

Upcoming Senior Presentation



2017-2018

February 21, 2017



ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

- It takes 20 credits to be classified as a Senior (as of Aug 17)
 - Don't Assume you can skip any requirements! You need
 - CORES (Outlined on the next slide)
 - Two semesters of PE
 - Fine Arts (one credit)
 - Two years of the same foreign language
 - Successful graduation includes a minimum of 28 required credits as well as passing all 5 sections of STAAR.
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English 1
English 2
English 3
English 4

Algebra 1
Geometry
Two Advanced Math
Classes

1 credit of PE
* ½ Speech

World Geography
World History
US History
Government/Economics

1 credit each
Fine Arts
(Art, Dance, Theatre
Arts, Choir, Band)

**Speech (Speech can
be substituted for a year
credit in a principle or
concepts course).

Biology
IPC/Chemistry
Physics
Any 4th Science

Foreign Language
2 Credits (Same
Language)

Total of 28 credits

STAAR (End of Course) Test Info

Must Pass All STAAR Tests:

- * English 1**
 - * English 2**
 - * Algebra 1**
 - * Biology**
 - * US History**
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Endorsements

Similar to picking a major in college, every student will select, in writing, an area of study called an Endorsement. Students can choose from five endorsement options that focus on specific career pathways:

- Arts and Humanities
- Business and Industry
- Public Service
- Science and Math
- Multidisciplinary Studies



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- The goal of the district is for every student to leave this year knowing exactly what their schedule will be for 2017-2018. Most students have been individually seen by their counselor and course have been verified. If after this presentation, you need to speak with a counselor about next year's schedule, it must happen before February 28th.
 - Changes made to schedules next year will happen ONLY if:
 - The course is needed for graduation
 - An error was made in scheduling
 - Enrollment is inadequate in a course
 - A medical condition prevents participation
 - The need exists to equalize a teacher's load.

2017-2018 Schedules

2016-2017 DHS COUNSELING TEAM

Your Last Name	Your Counselor	972-708-	Office #
A - BLA	Mrs. R.Carter	6592	A133
BLB-CONR	Mrs. Carter-Fields	3719	A127
CONT - CUT	Mr. Chase (Lead)	3980	A137
CUU-FRD	Mrs. Demerson	3742	A129
FRE-HAQ	Mr. Fitz	3915	A126
HAR-JZ	Dr. Fobbs	6591	A132
K-MAR	Mrs. Irving	6594	A134
MAS-OLR	Mr. Chase	3980	A137
OLS-RET	Mrs. Malone	3744	A131
REU-SID	Mrs. Lene	3913	A130
SIE-VAL	Mrs. Knight	6596	A136
VAM-Z	Mrs. Prince	3914	A135

To contact your counselor please visit, www.contactmycounselor.com .

Contact Your Counselor

- Resources are available in the **Go Center**
 - *Mr. Junior and Ms. Martinez, Full-Time College Advisors*
 - Computers w/software to help with college, career, financial aide and scholarship information.
 - Computers are available to register for SAT/ACT, NCAA and college applications.
 - A scholarship file cabinet with paper copies of scholarship's not posted on the internet and those individually sent to the school.

GO CENTER....HERE FOR YOU!

Preparing for Life After High School

- Evaluate your education options
 - Decide whether you want to pursue full-time employment, further education or training (such as vocational, career college, two-year or four-year college) or a military career.
 - Start a list of colleges.
 - Gather college information.
 - College fairs, college preview days, online sources.
 - Organize Your Testing Plan
 - SAT
 - ACT
 - Learn more about FAFSA (Financial Aid)
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National Testing Info

SAT/ACT/TSI

National Testing

Senior National Testing Information

- College entrance examination scores are useful to college admissions officers when making admission decisions. Although a good predictor of success at the college level is success at the high school level (reflected by a high class rank), a combination of your high school grades and test scores is an even better indicator.
 - The two college entrance examinations are the **Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT I) and the American College Testing (ACT) Program**. These tests are very different; consequently you may perform better on one than the other. You should plan to take the test you think is better for you. All major colleges and universities will require one, not both, of these tests. Usually either test is accepted by every college or university in the USA. Some colleges do not require either test--**check with the admissions office.**
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- *Registration for SAT I and ACT*
- **Registration online is preferred.** You must have a credit/debit card or fee waiver to pay the fee if you register online.
 - SAT I: www.collegeboard.org ACT: www.actstudent.org
- You should complete the registration process well *before* the registration deadline. It takes about one hour to complete. Be sure you mark the high school code correctly and use all the free score reports to colleges. If you decide to send it to a college after the test there will be a fee. Athletes, be sure to send your scores to the NCAA or NAIA if you plan to play in college.

**Duncanville's High School
code number is:
442-085**

NEW SAT

What's changing?

All-new essay—and it's optional

No penalty for guessing

No vocab that you'll never use again

Skills Aren't Bought

They're learned — so brush up on your skills with free, personalized practice from Khan Academy®. Also, Ms. Thomas has tutoring every Wednesday! Check it out....

Quick Facts

4 parts: Reading, Writing and Language, Math, and the optional SAT Essay

400–1600 score scale

3 hours and 50 minutes with the SAT Essay — or 3 hours without it

4 answer choices

4 college application fee waivers for every student who uses an [SAT fee waiver](#)

TSI Testing

TSI (Texas Success Initiative) Assessment

What in the World is TSI?

TWO OR FOUR YEAR PUBLIC COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY

Texas Success Initiative Assessment (TSI) was instituted to ensure that students enrolled in Texas Public colleges and universities possess the necessary academic skills to perform effectively in college and to provide diagnostic information about reading, writing and mathematical skills of each student. **Beginning in the 2015 fall semester, students must have taken the TSI test prior to enrollment in college-level courses at all Texas public institutions of higher education.**

Senior College Day Policy

JUNIORS and Seniors are allowed two full school days per year to visit any technical school, college, or university during the school year. Students are encouraged not to miss school and are encouraged to schedule visits on weekends and holidays.

The visit must be taken prior to Friday, May 2018.

1. Days requested will count as excused absences from school and will count against perfect attendance for the school year.
2. The absences for a college visit will not count against exam exemption requirements.
3. Days in excess of these absences will count against exam exemption requirements.

Pick up a College Day Absence form from your attendance clerk.

There are things that must be done BEFORE taking your visit!!

Class Ranks

- Class rank is one way colleges determine academic ability and success. Students accumulate rank beginning in 9th grade.
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How Class Rank and College Test are Used....

SCHOOL	UT-AUSTIN	TX A&M	UNT	TX TECH	UT-ARL	MT VIEW
Top 10%	Automatic admission (top 7% only)	Automatic admission	Automatic admission	Automatic admission	Automatic admission	Open enrollment
1st Qtr. (Next 15%)	By review	By review	SAT 950 ACT 20	SAT 1140 ACT 25	No minimum	
2nd Qtr.	By review	By review	SAT 1050 ACT 23	SAT 1230 ACT 28	SAT 1050 ACT 22	
3rd Qtr.	By review	By review	SAT 1180 ACT 26	SAT 1270 ACT 29	By Review	
4th Qtr.	By review	By review	By review	By review	By review	
Application Fee	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	none
Application Deadline	Dec. 1	Dec. 1	March 1	March 1	June 1	Any time before reg.

Sample Transcript



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College Admission Procedures

Admission decisions are based on an evaluation of:

1. Class rank.
 2. Strength of academic background, including the number of courses taken and the level of difficulty. (Determined from your high school transcript.)
 3. ACT or SAT I scores. (Also, you must submit TSI scores.)
 4. Record of achievements/honors/awards.
 5. Special accomplishments/work/service both in and out of school.
 6. Essays.
 7. Special circumstances.
 8. Recommendations.
 9. Competitiveness of the major to which you apply.
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Public The ApplyTexas Application

The Texas Legislature has mandated that ALL Texas public universities will use the same application form for all 39 state-supported, four-year colleges and universities. The application is intended to be comprehensive in gathering information about prospective applicants in order to be nondiscriminatory and fair to every student. Most universities and colleges strongly prefer the online version of the application. Go to www.applytexas.org when you are ready to get started with your application.

Private Colleges and Universities

The process for admission to privately funded colleges and universities all over the United States basically is the same as the Texas public university procedure, except the private colleges use their own college application forms. Over 400 colleges/universities (many of them highly selective) use The Common Application, also known as "The Common App." You can find out more at www.commonapp.org.

College Applications

1. Most colleges now prefer online applications. Applications for financial aid, scholarships, and housing also can often be completed completely online. Check the college's website closely for specific information, including information about degree plans, course offerings, fees, and deadlines.
2. To have your transcripts sent to the college/university of your choice, fill out a **transcript request form and submit it to Ms. Jasso on West Campus.** (Transcripts cost \$2.00 each.) Transcript requests are fulfilled within 5 working days.
3. Request test scores to be sent **directly** from The College Board (SAT) or ACT.
4. Remember before you leave DHS, also request that a **final transcript** be sent to the college you will attend. **This is your responsibility; no one else can do this for you.**

The Application Process

Application Process Continued....

TEACHER & COUNSELOR RECOMMENDATIONS

If your application materials include a teacher or counselor recommendation, remember that the teacher/counselor recommendation can be a very important factor. Keeping this in mind, consider carefully the teachers you select.

1. When you have decided which teacher you will ask to write your recommendation, be sure you have all forms to him or her as soon as you receive them. Add a note telling the teacher the exact date the recommendation is due to the applicable college or scholarship committee.
2. Give plenty of notice! **At least two weeks** prior to the request date is acceptable. Remember, a good letter of recommendation could make the difference between your being accepted and receiving scholarship money at the college of your choice.
3. Be sure **you** have filled out all applicable sections on the teacher form before delivering it to him/her **PERSONALLY**. Do not leave it on a desk, in the teacher's mailbox, or depend on someone else to deliver it for you.
4. If you have not exhibited college behavior and readiness, a teacher or counselor may deny your request for a letter of recommendation.

FAFSA

Financial aid is assistance based solely on need (the family's ability to pay versus the cost of attending a college). To determine the amount of need, a college requires your family to submit a confidential financial statement. The **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** form is available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov/

If you want to get an early start with a "practice" FAFSA, visit the FAFSA4caster website at www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov.

Financial Aid (FAFSA)

You must be certified as academically eligible by the NCAA Clearinghouse BEFORE you can receive athletic scholarships.

To register with the eligibility center, you must complete the Student Release Form and amateurism questionnaire the summer after your junior year online at www.ncaa.org (click on the "Eligibility" link.) Also, you must send the eligibility center the registration fee **(\$75)**. This Student Release Form does two things:

- It authorizes each high school you have attended to send the eligibility center your transcript, test scores, proof of graduation and other necessary academic information. Your transcript should not be sent until you have completed six semesters--that is, until you have completed your junior year.
- It authorizes the eligibility center to send your academic information to all colleges that request your eligibility status.

Online registration: ******The only method is to register online.******

Go online to www.ncaa.org. Click on the "Eligibility" link.

Select **College Bound High Student-Athletes** and then register as a U.S. or international student. Complete the Student Release Form online and include your credit or debit card information to pay the fee. Then follow instructions to complete the transaction. Print a copy of your completed registration form and both Copy 1 and Copy 2 of the Transcript Release Form.

Sign the Transcript Release Forms and give both to Ms. James in the Counseling/Parent Center.

For more information or to answer questions, go to the above website or phone 877/262-1492 (toll free).

NCAA
