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## Topics Covered

- CCMR & Campus Accountability
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- TSIA Requirements
- FAFSA & TASFA
- High School Advisory
- CCMR Tracker
- Honor Cords
- AP, Dual Credit & OnRamps
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## Student Achievement Domain: Weighting

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### Elementary/Middle Schools

- STAAR

Weight

100%

### High Schools, K-12, and Districts

- STAAR
- College, Career, and Military Readiness (CCMR)
- Graduation Rate

40%

40%

20%

# CCMR Graduation Requirements



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## College

- Meet the TSIA 2 college-ready scores for English and Mathematics, be exempt using SAT or ACT scores.
- Earn 3 hours of dual credit in English or Math
- Earn 9 hours of dual credit in any combination of subjects
- Score 3+ on one or more AP Exams
- Qualify for college credit in OnRamps
- Earn an Associate's Degree

## Career

- Meet the TSIA 2 college-ready scores for English and Mathematics, be exempt using SAT or ACT scores.
- Earn a qualifying industry-based certification and complete a CTE Program of Study by earning 4 or more credits in the same program of study.
- Have an IEP and graduate with Workforce Readiness
- Receive Special Education services and graduate on an advanced degree plan

## Military

- Take the ASVAB and earn a qualifying score
- Enlist in the U.S. Armed Forces and submit a copy of your DOD Form 4 to NISD

### Qualifying ASVAB Scores

Air Force - 31

Army - 31

Coast Guard - 36

Marine Corps - 31

Navy - 31

# TSIA-2 Scoring



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TSIA-2		
Section	College-Ready Score Range	Description of TSIA-2 Section
TSIA-2 Mathematics	950 – 990  Or  910-949 AND Diagnostic Level = 6	There are 20 questions on the Mathematics TSIA-2. If the diagnostic is required, there are an additional 48 diagnostic questions.
TSIA-2 English Language Arts & Reading	945 – 990 AND Essay Score 5-8  Or  910-944 AND Diagnostic Level 5-6 AND Essay Score 5-8	There are 30 questions and 1 Essay on the ELAR TSIA-2. If the diagnostic is required, there are an additional 48 diagnostic questions. If required, students must score a 4-6 on the diagnostic to take the test's essay portion.

**TSIA-2 Exemptions**

For a period of 5 years from the date of testing, a student who tested and performed at or above the following standards is exempt:

Test	Score	Partial Score	Description
<b>ACT</b> (Administered prior to February 15, 2023)	<b>23</b> composite	<b>19</b> – ACT Math – Math TSIA-2  <b>19</b> – ACT English – Reading and Writing TSIA-2	<b>To use your ACT score to exempt you from the TSIA-2, you must first have a composite score of 23 or higher. Then, for each subsection of the TSIA-2, you must have a 19 or higher in the same content area.</b>  For example, to be exempt from the TSIA-2 Reading and the TSIA-2 Writing Assessments, you must first have at least a 23 composite score and at least a 19 on the ACT English portion of the ACT. It is possible to have this exemption in TSIA-2 Reading and TSIA-2 Writing without having a 19 or higher on the ACT Math portion.
<b>ACT</b> (Administered after February 15, 2023)	<b>No Composite Score Requirement</b>	<b>40</b> – Combined score on English and Reading  <b>22</b> - Mathematics	To use your ACT to exempt you from TSIA-2 ELAR, you must have a combined score of 40 or better on the English and reading portion of the ACT. To have an exemption for mathematics, you must have a score of 22. There is no composite score requirement on an ACT taken after February 15, 2023.
<b>SAT</b> (On or after March 5, 2016)	<b>No combined score used</b>	<b>530</b> – SAT Math – Math TSIA-2  <b>480</b> – SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing – Reading and Writing TSIA-2	To use your SAT score to exempt you from the TSIA-2, for each subsection of the TSIA-2, you must have the required partial score in the same content area.  It is possible to have an exemption on TSIA-2 Reading and TSIA-2 Writing without having a 530 or higher on the SAT Math portion.



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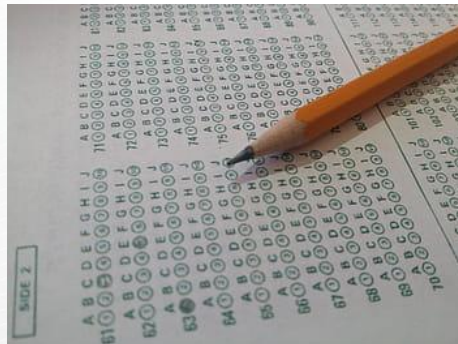
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# College Testing Requirements



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Colleges require students to demonstrate readiness through their SAT or ACT scores. Texas public colleges also accept the TSIA to demonstrate that students are “ready” for college-level coursework.



***Don't get trapped.  
“Test Optional”  
doesn't always  
mean what it  
sounds like.***





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# Tracking College Readiness

# CCMR Tracker



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## Test Requirements for BOTH College & Career Readiness

Must have "college-ready" scores for one test or a combination of tests.

Minimum Scores to be considered College Ready for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB):

TSIA (Taken Before Jan. 2021)	TSIA 2	SAT	ACT Before 2-15-23	ACT After 2-15-23
Reading - 351	ELAR - 945	Reading & Writing - 480	ACT English - 19	English & Reading combined - 40
Writing - 340	Essay - 5	Math - 530	Math - 19	Math - 22
Essay - 4	Math - 950		Composite - 23	No Composite
Math - 350				

Note: Students who do not meet the "College Ready" score on TSIA 2 may qualify if their TSIA 2 diagnostic score is: Math - 6, ELAR - 5

TSIA	Math -	Reading -	Writing -	Essay -
TSIA 2	Math -		ELAR -	Essay -
SAT	Math -		Reading -	
ACT	Math -		English & Reading -	Composite (if applies) -

Students can record their testing scores on the CCMR Tracker to keep track of their progress.



### Additional College-Ready Requirements - Must complete one or more

Dual Credit	3 credit hours in Math or English -or- 9 credit hours in anything	
AP	score a 3 or better on at least 1 AP Exam	
OnRamps	Qualify for college credit in an OnRamps course	
Associate's Degree	Graduate from high school with an Associate's degree.	

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Industry-Based Certifications	Earn at least one industry-based certification		
Technical Certifications	Earn a level I or II certificate		
Special Education	Graduate with an advanced degree plan.	Graduate with an IEP and workforce-readiness	

\*An advanced degree plan includes earning an endorsement or graduating on the distinguished plan.

# QUALIFYING INDUSTRY-BASED CERTIFICATIONS

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<p><b>Accounting &amp; Financial Services</b>  <a href="#">Intuit Quickbooks Certified User</a></p> <p><b>Advanced Manufacturing &amp; Machinery Mechanics</b>          OSHA-30-hour training program         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only qualifies for 2024 graduates</li> </ul> <a href="#">Certified SolidWorks Associate</a></p> <p><b>Animal Science</b>  <a href="#">Certified Veterinary Assistant Level 1</a></p> <p><b>Applied Agricultural Engineering</b>  <a href="#">American Welding Society Certified Welder</a></p> <p><b>Architectural Design</b>          Microsoft Office Specialist 2019 Certifications         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Word &amp; Excel - Only qualifies for 2024 graduates</li> <li><a href="#">Microsoft Office 2019 Expert Certifications</a></li> <li>Word Expert</li> <li>Excel Expert</li> <li>Access Expert</li> </ul> <a href="#">Autodesk Certified User</a></p> <p><b>Aviation and Aeronautics Academy</b>          Federal Aviation Administration  <a href="#">FAA Part 107 Remote Drone Pilot</a></p> <p>FAA Aviation Maintenance Technician - General         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only qualifies for 2024 graduates</li> </ul> </p> <p><b>Biomedical Sciences Academy</b>          Microsoft Office Specialist 2019         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Excel - Only qualifies for 2024 graduates</li> <li><a href="#">Microsoft Office 2019 Expert Certifications</a></li> <li>Word Expert</li> <li>Excel Expert</li> <li>Access Expert</li> </ul> <a href="#">Business Management Entrepreneurship &amp; Small Business</a></p> <p>Microsoft Office Specialist 2019 Certifications         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Word &amp; Excel - Only qualifies for 2024 graduates</li> <li><a href="#">Microsoft Office 2019 Expert Certifications</a></li> <li>Word Expert</li> <li>Excel Expert</li> <li>Access Expert</li> </ul> </p>	<p><b>Business Management &amp; Entrepreneurship Academy</b>          Microsoft Office Specialist 2019 Certifications         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Word &amp; Excel - Only qualifies for 2024 graduates</li> <li><a href="#">Microsoft Office 2019 Expert Certifications</a></li> <li>Word Expert</li> <li>Excel Expert</li> <li>Access Expert</li> </ul> <a href="#">Entrepreneurship &amp; Small Business</a></p> <p><b>Cosmetology Academy</b>  <a href="#">Cosmetology Operator License Texas</a></p> <p><b>Creative Media Productions Academy</b>  <a href="#">Adobe Certified Professional Certifications</a></p> <p><b>Culinary Arts &amp; Hospitality Academy</b>  <a href="#">ServSafe Food Manager</a></p> <p><a href="#">Certified Fundamentals Cook - American Culinary Federation</a></p> <p>Culinary Arts Level I Certificate (TCC)         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Technical Certification</li> </ul> </p> <p><b>Design &amp; Multimedia Arts</b>  <a href="#">Adobe Certified Professional Certifications</a></p> <p><b>Digital Communications</b>  <a href="#">Adobe Certified Professional Certifications</a></p> <p><b>Early Learning</b></p> <p><b>Healthcare Diagnostics</b>  <a href="#">National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians</a></p>	<p><b>Healthcare Therapeutics</b>  <a href="#">Certified Medical Assistant</a></p> <p><a href="#">Certified EKG Technician</a></p> <p><b>Networking Systems</b></p> <p><b>Plant Science</b>  <a href="#">Texas State Floral Association Level One</a>  <a href="#">Texas State Floral Association Level Two</a></p> <p><b>Programming &amp; Software Development</b>          Microsoft Office Specialist 2019 Certifications         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Word &amp; Excel - Only qualifies for 2024 graduates</li> <li><a href="#">Microsoft Office 2019 Expert Certifications</a></li> <li>Word Expert</li> <li>Excel Expert</li> <li>Access Expert</li> </ul> <a href="#">Certified Entry-Level Python Programmer PCEP</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Added to 2022 update IBC ID 963</li> </ul> </p> <p><b>STEM Academy</b>          Microsoft Office Specialist 2019 Certifications         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Word &amp; Excel - Only qualifies for 2024 graduates</li> <li><a href="#">Microsoft Office 2019 Expert certifications</a></li> <li>Word Expert</li> <li>Excel Expert</li> <li>Access Expert</li> </ul> <a href="#">Certified Entry-Level Python Programmer PCEP</a></p> <p><a href="#">Autodesk Certified User</a></p> <p><a href="#">Certified SolidWorks Associate</a></p> <p><b>Teaching &amp; Training</b>  <a href="#">Educational Aide 1</a></p>
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For additional licenses and certifications that will qualify please visit:

<https://tea.texas.gov/academics/college-career-and-military-prsp/career-and-technical-education/industry-based-certification-resources>

## Did You Know?

*Each of our CTE programs offer students the opportunity to earn IBCs at no cost. The ones listed here qualify for CCMR purposes, but students have many more options available beyond those recognized by the TEA.*



## Military-Ready Requirements - Must complete BOTH

Complete the ASVAB and earn a passing score

Score 31+

Enlist in the Military and submit a copy of your DoD Form 4 contract to your high school counselor.

Complete this  
Google Form after  
enlisting





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# Honor Cords

# NEW CCMR Honor Cord



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## **CCMR Honor Cord (Cardinal)**

Students who graduate from high school with the required indicators from one of the CCMR categories below will qualify for the CCMR Honor Cord.

### **College Ready**

- Meets the TSI College-Ready Criteria  
OR
- Earns 3 hours of dual credit in math or English  
OR
- Earns 9 hours of dual credit in any combination of subjects  
OR
- Makes a 3+ on one or more AP Exams  
OR
- Earns an Associate Degree  
OR
- Qualifies for and Accepts OnRamps College Course Credit

### **Career Ready**

- Earns an approved industry-based certification (IBC)  
OR
- Graduates with completed IEP and workforce readiness  
OR
- Graduates with an advanced degree plan and received special education services  
OR
- Earns a Level I or Level II certificate

### **Military Ready**

- Enlists in the U.S. Armed Forces

# CCMR Platinum Honor Cord



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## **CCMR Platinum Honor Cord (Cardinal & Platinum)**

Students who graduate from high school with the required indicators from two different CCMR categories below will qualify for the CCMR Platinum Honor Cord

### **College Ready**

- Meets the TSI College-Ready Criteria (college prep English and Math do not qualify)  
OR
- Earns an associate degree

### **Career Ready**

- Meets the TSI College Ready Criteria (college prep English and Math do not qualify)  
AND one of the following
- Earns an approved IBC  
OR
- Earns a level I or II certificate

### **Military Ready**

- Enlists in the U.S. Armed Forces

# CCMR Platinum & Gold Honor Cord



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## **CCMR Platinum & Gold Honor Cord (Cardinal, Platinum, & Gold)**

Students who graduate from high school with the required indicators from all three of the CCMR categories below will qualify for the CCMR Platinum Plus Honor Cord

### **College Ready**

- Meets the TSI College-Ready Criteria (college prep English and Math do not qualify)  
OR
- Earns an associate degree

### **Career Ready**

- Meets the TSI College Ready Criteria (college prep English and Math do not qualify)  
AND one of the following
- Earns an approved IBC  
OR
- Earns a level I or II certificate

### **Military Ready**

- Enlists in the U.S. Armed Forces



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# FAFSA

# A New State Graduation Requirement: Starting with 2022 High School Graduates

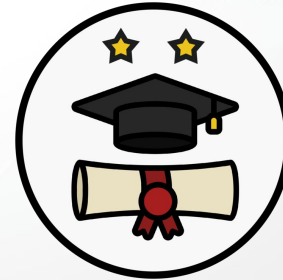


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State of Texas requires that high school seniors in the 2021-2022 school year (and each year after) complete and submit a FAFSA or TASFA application in order to graduate.

Students can opt out only if:

- A parent/guardian submits a signed form, OR
- Student is 18 years of age or older and submits a signed form, OR
- School counselor authorizes the students to decline to submit an application due to “good cause”



# FAFSA or TASFA



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Depending on your situation you will apply for financial aid in one of two ways:

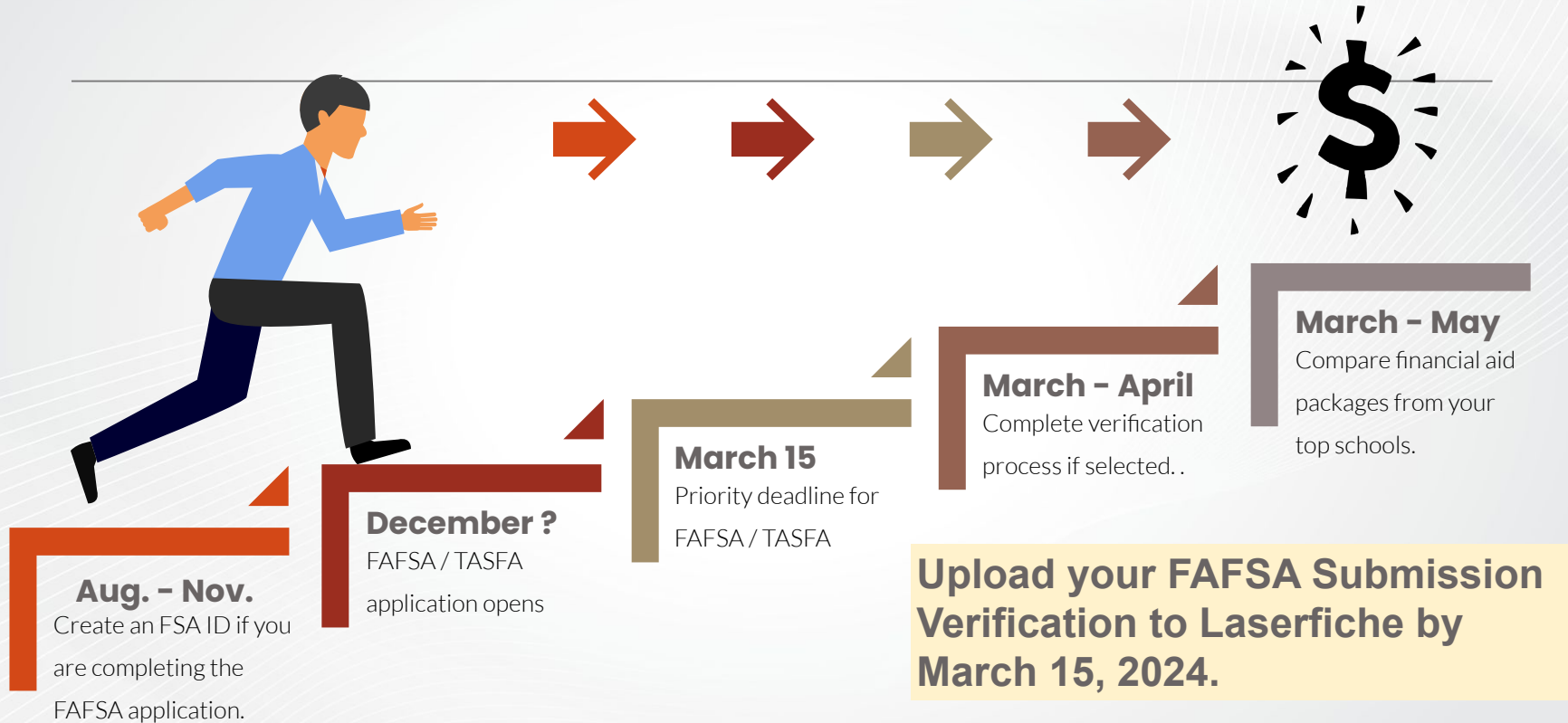
- If you have a Social Security Number, you will fill out the FAFSA.
- If you do not have a Social Security Number, or have a Social Security Number through DACA, you will fill out TASFA.



# NEW FAFSA Timeline



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# Advisory Lessons

# 2021-2022 Advisory Topics



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Every Monday, students in grades 9-12 are presented an advisory lesson designed by counseling, technology, CTE, or CCMR to address important topics including social-emotional learning, digital citizenship, and college & career readiness.

When these lessons are fully developed, students will have a four-year advisory program that is specific to their grade level.

Links to the Advisory topics can be found on the College and Career Readiness website.

Some of our current topics include:

- Using MajorClarity
- Digital Reputation and Identity
- Social-Emotional support
- Online Ethics
- Profile of a Great Employee
- Civic Duties
- Financing your Future



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# Potential College Credit Bearing Courses

# Potential College Credit Bearing Classes



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## Advanced Placement

Students take a high school class for high school credit. In the fall semester they order and pay for their exams, then, at the end of the year, they take the exam. A passing score on the AP Exam (3+) could earn them college credit.

## Dual Credit

Students take a college class for college credit. The college grade is also posted to their high school transcript to allow them to earn high school credit. Dual credit classes are part of the college core curriculum or they are CTE or World Language classes. All Texas public colleges must accept the dual credit courses from the core curriculum.

## OnRamps

Similar to dual credit, OnRamps courses allow students to take a course that is a blend of high school and college work. The grades earned in the college and high school portion of the class may differ. OnRamps courses are part of the college core.

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# Advanced Placement

Please see the Advanced Academics  
presentation for Advanced Placement Data

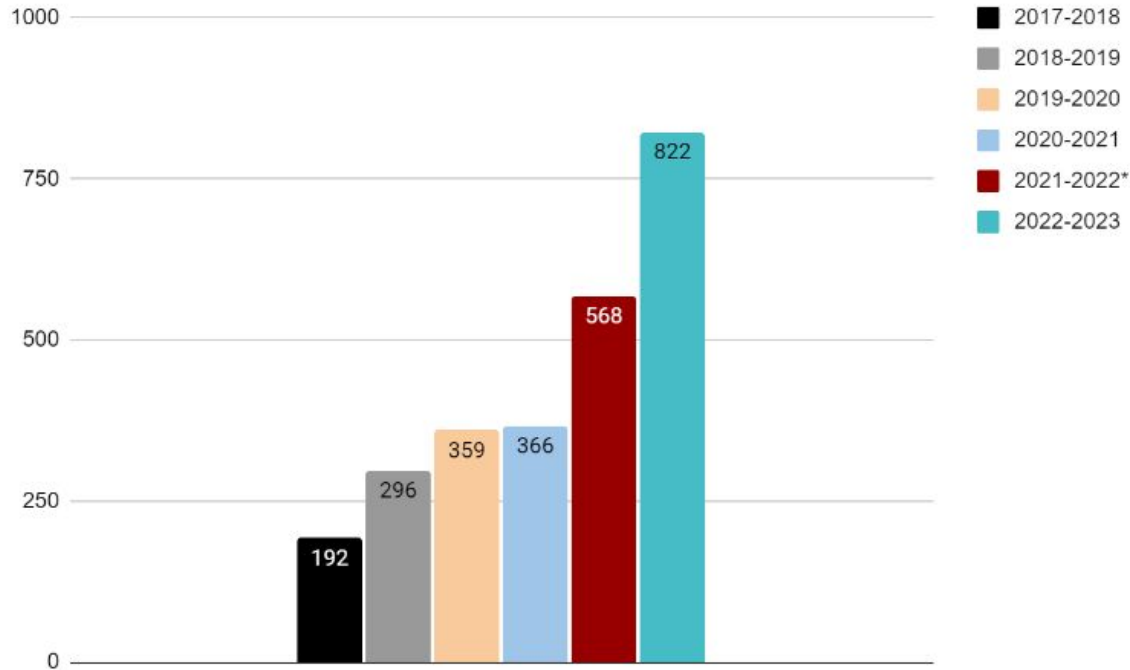


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# Dual Credit



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Beginning this semester, Fall 2023, Tarrant County College is waiving tuition for all dual credit classes. In addition, the college will reimburse students who qualify for free or reduced lunch for the cost of their textbooks.

# OnRamps Enrollment



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## Student Enrollments by Year

\*James M. Steele is an Early College High School and is no longer included on the table below, however, their numbers are still reflected in the Total Enrollment.

School Year	Total Enrollment*	Northwest High School	Byron Nelson High School	V.R. Eaton High School
14-15	139	99	19	N/A
15-16	199	155	26	4
16-17	814	259	338	217
17-18	727	223	210	294
18-19	1109	268	476	365
19-20	1379	392	537	541
20-21	1992	472	1056	420
21-22	2300	644	923	733
22-23	2587	924	1186	477

## Demographics

52% Female

47% Male

7% African American

9% Asian

19% Hispanic

59% White

6% Two+ Races

21% First Generation College Students

NISD OnRamps Students Saved \$2,542,473.00 in college tuition in 22-23

# OnRamps Credit



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22-23 Credit Earned By Course

Course	Earned Credit	No Credit
College Algebra	95%	5%
Physics I	94%	6%
Physics I Lab	97%	3%
Precalculus	92%	8%
Statistics	99%	1%
Rhetoric (fall)	87%	13%
Rhetoric (spring)	86%	14%
U.S. History (fall)	89%	11%
U.S. History (spring)	86%	14%

Cost Savings

\$2,542,473.00

Course Credit  
Eligibility

98%

Acceptance

83%



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- FSA ID# (Parents & Students)
- Attend Virtual College Fairs
- TSIA 2 mathematics for grades 10 & 11
- Register for Spring Dual Credit Classes
- English & U.S. History OnRamps Decisions

- FAFSA/TASFA or Opt-Out Submission
- HBCU College Fair - Feb. 9, 2024
- TSIA 2 English for 9th Graders
- SAT School Day for Grade 11
- Register for Summer & Fall Dual Credit Classes
- OnRamps Decisions

