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adventure is what  
lies ahead!"

Senior Year  
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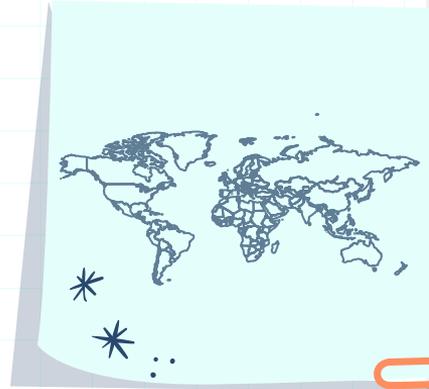
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## CCMR: College, Career & Military Readiness

All students should graduate from high school ready for college, careers, the military, or any future they choose in life. Our goal is to prepare our graduates to pursue a future of their choosing and successfully enter our global society.



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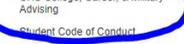


Central High School Motto



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### Quick Links



#### Open House

[Click Here for more information](#)



#### Get your Student Parking Permit

All licensed students that are parking at Central High School are required to purchase a parking permit that must be hung from the rearview mirror. Students must present proof of insurance and driver's license to purchase a permit.



#### New Student Enrollment

Enrollment is open for the 2023-24 school year for students who are new to Keller ISD.



#### VOE Request

VOE (Verification of Enrollment) process is remaining digital going forward - please click on this link for more information and to request a VOE

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#### Tweets from @KellerCentralHS



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My mission is to help all Central students prepare for life after high school and find their right fit for continuing their education. I can help with many things including career exploration, investigating college majors, finding the right college or technical program, applying for college, connection with military recruiters, applying for financial aid/scholarships, exploring various post-secondary options, and more.



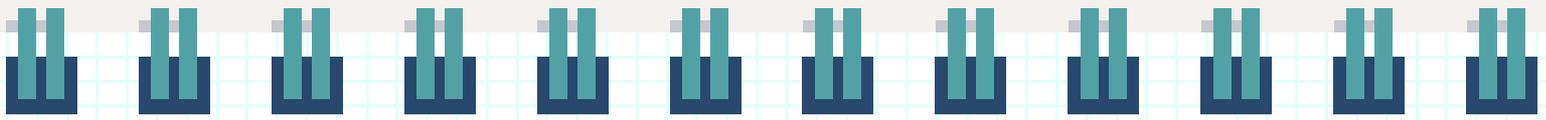
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# What Are Your Post-Graduation Options?



## 2-Year College

01

- Ex: TCC, Weatherford College
- Associate Degrees, Trade Program Certifications, or Credits to Transfer

## 4-year College

02

- Ex: UT, Texas A&M
- Undergraduate & Graduate Degrees

## Short-term training

03

- Ex: UTI, TX Academy of Dental Assisting
- Technical or Trade Certification Programs

## Military

04

- Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, National Guard
- Enlisted or Reserves
- Military Service Academies

05 Work

# Need Help Deciding?

<https://www.kellerisd.net/Page/5947>

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- [Financial Aid Resources & Application Links](#)
- [Texas Tuition Guarantee Programs](#) (check with each university for updates to these programs)

Find a right fit with  
your interests using  
these tools

Discover your  
career aptitude with  
the ASVAB at school  
on Oct. 17

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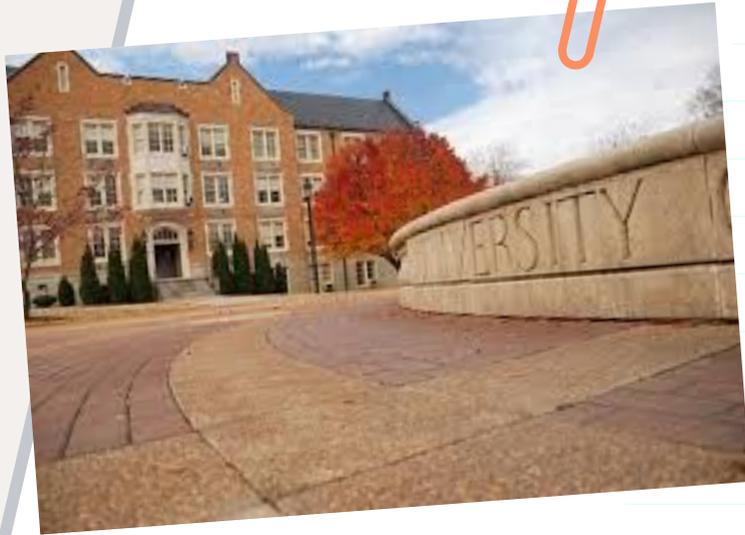
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## College Visits



A senior student's absence of up to two days related to visiting a college or university will be considered an absence exemption, provided the student follows the campus procedures to verify such a visit, and makes up any work missed.

# Virtual College Visits and Fairs

<https://www.kellerisd.net/CCMR>

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*intentionally exceptional*

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### COLLEGE, CAREER & MILITARY READINESS

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### COLLEGE VISITS

Visiting a college can help you get a sense of what a college - and life at a college - is really like. Use the following checklist to help guide your visit.

[Campus Visit Checklist](#)

#### Virtual College Exploration

Many colleges and universities are offering "virtual tours." Be sure to check their individual websites for these opportunities or go to [Youvisit.com](#).

For a comprehensive list of colleges and universities that may offer virtual tours, check out [College Virtual Tours](#).

For a virtual experience from a student guide perspective, try [CampusReel](#).

**Keller ISD college visit absence policy (from the Keller ISD Student Handbook):**

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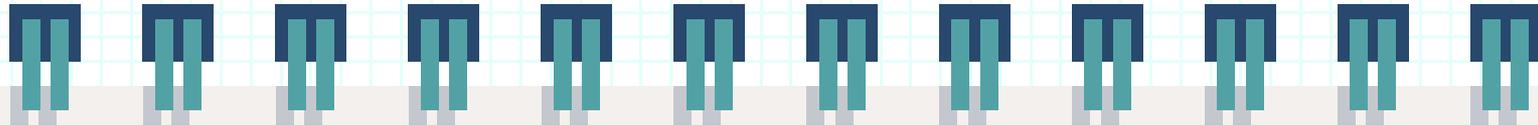
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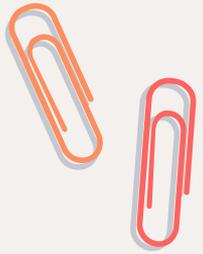


# College Applications ∴ \* \*

- Apply Texas
- Common App
- Coalition for College App
- Common Black College App
- School-specific application

# How to Apply

1. Completely fill out the application
2. Request that your high school transcript be sent to the college (use the KISD online form)
3. Send your SAT or ACT scores to the college (if applicable)
4. Create an FSA ID & complete the FAFSA (opens in December 2023)
5. Apply for campus specific scholarships. This may require a separate application
6. Apply for scholarships that could be used at any college
7. Pay attention to application and scholarship deadlines
8. Follow up to ensure all required documents have been received by the college or university (check your email often!)



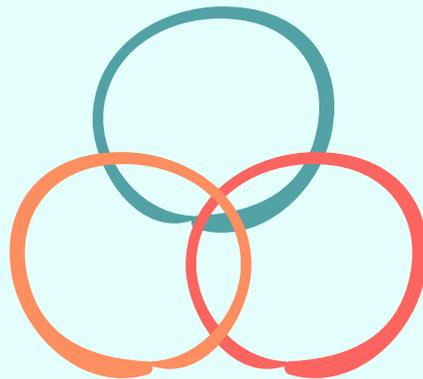
# Strengthen Your Application

- Extra-curricular activities

Clubs, sports, band, etc.,

- Volunteer Hours

- Community Involvement



# Essays!



- Answer the question asked
- Tell your story...How are you unique?
- Be clear about why you are interested in the college
- Show your creativity
- Write several drafts and revise
- Get feedback from good writers you know
- Don't write about Covid - they have heard it A LOT!



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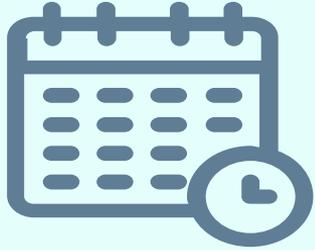
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# Letters of Recommendation

1. Cannot be a family member
2. Give at least **2 weeks** notice.
3. Request form on CCMR website  
- make a copy to complete then share with your counselor/teachers .
4. Add your **academic counselor** as your counselor recommender (Add Mrs. Adams as your advisor if you'd like)



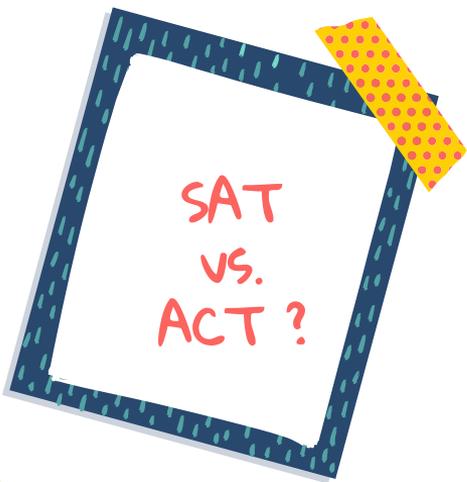
# Test Optional

Make sure you clearly understand exactly what “test optional” means to the college or university you are applying to

Taking an SAT or ACT does not mean you *have* to submit your scores.

At Texas schools, you will need to submit scores or take the TSI to be able to register for classes.

Questions?? See your CCMR coach or campus counselor!!





# SAT vs. ACT vs. TSI



## SAT

- Score on a scale of 400-1600
- 3 tests + optional essay
- 3 hours + 50 mins
- Free online prep ([Khan Academy](#))
- Used for admission and/or scholarship qualification
- [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
- College Ready Scores are EBRW 480/ Math 530

## ACT

- Scored on a scale of 1-36
- 4 tests + optional essay
- 2 hours 55 minutes + 50 minutes (optional essay)
- Free online prep through [ACT academy](#)
- Science test that tests critical thinking
- Used for admission and/or scholarship qualification
- [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)
- College Ready Scores are EBRW 19/Math 19 AND Composite 21 (if test was before Feb 15, 2023) or Reading + Writing = 40/Math 22 (if after Feb 15, 2023)

## TSI

- Used to place students in for-credit and support courses in college
- Not pass/fail - measures college-course readiness
- College Ready SAT or ACT will substitute for TSI (must have readiness in both ELA & Math)
- ACT will substitute
- Given for FREE at CHS in October & March at least - sometimes other dates

**\*\*You must have college ready scores (SAT/ACT/TSI) to register for classes at most colleges\*\***

# Student Athletes



- Register with NCAA
- Register with NAIA
- Confirm with your counselor that you are on track with the classes you take for NCAA (4 X 4 Curriculum)
- Send official KISD transcript to NCAA or NAIA
- Send your official SAT or ACT scores to NCAA or NAIA
- Pay registration fees (or use fee waivers if eligible)



# Community College



## 2 yr/transfer

Get your basics then transfer to larger school



## Certificate

Some jobs require a certificate rather than a degree



## Associates Degree

Some opportunities require an Associates degree

## General Education

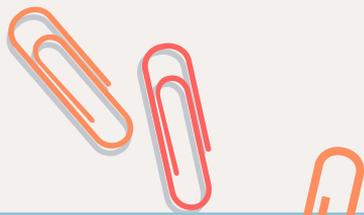
A great place to increase your general knowledge

smaller classroom settings

lower cost of attendance

remaining closer to home

complete "the basics"



Train students in highly specialized careers!  
Most programs are two years or less in length.



Health Care and  
Social Assistance



Construction



Manufacturing



Trucking



Bookkeeping, Accounting  
and Auditing

# VOCATIONAL SKILLS

## in High Demand Today

SOURCES: bls.gov | money.cnn.com



Food Services



Computer  
Support



Dental Care



Hair Styling and  
Cosmetology



Auto Servicing



Veterinary  
Technology

# Technical Programs

- Tarrant County College: Registered Nurse (RN), Automotive Service Technology, Aviation Maintenance, Construction Management, Firefighter Certification, HVAC (Air Conditioning), Real Estate
- Texas State Technical College (Dallas): Architectural Design, Computer Networking, Cybersecurity, HVAC, Welding
- Parker University: Chiropractics, Health Sciences, Business & Technology
- Ogle School & L Makeup Institute (Southlake): Cosmetology, Esthetics, Manicurist, Stylist
- And so many more!

\*Credits may or may not transfer to other traditional schools\*

# Transcripts

- Colleges will need a copy of a student's transcript to admit the student. Request these when you apply to colleges.
- Students receive two free orders, so add multiple schools to the first order to cover all your applications. The second order is your final transcript.
- After high school graduation, students will need to submit a final (official) transcript to the college where they will attend.
- Students should begin requesting final transcripts in mid-May

The image shows a screenshot of the Central High School website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for "DISTRICT HOME", "SELECT A SCHOOL...", "Select Language", and "Sign In". Below this is a secondary navigation bar with links for "Home", "Our School", "Academics", "Students & Families", "Athletics", and "Fine Arts". The main header features the school's name "Central High School" and the motto "Character. Honor. Service." along with a logo. A large banner for "OPEN HOUSE" is displayed, indicating the event is on "SEPTEMBER 18TH" with a "READ MORE..." button. Below the banner is a navigation menu with icons for "Calendar", "Aeries", "K-Cloud", "Cafeteria", "Buses", "Athletics", "Fine Arts", and "Directory". A search bar is located above a "Quick Links" section. The "Quick Links" section includes links for "New to KISD", "VOE REQUEST", "TRANSCRIPT REQUEST", "KISD Web Store", and "FRIENDS FOR LIFE". To the right of the "Quick Links" are several informational cards: "Open House", "Student Parking Permit", "New Student Enrollment", and "VOE Request". A large red arrow points from the "TRANSCRIPT REQUEST" link in the "Quick Links" section towards the "OPEN HOUSE" banner. Two paperclip icons are visible in the top right corner of the screenshot.

# Financial Aid



Financial Aid is  
money (grants, loans,  
scholarships and  
work study) that  
helps defray the  
overall cost of your  
college education.



# 3 Types of Federal Student Aid

1



Free money.

**Grants** are usually based on financial need and don't have to be repaid.

2



Borrowed money.

**Loans** are an investment in your future. But remember, they must be repaid with interest.

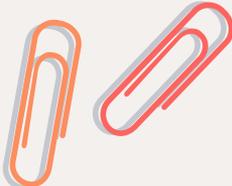
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Earned money.

A **work-study** job lets you earn money while you're in school.





∴ 😊 FAFSA ∴

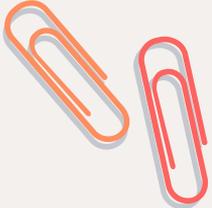
(Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

No matter what your financial situation, it is *strongly recommended* that you complete the FAFSA.

It is required by *all* colleges for students to be eligible for financial aid.

Normally, the application opens October 1 every year. It will open sometime in December this year due to a large update to the application process.

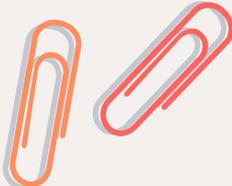
Completing a FAFSA (or TASFA) is now a graduation requirement in the state of Texas.



# What is the TASFA?

- Texas Application for State Financial Aid
- For students classified as Texas residents who are not eligible to complete the FAFSA
- Used to determine eligibility for state financial aid





## Which financial aid application should students use?

Student Residency Status	Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)	Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA)
US citizen	✓	
Permanent resident with an Alien Registration Card (I-551 visa)	✓	
Conditional permanent resident (I-551C visa)	✓	
Eligible noncitizen with an Arrival/Departure Record (I-94 visa)	✓	
None of the statuses above BUT Texas resident, eligible for in-state tuition		✓



# Scholarships



## ∴ Institutional ∴

Straight from the university; based on need, academics, ACT/SAT, or special programs like athletics, fine arts, or volunteer hours. Some universities will have one application for all freshmen scholarships.



## ∴ Independent ∴



Straight from organizations; can be based on need, or specific to the organization. Check with your work, church, or community organization for available scholarships.

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## SCHOLARSHIPS

### Scholarship Opportunities

To find out about scholarships, use the scholarship database and search engine sites listed below or look on your specific campus webpage.

Tips for successfully submitting a scholarship application:

- Complete the application correctly.
- Have your name on every page
- Include all required paperwork/forms
- Copy everything before you submit the application
- Be sure to submit the application before the deadline

[Link to KISD scholarship list](#)



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### National Scholarship Search Sites

Access Scholarships

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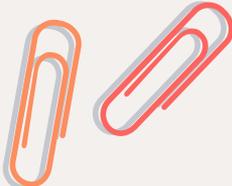
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