

Senior Meetings

GRADUATION, CREDITS, & POST-SECONDARY PLANS



COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELORS

CISD Graduation Requirements

Course Area	Number of Credits: Foundation Graduation Program Classes of 2021 & 2022	Number of Credits: Foundation Graduation Program beginning with the Classes of 2023 & Beyond	Number of Credits: Foundation Graduation Program with an Endorsement Classes of 2021 & 2022	Number of Credits: Foundation Graduation Program with an Endorsement beginning with the Classes of 2023 & Beyond
English	4	4	4	4
Mathematics	3	3	4	4
Science	3	3	4	4
Social Studies including Economics	3	3	3	3
Physical Education	1	1	1	1
Language other than English	2	2	2	2
Fine Arts	1	1	1	1
Technology (BIM)	1		1	
Teen Leadership	1		1	
Electives	5	8	5	7
*Speech	.5	*Proficiency covered in English I, Gov/Eco, or Debate I -DC Gov/Eco not included.	*Proficiency covered in English I, Gov/Eco, or Debate I -DC Gov/Eco not included.	*Proficiency covered in English I, Gov/Eco, or Debate I -DC Gov/Eco not included.
Financial Literacy	.5			
Non-credit requirements				
-CPR Training	X	X	X	X
-Law Enforcement Video	X	X	X	X
-Speech		X	X	X
Total	25 Credits	25 Credits	26 Credits	26 Credits



GPA Scale

Grade	Advanced Courses	Honors	Regular
100	5	4.5	4.0
99	4.9	4.4	3.9
98	4.8	4.3	3.8
97	4.7	4.2	3.7
96	4.6	4.1	3.6
95	4.5	4	3.5
94	4.4	3.9	3.4
93	4.3	3.8	3.3
92	4.2	3.7	3.2
91	4.1	3.6	3.1
90	4	3.5	3
89	3.9	3.4	2.9
88	3.8	3.3	2.8
87	3.7	3.2	2.7
86	3.6	3.1	2.6
85	3.5	3	2.5
84	3.4	2.9	2.4
83	3.3	2.8	2.3
82	3.2	2.7	2.2
81	3.1	2.6	2.1
80	3	2.5	2
79	2.9	2.4	1.9
78	2.8	2.3	1.8
77	2.7	2.2	1.7
76	2.6	2.1	1.6
75	2.5	2	1.5
74	2.4	1.9	1.4
73	2.3	1.8	1.3
72	2.2	1.7	1.2
71	2.1	1.6	1.1
70	2	1.5	1

Types of Schools

WHAT POST-SECONDARY IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

College/University

- two-year or four-year program (associates and undergraduate degree)
- undergraduate and graduate degrees in a variety of fields

Liberal Arts College

- four-year institutions focusing on undergraduate degrees
- more personal attention - based on smaller admission than universities
- classes tend to be smaller
- emphasize courses in humanities, social sciences, and sciences

Community College

- two-year institutions of higher learning
- provide career and vocational training
- offers associate degrees as well as certificates

Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU)HBCUs

- established specifically with the goal of increasing African American students' access to a college education at a time when they were systematically denied access to most other colleges and universities.
- Students attending these schools can and should feel empowered by the fact that they're actively defending and taking advantage of their rights, while experiencing a supportive atmosphere.

POST-SECONDARY SCHOOLS CONTINUED

Military Academies

- 5 Academies
 - U.S. Military Academy-West Point, NY – Army
 - U.S. Air Force Academy-Colorado Springs, CO
 - U.S. Naval Academy-Annapolis, MD
 - U.S. Coast Guard Academy-New London, CT
 - U.S. Merchant Marine Academy-Kings Point, NY
- undergraduate education and training of commissioned officers for the United States Armed Forces
- require a nomination by a US Senator or US Representative
- build qualities of character and leadership
- structured environment with firm boundaries and daily routines

Trade, Technical, and Professional Schools

- preparation for specific careers
- programs and certificates in many areas without requiring associates or bachelor's degrees
- often do not have a core curriculum
- have quality programs with high success rates –check school accreditation to ensure you are choosing a quality school

Selecting a School Tips

Attend a College Fair

- Provides an opportunity to meet representatives from all around the country and receive information about different schools. (virtual or face-to-face fair TBD)

Go on a College Visit

- A visit can help you get a sense of what life is like on the campus and whether or not it matches what you want and need in a college experience.
- Visit your top choices in person – it is best to visit on a week day if possible.
- Seniors can have 2 college visits a year- check with counselor for criteria and forms.

Virtual Visits/Get Connected

- Use school websites, social media, and college tour sites
- eCollege Tours: <https://www.ecampustours.com> (over 1300 colleges)
- Get connected with current students or alumni

Keep in Mind

- Your school's website is your best friend! (find admission requirements, costs, financial aid, scholarships, etc.)
- Questions to ask:
 - Does your college offer your major?
 - Is your college test optional this year?
 - Does your college offer special programs like study abroad?
 - How do students choose classes?
 - What clubs/organizations/activities are offered?
 - What is on-campus housing like?
 - What is there to do during free time on and around the campus?
 - What is the average financial aid package that is offered to students?

SAT DATES

August 28, 2021----- Register by July 30th

October 2, 2021----- Register by September 3rd

November 6, 2021----- Register by October 8th

December 4, 2021----- Register by November 4th

March 12, 2022----- Register by February 11th

May 7, 2022----- Register by April 8th

June 4, 2022----- Register by May 5th

Register for tests through College Board

ACT DATES

September 11, 2021----- Register by August 6th

October 23, 2021----- Register by September 17th

December 11, 2021----- Register by November 5th

February 12, 2022----- Register by January 7th

April 2, 2022----- Register by February 25th

June 11, 2022----- Register by May 6th

July 16, 2022----- Register by June 17th

Register for tests through ACT.org

Senior Summit

Tentative date: September 24, 2021

Learn About



COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

- Apply Texas & Common App

FAFSA- required for graduation

- Submit or opt out by June 30, 2022
- fafsa.ed.gov

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Local Scholarships with CCMR- Spring 2022
- National Scholarships- check CHS Guidance website

BRAVE SCHOLAR- Run by CCMR

- Graduation Honors
- Scholarship Opportunities

RAISE ME

- Earn micro-scholarships from colleges for your achievements as early as 9th grade