

College Application Process- FHS (Beginning August 1, 2022)

_____ 1. Build your final list (college application list) in SchoolLinks of colleges you are interested in attending. SchoolLinks has a variety of tutorials in the help center for all steps of the college application process. To access the help center, log into SchoolLinks.org using the Google single-user sign on. Once logged in, click on the question mark in the upper right corner for the “help center”.

_____ 2. Apply to your colleges of choice using one of the following methods. (Note: SchoolLinks has an Application Manager, which is an **application tracking and document request management tool**. It is **NOT an application portal**, which means students cannot apply to colleges through SchoolLinks) :

- a. Apply Texas (1st preference): All public universities in Texas use the Apply Texas Application. goapplytexas.org
- b. Common Application (2nd preference): Assures your school records, teacher and counselor recommendations will be sent through SchoolLinks. commonapp.org
- c. The college’s own application: Use this if the college does not have Apply Texas or Common Application.

_____ 3. In SchoolLinks, use the College Application Manager to set up application requirements for each college to which you applied, in order to request application documents (ie transcripts, recommendation letters, etc) and track your application status. In the SchoolLinks Help Center search “Overview of College Application Manager for Students” for further information.

_____ 4. If the school requires a Counselor Recommendation (Written Evaluation), complete your Brag Sheet in your SchoolLinks Dashboard by September 15 and ask your counselor in person for the letter.

_____ 5. If the college requires a Teacher Letter of Recommendation, request in SchoolLinks and personally ask the teacher a month before it is due.

_____ 6. Request your transcripts in SchoolLinks. Go to the registrar's office with \$2 per transcript and your ID (school or DL) to send the transcript. **It won’t be sent until you pay the registrar.**

_____ 7. Complete your FAFSA after October 1, 2022. Fafsa.gov *Graduation Requirement for **all** students

Ranking, Percentiles or Quartiles: FHS does not rank below the top 10%. If asked on an application, choose FHS is a “non-ranking school”.

SRAR: For some schools like Texas A&M University-College Station, a transcript is not required to apply. You are responsible for completing the SRAR (Self-Reported Student Academic Record). Note: It is recommended that you obtain a copy of your transcript from the registrar to help you complete the SRAR. You are responsible for uploading your Rank Letter (if you are in the top 10%) found in Skyward Portfolio.

SAT/ ACT Scores: See individual college websites for “Test Optional” policies. If you choose to submit test scores, you are responsible for sending your scores to the college(s) to which you are applying. Test scores are not posted on your transcript per FISD policy. Visit SAT and/or ACT to send your scores directly from the testing agency. collegeboard.org act.org

See your counselor or refer to the FHS College and Career Readiness and FHS Counseling Center Webpages if you have any questions.