites or individual rooms? How many people share a living space? Do you have theme dorms? Is housekeeping provided? Are the rooms networked for high-speed internet? Is there an additional fee for the internet?
- Do you have sororities/fraternities? What percentage of students pledge? Do you have fraternity/sorority housing? What is the alcohol policy? What is the smoking/vaping policy?
- What is the male/female student ratio? What states do most students come from? What are campus politics like? How does the local community feel about the college students?
- Are there opportunities for study abroad? For research? For work-study? For co-op? Internships?
- Is preference given to children of alumni?

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- What kinds of merit scholarship opportunities are available?
- What kinds of financial aid are available?
- What is a typical weekend like?
- Is there a career planning or placement program for students?
- What is the average class size for freshmen? Upperclassmen?
- Who will teach freshmen courses—graduate assistants or faculty?
- What are the strengths and weaknesses of the faculty advising system? How accessible is the faculty?
- What are the college's top three programs or majors?
- How would you characterize the academic pressure and workload?
- How will the college be evaluating the student? What criteria are used?
- What are the application deadlines and procedures?
- What are the school's basic costs (tuition, room, board, fees, and books)?

AFTER THE VISIT

- If time allows, drive around the surrounding area to get a sense of the college in context of its community.
- Write down your impressions (both positive and negative) of the visit that day when the experience is still fresh.
- As soon as possible, go through the university information given to you to add your own notes for later review or discussion. Discard items from those packets that aren't necessary to your decision.
- Write a thank you note/email to the people who helped you that day (tour guides, admissions reps, faculty members). Consider using social media to tweet out a big thank you!
- Bring the college's visit form back to your high school attendance office to receive your excused college visit day.

TESTING

TEST NAME	WHAT IS IT?	WHO TAKES IT?	WHY?	FOR MORE INFORMATION
EOC	End of Course assessment for secondary-level courses in Algebra I, Biology, US History, English I and II (reading and writing).	Every student that is enrolled in a public Texas high school.	EOC is a graduation requirement and all subjects must be passed to receive a diploma.	https://tea.texas.gov Given in April of each year. Retest dates will be given in July and December if needed.
PSAT	Preliminary SAT Test which is a sample of the SAT Reasoning Test.	Juniors and Sophomores. PSAT is the ONLY way to qualify for National Merit Scholarship Program.	To familiarize self with the SAT test before taking it and/or want to try for National Merit.	www.collegeboard.org Offered every October.
SAT	Scholastic Assessment Test is a multi-choice test of mathematical reasoning abilities, reading and writing administrated by the College Board.	Students who plan on attending college whether in state or out.	Most colleges require either an SAT or ACT exam with a minimum score entry requirement.	www.collegeboard.org Usually taken in the spring of the junior or fall of the senior year.
ACT	ACT is a 3 hour curriculum based test in English Usage, Mathematics, Reading Comprehension and Science Reasoning.	Students who plan on attending college whether in state or out.	Most colleges require either an SAT or ACT exam with a minimum score entry requirement.	www.act.org Usually taken in the spring of the junior or fall of the senior year
TSI	Texas Success Initiative assessment is an instruction program designed to ensure students have academic skills to perform in college level work.	All students who will attend public college in Texas or enroll in Dual Credit, unless exempt (exemption scores change frequently*.)	Students must demonstrate mastery of basic academic skills before being allowed to enroll in college work.	www.thecb.state.tx.us Usually taken in the senior year.
ASVAB	Armed Service Vocational Aptitude Battery was originally designed to predict future academic and occupational success in military occupations.	Students who want to get a good sense of their verbal, math, and science and technical skills compared to other students in the same grade	The ASVAB Summary Results sheet provides students with explanations of the scores, as well as suggestions for their use.	www.asvabprogram.com Please check with your counselor or military recruitment office for dates offered.
TOEFL	Test of English as a Foreign Language measures non-Native speakers' English ability at college level.	Students who are not yet fluent in English and want to provide more test data to colleges.	TOEFL offers many test dates and free preparation materials.	www.ets.org/toefl Check with your local colleges before registering.

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS PROCESS

Factors Considered in College Admissions

- Overall high school GPA
- Grades in college preparatory courses
- Strength of high school curriculum
- Test Scores
- Essay/Writing Sample

Rank in Class

Class rank is based on semester grades earned in all state-approved credit courses in grades 9-12. Class rank of students at Legacy the School of Sport Sciences will be decided by using the following grade point system.

Grade Range	Letter Semester Grade	Unweighted Grade Point Scale	Weighted Grade Point Scale
90-100	A	4	5
80-89	B	3	4
75-79	B	2	3
70-75	D	1	2
Below 70	F	0	0

Admission Tests

Official score reports should be sent directly to your colleges from the testing agencies. It is your responsibility as an applicant to report your SAT, ACT, and/or TSI by indicating colleges as score recipients on the registration form. Scores must be received by the college's application deadline for an application to be complete. Sending your scores directly to colleges when you take the test eliminates paying additional fees later, but also helps when colleges superscore.

Academic Preparation

- Colleges will be looking at the quality of course selection, as well as grades. Colleges want to make sure a student is academically prepared for the rigors of college curriculum.
- It is important that your grades represent your best efforts academically. Improved grades over past performance may indicate a greater seriousness of purpose about education. A decline of grades over past performance may be seen as a slackening of effort or less ability for more advanced work. A decline of grades may cause an admissions committee to reject what might have seemed an otherwise acceptable candidate for admission.

Resume

Colleges and universities want to see student involvement and leadership. To judge the amount of involvement and leadership, some colleges will require a resume as part of an application. This resume should be a concise summary of your education, accomplishments, experience, and skills. The overall purpose of a college application resume should be to generate interest in you by highlighting your achievements and strengths.



Essays

Some colleges may require one or more essays. An essay gives the applicant the opportunity to set themselves apart from other applicants with their unique personality and/or experiences. If the essay is an optional part of the application, it is in the applicant's best interest to complete the essay.

Writing the College Essay

You do not have to get it right the first time! Instead, write the first draft of your essay with the focus on content—communicating your thoughts. Then set it aside for a day or two, reread it with a fresh perspective, and make necessary changes. This is also the point at which you should consider matters of organization, style, grammar, spelling, and tone. Once you have rewritten your first draft, you may wish to read it to your family, Counselor, or English teacher. While the final product and final "voice" should be yours, they may be able to offer helpful suggestions.

Within this general outline for writing the essay, there are some things to consider.

DO'S

- Do think “small” and write about something with which you are familiar.
- Do reveal yourself in your writing.
- Do show rather than tell. By giving examples and illustrating your topic, you help bring it to life.
- Do write in your own “voice” and style.

DONT'S

- Don't write what you think others want to read.
- Don't exaggerate or write to impress.
- Don't use a flowery, inflated, or pretentious style.
- Don't neglect the technical part of your essay (grammar, spelling, sentence structure).
- Don't ramble—say what you have to say and conclude.

Your college essay, along with your high school record, standardized test scores, and extracurricular involvement, will provide the basis upon which the college makes its admissions decision. A thoughtful, well-written essay can affect that final decision in a very positive way. Keep this in mind and take full advantage of the opportunity which the college essay affords you.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Some colleges will require recommendations. A recommendation describes an applicant's personal characteristics and academic abilities. The recommendation usually gives a more detailed analysis of your qualifications than the information received from the high school.

Before asking someone to write a recommendation, you need to consider:

- Waiving your rights to see the materials in your file. This will allow the person writing the recommendation to give a more accurate picture of the applicant. Most authorities recommend students waive the right, so their evaluation is given more value.
- Deciding who should write your recommendation. It is important to choose teachers who know you well, like you, and will write a strong recommendation for you.
- Writing a letter of recommendation is time-consuming. Be sure you give the person writing the letter a minimum of 15 school days before the letter is due. Request recommendations only for those schools to which you are definitely applying.

OTHER ADMISSIONS CONSIDERATIONS

In addition to the factors already listed, more highly competitive colleges may have academically qualified candidates outnumber the spaces available. To stand out, several other admission factors become important. Some of these factors might be:

- Special talents such as musical, artistic, or athletic ability,
- Geographic location,
- Exceptional academic talent, such as independent research, a science fair project, or National Merit recognition,
- Background or culture,
- A demonstrated interest in the college,
- First generation college attending in family.

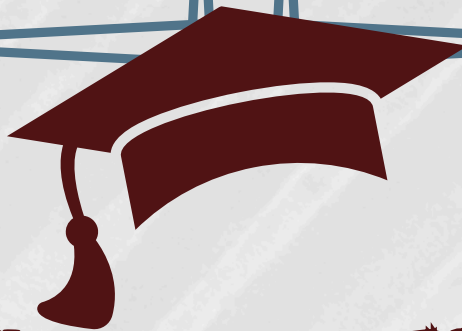
OTHER ADMISSIONS CONSIDERATIONS

EARLY DECISION

Early Decision requires you to commit to a college or university at the time of application that, if admitted, you will enroll. Once admitted under Early Decision, a nonrefundable deposit will be required. You may apply to other colleges but may have only one Early Decision application pending at any time. Colleges have very strict rules about applying early decision. We strongly encourage you to meet with your counselor prior to applying Early Decision.

REGULAR DECISION

Regular Decision is a plan in which institutions review most of their applications before notifying the majority of candidates of their admission. In this process, colleges set a deadline for completing applications and will respond to completed applications by a specified date. You will not be required to make a decision regarding enrolling before May 1.



EARLY ACTION

Early Action permits you to apply to a college or university of your choice and receive a decision early in the senior year, well in advance of the normal spring response dates. You are not committed to attend and may apply to other colleges. You are not required to make a commitment before May 1.

ROLLING ADMISSION

Rolling admission is a term used to describe the application process in which an institution reviews applications as they are received and offers decisions to students soon after they are made. You may apply to other colleges and will not be required to make a decision regarding enrollment before May 1.



WAIT LIST

Wait List is a term used by institutions to describe a process in which they may initially delay offering or denying you admission, but rather extends to you the possibility of admission in the future. Colleges offer admission to wait list candidates if insufficient numbers of regularly admitted candidates accept their offers of admission.

A wait list does not guarantee admissions; therefore, you would also need to strongly consider acceptances from other institutions.



Should you apply under an Early Decision Program?

Ideal candidates for Early Decision should fit both of these profiles:

- You have researched colleges extensively (visited at least 3 or 4) and are absolutely sure that College X is your first choice. If you are accepted under an Early Decision program, you have committed yourself to attending that college and must withdraw all other applications.
- You meet or exceed the admissions profile of students at College X (i.e., your SAT scores, GPA, and class rank should be comparable to students at College X.) You should have completed one round of the SAT Reasoning Test and SAT Subject Tests by October of your senior year. Some colleges, however, will accept November test scores if the scores are rushed to the admissions office. You have an academic record that has been consistently solid over time.

What are the advantages of Early Decision programs?

- Your application is reviewed early, and you receive notification of your admission status by December 15.
- If you are accepted, you avoid having to complete other applications.
- Your application is reviewed against a smaller applicant pool. However, it is usually a much stronger pool than the group of candidates for regular admissions.

What are the disadvantages of Early Decision programs?

- You could be rejected early.
- In April, when other students receive their acceptances, you may end up wondering, “Could I have been accepted to Y University?”
- You might change your mind, but you are bound by contract to attend College X.

What are some of the mistakes students make in choosing to apply for Early Decision?

- Applying to a college for Early Decision when they have not researched/visited any other colleges.
- Applying early to a college just to avoid the paperwork and stress.
- Applying early because a friend is doing so.

AUTOMATIC TOP 10% ADMISSIONS

According to legislation (HB 3826) passed by the Texas Legislature, there have been changes made in college admission requirements to Texas public four-year colleges. Those changes are:

TOP 10 PERCENT: IN ADDITION TO THE TOP 10% RANK REQUIREMENT, ELIGIBILITY FOR AUTOMATIC ADMISSION WILL INCLUDE THE REQUIREMENTS THAT AN APPLICANT:

- Has completed the curriculum for the distinguished level of achievement under the Foundation Plan.
- Demonstrates college readiness benchmarks on the ACT or SAT.
- ACT – English 18, Reading 22, Math 22 and Science 23
- SAT – Evidence-Based Reading and Writing 480 and Mathematics 530

In addition to the above, an application must meet the college or university's deadlines and provide a high school transcript or diploma.

Students who are not in the top 10 percent of their class are considered for college admission under other criteria.

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN HAS ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS AS PER SENATE BILL 175.

- UT is not required to automatically admit more than 75% of available Texas spaces.
- UT must announce automatic percentile by September 15 to Junior Class (automatic admission for top 6% for the Class of 2022).
- Students can be admitted Summer or Fall.

STUDENT ATHLETES

Students planning to participate in Division I or Division II college athletics must be certified by the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse. The Clearinghouse ensures that each student meets certain academic standards in order to be eligible as a student athlete.

Register at www.ncaa.org

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Student athletes and their parents should sign a release form in the transcript clerk's office so records can be released to coaches for recruiting purposes.

WHEN SHOULD A STUDENT REGISTER WITH THE NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER?

Students should register with the Eligibility Center at the beginning of their junior year in high school. At the end of the student's junior year, a transcript, which includes six semesters of grades, should be sent to the Eligibility Center from the high school. Additionally, students should have their SAT or ACT scores forwarded directly to the Eligibility Center (by using code "9999") whenever they take the exam.

HOW DO PARENTS LEARN MORE ABOUT THE RECRUITING PROCESS

Free, reliable information is available to all student athletes and parents. Don't pay anyone for recruiting services! For more information, contact your high school coach, athletic director, the NCAA Parent resources at web1.ncaa.org, and a free webinar sponsored by college athletics at <http://www.freerecruitingwebinar.org/>

WHAT IF A STUDENT ISN'T ATTENDING A DIVISION I-II UNIVERSITY? CAN THEY STILL BE AN ATHLETE?

Regardless of size, most colleges offer athletic programs. Other non-NCAA programs include NCAA Division III schools, NAIA schools (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics), and NJCAA schools (National Junior College Athletic Association). These smaller athletic associations have academic standards for student athletes, but they do not require participation in the NCAA Eligibility Center.

College intramurals is another option for students who enjoy sports and friendly competition. Intramurals are open to all students with all ability levels, and intramurals do not require a commitment to a college or coach. Check out the student life and recreation centers during campus visits to learn more about intramural competition.

APPLYING STARTS WITH THE FAFSA

WHAT IS FAFSA?

FAFSA STANDS FOR “FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID.” AS THE NAME INDICATES, THE APPLICATION IS FREE. NO MATTER HOW MANY SCHOOLS YOU ARE APPLYING TO, YOU ONLY NEED TO COMPLETE ONE FAFSA. ONCE YOUR APPLICATION IS PROCESSED, YOU AND THE COLLEGES YOU HAVE SELECTED WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE RESULTS, AND THE COLLEGE WILL DETERMINE THE FUNDING FOR WHICH YOU ARE ELIGIBLE.

TO OBTAIN FINANCIAL AID, THERE ARE THREE VERY IMPORTANT THINGS TO UNDERSTAND.

1. YOU ONLY MUST COMPLETE ONE FORM (THE FAFSA) TO START THE FINANCIAL AID PROCESS.
2. THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE AT THE COLLEGE YOU PLAN TO ATTEND WILL AWARD YOUR FINANCIAL AID.
3. DEADLINES MATTER. THE EARLIER YOU SUBMIT YOUR FORMS, THE MORE LIKELY YOU ARE TO GET A GOOD FINANCIAL AID PACKAGE.

FAQ

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

EVERY COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENT SHOULD COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THE FAFSA. STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR FAFSA MAY BE ABLE TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL AID FROM THE TEXAS APPLICATION FOR STATE FINANCIAL AID (TAFSA)

WHERE CAN YOU FIND THE FAFSA?

THE BEST PRACTICE IS TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION ELECTRONICALLY AT WWW.FAFSA.GOV.

NOTE: COMPLETING THE FAFSA ONLINE IS THE FASTEST WAY TO APPLY. THE PROCESSING TIME FOR FORMS SUBMITTED ONLINE IS ABOUT TWO WEEKS. THE PROCESSING TIME FOR PAPER APPLICATIONS IS SIX TO EIGHT WEEKS.

WHEN SHOULD YOU COMPLETE THE FAFSA?

THE FAFSA SHOULD BE COMPLETED AND PROCESSED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER OCTOBER 1ST OF YOUR SENIOR YEAR. REMEMBER, THE FINANCIAL AID FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING HAS LIMITS, SO THE SOONER YOU COMPLETE YOUR FORMS, THE BETTER YOUR CHANCES OF GETTING A GOOD FINANCIAL AID PACKAGE. THERE IS NOT ENOUGH MONEY TO MEET THE FINANCIAL NEED OF ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS IN THE UNITED STATES, TO EARLY FILING IS RECOMMENDED.

HOW SHOULD YOU COMPLETE THE FAFSA?

TO COMPLETE THE FORM, YOU AND YOUR PARENTS WILL NEED TO SHARE INFORMATION RELATIVE TO YOUR FAMILY'S FINANCIAL CONDITION (INCOME, ASSETS, SAVINGS, ETC.). THIS IS THE SAME INFORMATION YOU WOULD BE REQUIRED TO SHARE WITH A BANK OR OTHER LENDER WHEN REQUESTING A LOAN FOR A NEW CAR OR HOME, OR THAT YOU ARE REQUIRED TO PUT ON YOUR TAX RETURN EACH YEAR. YOU WILL COMPLETE THE FAFSA AT WWW.FAFSA.GOV. IT IS FREE.

WHAT'S NEXT?

ONCE YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE FAFSA, YOUR NEXT STEP IS TO CONTACT THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE TO DETERMINE IF THERE IS ANY OTHER INFORMATION YOU NEED TO PROVIDE. SOME COLLEGES WILL REQUIRE THAT YOU COMPLETE ADDITIONAL FORMS. REMEMBER, YOU MUST HAVE BEEN ADMITTED TO THE COLLEGE BEFORE YOU WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR FINANCIAL AID AWARDS, SO BE CERTAIN TO SEND IN YOUR APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION.

SOME COLLEGES ALSO REQUIRE THE CSS PROFILE IN ADDITION TO THE FAFSA. CONSULT WITH THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE AT YOUR COLLEGE TO MAKE SURE YOU FILE ALL THE REQUIRED FORMS FOR FINANCIAL AID.

FAFSA OPT-OUT

IN 2019, THE 86TH TEXAS LEGISLATURE ESTABLISHED THE NEW REQUIREMENT FOR TEXAS STUDENTS TO COMPLETE A FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION (OR FORMALLY OPT OUT) TO GRADUATE. THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION (SBOE) ADOPTED RULES RELATED TO THE NEW REQUIREMENT IN JANUARY 2021.

CHAPTER 74, CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS, SUBCHAPTER B. GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2021)

HOUSE BILL (HB) 3 REQUIRED THE COMMISSIONER TO ADOPT RULES AS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE REQUIREMENT. THESE RULES WERE DRAFTED IN CONSULTATION WITH A STATEWIDE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND WERE PUBLISHED IN OCTOBER 2021.

CHAPTER 74. CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS, SUBCHAPTER BB. COMMISSIONER'S RULES CONCERNING HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

A STUDENT MAY OPT OUT OF THE FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION GRADUATION REQUIREMENT IF:

- A PARENT OR GUARDIAN SUBMITS A SIGNED FORM,**
- THE STUDENT IS 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AND SUBMITS A SIGNED FORM, OR**
- A SCHOOL COUNSELOR AUTHORIZES THE STUDENT TO DECLINE TO COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THE APPLICATION FOR GOOD CAUSE.**

FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION OPT-OUT FORM

FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION OPT-OUT FORM – SPANISH

A COPY OF THE OPT-OUT FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE COUNSELOR TO MEET GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS.

TYPES OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

There are many different types of financial aid available to students and their families. Some are need-based, some are based on academic performance, and others are tied to a student's or family's ability to borrow. Not all colleges and universities participate in all programs.

STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

State and federal grants and scholarships provide financial aid that does not have to be repaid. Some grants and scholarships require the student to maintain a certain grade point average (GPA) to take certain courses. Many grants are awarded on the basis of financial need.

PRIVATE AND CORPORATE GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Private and Corporate Grants and Scholarships provide financial aid that does not have to be repaid. Some grants and scholarships require the student to maintain a certain grade point average or take certain courses. Most grants are awarded on basis of financial need.

INSTITUTIONAL GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Institutional Grants and Scholarships provide financial aid that does not have to be repaid. Some grants and scholarships require the student to maintain a certain grade point average or take certain courses. Most grants are awarded on the basis of financial need.

LOANS

Loans refer to financial aid that must be repaid.

TYPES OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAMS

Financial aid for individuals who agree to perform certain work or services after completing college.

LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAMS

Repayment of college loans for individuals employed in certain fields.

WORK-STUDY PROGRAMS

Jobs (usually on campus) that are offered by the college to help students pay for tuition or other college costs. Work-study jobs are awarded based on financial need.



FINANCIAL AID GLOSSARY

AWARD LETTER

A means of notifying students of the assistance the college/university has offered. The letter describes the type(s) and amount(s) of aid and lists specific information on the student's responsibilities and the conditions that govern the award.

STUDENT AID REPORT (SAR)

A report produced by the Department of Education and sent to students who have filed the FAFSA. The SAR contains information the student provided on the FAFSA as well as the federally calculated result, which the financial aid office will use in determining the student's eligibility for a Pell Grant and other federal student aid programs.

NEED-BLIND ADMISSIONS

The policy of determining college admissions without regard to a student's financial need or financial aid status.

NEED-BASED FINANCIAL AID

Financial aid (scholarships, grants, loans, or work-study opportunities) given to students who have demonstrated financial need, calculated by subtracting the student's expected family contribution from a college's total cost.

PARENT'S CONTRIBUTION

The amount the student's family is expected to pay toward college costs from its income and assets. The parents' contribution and the student's contribution together constitute the total family contribution, which, when subtracted from the college expense budget, equals financial need.

EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION (EFC)

The total amount students and their families are expected to pay toward college costs, from their income and assets, for one academic year. The amount is derived from a need analysis of the family's financial circumstances. The Federal Methodology is used to determine a student's eligibility for federal and state student aid. Colleges and private aid programs may use a different method to determine eligibility for nonfederal financial aid.

COST OF ATTENDANCE (ALSO KNOWN AS THE COST OF EDUCATION OR BUDGET)

The student's cost of attendance, covering not only tuition and fees (including loan fees), books, and supplies, but also the student's living expenses while attending school. The cost of attendance is estimated by the school, within guidelines established by federal regulations. The difference between the cost of attendance and the student's expected family contribution determines the student's need for financial aid.

FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)

A form completed by all applicants for federal aid. The FAFSA is available on the Web at www.fafsa.gov. There is no charge to students for completing the FAFSA. Forms may be filed any time after October 1 of the year for which the student is a graduating senior.

NEED-CONSCIOUS ADMISSIONS

A policy that considers financial aid status for at least some of its applicants in making admission decisions.

NEED-ANALYSIS FORM

The starting point in applying for financial aid. Students must file the FAFSA to apply for federal financial aid programs. For many colleges, FAFSA may be the only need-analysis form a student must file. For other school, particularly private colleges, additional forms may be required.

WORK-STUDY

An arrangement by which a student combines employment and college study. The employment may be an integral part of the academic program (as in cooperative education or internships) or simply a means of paying for college.

FINANCIAL NEED

The amount by which your family's contribution falls short of covering your expenses. Assessments of need may differ, depending on the need-analysis method used. The Federal Methodology is used to determine the student's eligibility for federal and state financial aid.

ACT AND SAT TEST DATES

SAT TEST DATES

SAT Test Date*	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Changes, Regular Cancellation, and Late Registration**
Aug 24, 2024	Aug 9, 2024 Register	Aug 13, 2024
Oct 5, 2024	Sept 20, 2024 Register	Sept 24, 2024
Nov 2, 2024	Oct 18, 2024 Register	Oct 22, 2024
Dec 7, 2024	Nov 22, 2024 Register	Nov 26, 2024
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

**REGISTER FOR THE SAT AT [HTTPS://MYSAT.COLLEGEBOARD.ORG/LOGIN](https://mysat.collegeboard.org/login).
THE CODE FOR LEGACY THE SCHOOL OF SPORT SCIENCES IS 440156.**

2024-2025 National Test Dates Schedule

Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline Late Fee Applies After This Date	Late Registration Deadline	Photo Upload and Standby Deadline
September 14, 2024	August 9	August 25	September 6
October 26, 2024	September 20	October 7	October 18
December 14, 2024	November 8	November 22	December 6
February 8, 2025	January 3	January 20	January 31
April 5, 2025	February 28	March 16	March 28
June 14, 2025	May 9	May 26	June 6
July 12, 2025*	June 6	June 20	July 4

ACT TEST DATES

SENIOR CALENDAR 2025

Event	Date
First Senior Meeting	August 14
Senior Pictures	October 7
Homecoming week	October 21-26
Mid Senior Meeting	November 20
Last Day to Pay Senior Dues	December 19
Last Senior Meeting	February 19
Prom	April 18
Senior Breakfast	May 19
Senior Trip	May 20
Senior Picnic	May 21
Graduation Rehearsal	May 30
Graduation	May 31

\$350

PREMIUM PACKAGE

- GRADUATION PACKAGE
 - (CAP, GOWN, DIPLOMA COVER, 2 PARKING PASSES AND YEARBOOK)
- PROM TICKET
- SENIOR SHIRT
- SENIOR BREAKFAST
- SENIOR PICNIC
- SENIOR TRIP

SENIOR PACKAGE

\$240

DELUXE PACKAGE

- GRADUATION PACKAGE
 - (CAP, GOWN, DIPLOMA COVER, 2 PARKING PASSES AND YEARBOOK)
- PROM TICKET
- SENIOR SHIRT

A LA CARTE

- Senior Shirt \$25
- Senior Week \$130
- Big Head sign \$25
- Yard Sign \$12
- Prom \$80

\$135

GRAD PACKAGE

- GRADUATION PACKAGE
 - (CAP, GOWN, DIPLOMA COVER, 2 PARKING PASSES AND YEARBOOK)

LEGACY TITANS



2025



PROM

DOWNTOWN AQUARIUM

7:00 PM-11:00 PM

- If you bring a date from another school, please fill out the guest form.
- This is a junior and senior prom **ONLY**. If your date is not a junior or senior, they cannot attend prom
- All Juniors must purchase a ticket from the titan store.
- Please show your prom ticket at the check in desk.

SENIOR WEEK

1. If you are not in good standing with your grades, graduation status, or attendance, you may potentially miss out on senior week activities.
2. Tickets can be purchased à la carte if you only bought the graduation package.
3. The senior trip will include a bag check. If any illegal substances, vapes, or alcohol are found, you will be removed from the bus and all other graduation activities. You will not be allowed back on campus until graduation rehearsal.
4. It is mandatory to wear your class shirt on the day of the trip.

MAY 19

SENIOR BREAKFAST

Location: The Coliseum
Time: 8:00am-10:00 am

This is a celebration of YOU and your achievements. You will receive your cords, sashes, and awards.

All are welcome (and expected) to attend. Those who paid for the premium package, deluxe package, or the senior week package can enjoy a meal. Those who only purchased a grad package can buy a senior week package on the Titan Store.

1. Bring your yearbook to have your fellow classmates sign it.
2. Dress for success; no sweats or gym attire.

This event will be recorded and sent to parents.

MAY 20

SENIOR TRIP

Location: TBD
Time: TBD

Wear your senior shirt

We will do a thorough bag check

MAY 21

SENIOR PICNIC

Location: Pundt Park
Time: 12:00pm-2:00pm

One last time to bond and celebrate at an old-fashioned cookout. Good food and fun competitions are planned (weather permitting).

CLASS OF 2025 GRADUATION DETAILS

YOU'VE GUIDED, SUPPORTED, AND LOVED YOUR CHILD THROUGH 13 YEARS OF SCHOOL! THE BIG DAY IS ALMOST HERE.

WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THE UPCOMING GRADUATION CEREMONY FOR THE CLASS OF 2025 AT LEGACY THE SCHOOL OF SPORT SCIENCES. IT IS A MOMENTOUS OCCASION TO CELEBRATE THE ACHIEVEMENTS AND HARD WORK OF OUR TALENTED STUDENTS.

DATE AND TIME

MAY 31, 2025
AT 10:00 AM

THE CEREMONY WILL BE LIVESTREAMED. THE LINK WILL BE SENT AT A LATER DATE.

LOCATION

LEGACY THE SCHOOL OF SPORT SCIENCES

FOOTBALL FIELD
2727 SPRING CREEK DRIVE, SPRING, TX

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, THE GRADUATION CEREMONY WILL BE MOVED TO THE GYM, AND THE NUMBER OF TICKETS PER FAMILY WILL BE HALVED.

PRIOR TO GRADUATION

MAKE SURE ALL FEES HAVE BEEN PAID. CHECK WITH PATTY FISK (PATTY.FISK@LEGACYSSS.ORG) FOR THE STATUS.

CAPS AND GOWNS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THOSE WHO HAVE PAID.

GRADUATION REHEARSAL

- GRADUATES SHOULD ARRIVE ON CAMPUS NO LATER THAN 9:00 A.M. ON FRIDAY, MAY 30, AND PROCEED TO THE ASSIGNED CLASSROOM.
- GRADUATES SHOULD WEAR THEIR SENIOR SHIRTS FOR A CLASS PICTURE.
- GRADUATES MAY DECORATE THEIR CAPS. DECORATIONS MUST BE APPROVED BY THE ADMINISTRATION AT REHEARSAL.
- REHEARSAL WILL RUN UNTIL ABOUT NOON.

GRADUATION DAY FOR SENIORS

- GRADUATES MUST ARRIVE NO LATER THAN 9:15 A.M. WITH CAPS, GOWNS, TASSELS, CORDS, AND STOLES.
- ONLY LEGACY-ISSUED CORDS AND STOLES ARE ALLOWED.
- GRADUATES WILL PROCEED TO THEIR ASSIGNED CLASSROOMS TO DRESS UP, LINE UP, AND DO A FINAL TITAN WALK OF THE BUILDING.
- GRADUATES' CELL PHONES WILL BE COLLECTED AND LOCKED IN THE CLASSROOMS FOR THE DURATION OF THE CEREMONY.
- IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT FEMALE GRADUATES WEAR A DRESS OR SLACKS WITH A NICE BLOUSE AND FLAT-SOLED SHOES.
- IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT MALE GRADUATES WEAR SLACKS, A NICE SHIRT, AND COMFORTABLE SHOES.

TICKETS

EACH GRADUATE IS ALLOCATED TEN TICKETS FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO ATTEND THE GRADUATION CEREMONY. TICKETS WILL BE EMAILED TO EACH GRADUATE'S LEGACY EMAIL ACCOUNT AND CAN BE FORWARDED TO GUESTS. CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER DO NOT NEED A TICKET.

PARKING

- EACH STUDENT WILL BE SENT TWO FREE PARKING PASS.
- PLEASE CARPOOL.
- DAY-OF PARKING IS \$10 CASH AT THE GATE.
- SENIORS SHOULD ARRIVE AT THE SCHOOL NO LATER THAN 9:15 A.M. IF DROPPED OFF, THE FREE PASS CAN BE USED BY A GUEST.
- GATES WILL BE CLOSED WHEN THE CEREMONY BEGINS.

CLASS OF 2025 GRADUATION DETAILS

GRADUATION REHEARSAL

- GRADUATION WILL BE HELD ON THE FOOTBALL FIELD. WE RECOMMEND YOU WEAR COMFORTABLE SHOES.
- GATES WILL OPEN AT 7:30 A.M. FOR SETUP.
- USE THIS LINK TO RESERVE A SPOT ON THE FIELD TO SET UP. EACH CIRCLE ON THE MAP REPRESENTS ONE 10' X 10' SPACE.
- EACH GRADUATE'S FAMILY MAY SET UP TWO 10' X 10' CANOPY TENTS IN TANDEM, WITHOUT SIDES. RAISE THE TENTS TO THE HIGHEST POSITION, AND DO NOT TILT. BE COURTEOUS OF THOSE AROUND YOU, AND DO NOT OBSTRUCT THE VIEW OF THE STAGE.
- BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS.
- PLEASE DO NOT RESERVE TWO SPOTS IF YOU KNOW YOU WILL USE ONLY ONE.
- PLEASE RESERVE THE NEXT SPOT ON THE MAP (DO NOT LEAVE GAPS).
- YOU MAY DECORATE THE TENT(S) BUT DO NOT PUT BALLOONS, BANNERS, OR OTHER OBJECTS IN AREAS THAT WILL OBSTRUCT THE VIEW OF OTHERS.
- YOU MAY BRING FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. NO ON-SITE COOKING IS ALLOWED.
- IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, THE GRADUATION CEREMONY WILL BE MOVED TO THE GYM, AND THE NUMBER OF TICKETS PER FAMILY WILL BE HALVED.

SAFETY MEASURES

SECURITY OFFICERS WILL BE ON CAMPUS THROUGHOUT THE DAY. IT IS OUR SINCERE HOPE THAT ALL ATTENDEES CAN ENJOY THE EVENT WITHOUT INCIDENT.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
COOPERATION, AND WE
LOOK FORWARD TO
CELEBRATING THIS
SPECIAL DAY WITH YOU!**

DECORUM

- NO NOISEMAKERS, INCLUDING BELLS, HORNS, WHISTLES, OR ANYTHING THAT MAKES A NOISE.
- NO COOKING FOOD.
- NO ANIMALS.

BUILD YOUR LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP

OVERVIEW

The Build Your Legacy Scholarship aims to support high school seniors from Legacy the School of Sport Sciences in their pursuit of higher education or trade school. This scholarship recognizes students who have demonstrated academic excellence, leadership, and a commitment to their personal and professional growth.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Must be attending a college or trade school.
- Must submit two letters of recommendation.
- Video Submission
- Application

SUBMISSION DETAILS

- Submit your completed application and all required materials by May 5th.
- Send your application to:
gonni.howell@legacyyss.org

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Scholarship Award
First Place
Second Place
Third Place

**SUBMIT
APPLICATION
HERE**



**DUE
MAY 5TH**

Senior Students and Families,

We are thrilled to welcome you to your senior year! To ensure you have all the necessary information, please sign the handbook confirmation form acknowledging receipt of the handbook.

We can't wait to help you celebrate this milestone year. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to any of us:

Mrs. Patty: patty.fisk@legacysss.org

Ms. G'Onni: gonni.howell@legacysss.org

Ms. Wiltz: helen.wiltz@legacysss.org

Looking forward to an amazing year ahead!

PARENT NAME: _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

STUDENT NAME: _____

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____