



CLASS OF 2021



Junior Class Meeting

March 4th, 2020



Meet your Counselor

Mrs. Faith	A – E
Mrs. MacAfee	F – LI
Mr. Hord	Lo – Rh
Mrs. Boyd	Ri – Z
Mrs. Parsons	Testing

CREDIT CHECK!

* 17 Credits for Senior classification

* 26 credits for Endorsement Plan

* 22 credits for Foundation Plan

Subject	Endorsement Plan	Foundation Plan
English	4	4
Math	4	3
Science	4	3
Social Studies	4	3
Foreign Language	2	2
PE or substitute	1	1
Fine Art	1	1
Electives	6	5
TOTAL	26	22



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College Visits

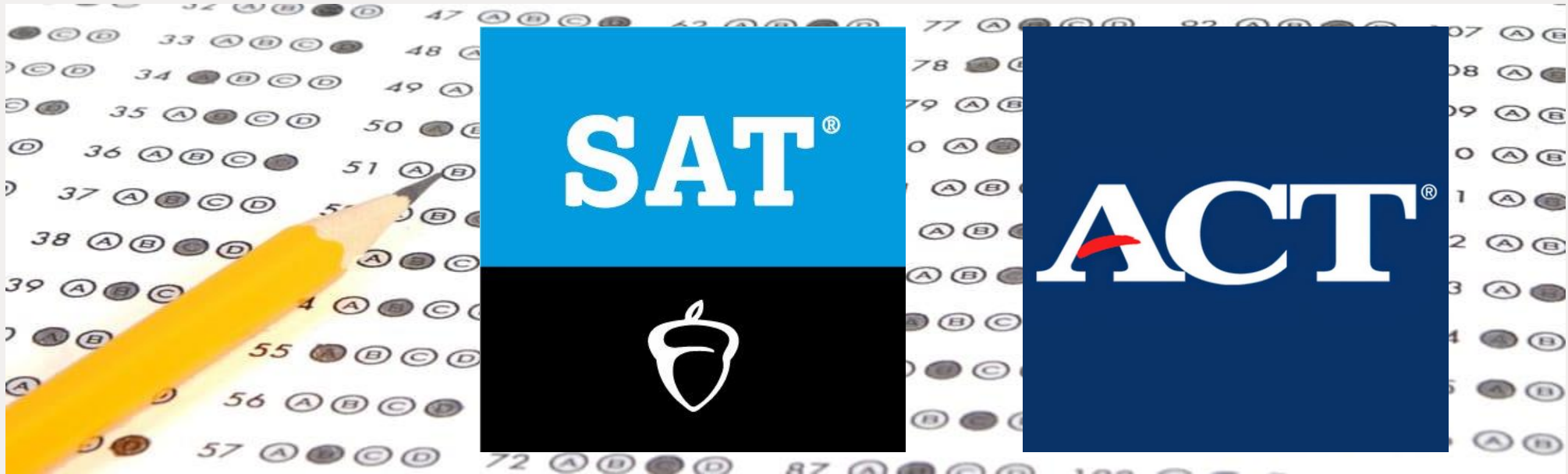


- 2 days allowed (does NOT count toward exemptions 😊)
 - Pick up a “College Day” form in the Attendance Office at least 3 days before you leave.
 - Must have an appointment or scheduled tour
 - Turn in completed form when you return to school
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Where are you going to apply?



- Research
- Narrow your choices (3 – 5 is average)
- Factors to consider
 - Academic programs
 - Size
 - Location
 - Costs
 - Chance of admission
 - Social activities
 - Living conditions



- ACT or SAT is required for all 4-year universities
 - Fee waivers are available for some students – ask in the counseling office
 - **SEND YOUR SCORES!**



TSI Assessment

@ Blinn

\$45

Monday – Saturday

@ Consol

\$15

April 2020 (TBD)



- REQUIRED for all Texas public colleges
- Used for placement, NOT admission
- Must take prior to registering for classes
- EXEMPTIONS available!
 - ACT Composite score of at least 23 (minimum of 19 for Math & English)
 - SAT Total score of at least 1070 (minimum of 500 for Math & Verbal)

ApplyTexas

The screenshot shows the ApplyTexas website interface. At the top left is the logo with a red star and the text 'ApplyTexas Many Schools One Application'. To the right are navigation links: 'About ApplyTexas', 'Help', and 'Counselors & Administrators log in here >'. Below the logo is the slogan 'Explore. Apply. Repeat.' followed by three columns of text: 'Research your options.', 'Apply online.', and 'Do it again.' Each column contains a brief description and a link. A red banner below this section contains two buttons: 'Get started >>' and 'Log in now'. Below the banner, on the left, is the text 'It's fast. It's easy. It's free.' with a link 'Create your account now >>'. On the right is a login form with fields for 'username' and 'password', a 'Log in' button, and a link 'Problems logging in? Click here'.

- One application for ALL TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS (including junior & community)
- Send an ELECTRONIC official transcript
 - AKA TRex
 - Must request in the counseling office

THE COMMON APPLICATION

- One application for PRIVATE and OUT-OF-STATE universities
 - Must input your Counselor's info
 - Counselor will upload your 'Secondary School Report' and your TRANSCRIPT
 - Please provide your Counselor with your resume if using The Common App
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ESSAYS

Apply Texas: Essay Topic A **Tell us your story.**

What unique opportunities and challenges have you experienced throughout your high school career that have shaped who you are today?

- College admissions spend an average of 2 minutes reading each essay
- Capture the reader immediately
- Respect the word limits (500-700 recommended)
- UT and TAMU will only read **ESSAY TOPIC A**
- Write about what sets you apart from everyone else
- Include any challenges you have overcome

(Extended) Resume

- Optional but recommended
- Colleges want to know you outside of your Academic Record
- Volunteer hours? Have a job? Community service?
Extracurricular activities? Part of a club/organization?
Leadership positions? Mentoring? Tutoring? Recognitions?
Awards?
- Give details – explain what you did, your responsibilities, who you helped, etc
- Can be as many pages as it needs to be
- It's not too late to get involved!

Transcripts



- Paper Official Transcript – request in Counseling Office – \$2
- Electronic Official Transcript – most colleges
 - FREE 😊
 - Request in Counseling Office if Texas Public College/Univ.
 - Request online for Common App/SendEdu/Coalition
- Paper Unofficial Transcript – check for mistakes



- EVERY STUDENT needs to complete the FAFSA
- Determines your financial need
- File as early as October 1st
- Submit no later than March 1st, but earlier is recommended if you want \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$.

(Free Application for Federal Student Aid)



1. LOCAL (more likely to be chosen)
 - Applications available starting in December/January
 - Links on the AMCHS Counseling website
2. NATION WIDE (less likely to be chose)
 - Try CollegeforTexas.com
 - Do your own internet search
3. COLLEGE SPECIFIC
 - Check with your college of choice
 - Apply before the PRIORITY DEADLINE
 - Usually based on FINANCIAL NEED or ACADEMIC MERIT

The College Checklist



- College Visits/Do your research
- Take an Entrance Exam & SEND YOUR SCORES
- Complete the Application
 - Write Essay
 - Resume
 - Letters of Recommendation
- Pay Application Fee or Get Fee Waiver
- Send your Official Transcript
- Complete the FAFSA
- Scholarships

Deadlines



- Transcripts: Request at least 5 school days before deadline
- Counselor Recommendation Letters: Request at least 10 school days before deadline
- Teacher Recommendation Letters: Request at least 10 school days before deadline
- **KNOW ALL YOUR DEADLINES!**
- Honors Colleges/Programs may have separate deadlines



Is there a possibility you could be a Student Athlete in college?

1. You MUST register with the NCAA
 - www.eligibilitycenter.org
2. Take the SAT/ACT ASAP
3. Send an official transcript to the NCAA Clearinghouse
4. Request to have your SAT/ACT scores sent to school code 9999

Sign up to see Mrs. Boyd in the Counseling Office for more help with NCAA



**Final payments due THIS
FRIDAY!**