



New Caney High School
Counseling Department

SENIOR

PARENT INFORMATION MEETING



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Senior Conferences

Counselors have been visiting English 4 classes to visit one-on-one with every senior. They are going over remaining graduation requirements and post secondary plans.

Ask your student!

Each student will be given a copy of the senior conference form. Ask your student to see theirs' and talk about what they have left to accomplish.



NCISD Graduation Requirements

Foundation + Endorsement

- English Language Arts (4 Credits)
- Mathematics (4 Credits)
- Science (4 Credits)
- Social Studies (4 Credits)
- Physical Education (1 Credit)
- Languages Other Than English (2 Credits)
- Fine Arts (1 Credit)
- Elective Credits (10 Credits)

a.4 credits to be endorsement electives

TOTAL Credits: 30

Students may graduate with a Distinguished Diploma by meeting all of the requirements of the Foundation High School Program, earning at least one endorsement and earn credit for Algebra II.

End of Course Exams

Students must pass five EOC/STAAR exams:

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

Endorsement Options

Students must choose and meet requirement for at least one endorsement:

- STEM
- Business and Industry
- Public Service
- Arts & Humanities
- Multidisciplinary

Ways to Earn Credits



Attend School

- You must be present 90% of the time (state law).
- Failure to do so may result in make-up hours or denial of credit.
- Loss of credit could affect graduation.



Pass Classes

- You must make a minimum of 70% (per semester) to earn credit.
- Struggling in class? Work with teachers and go to tutorials.



Senior Service Project

To sign up for Senior Project:

- 1) Obtain a packet (counselor's office or counselor Canvas course)
- 2) Submit Intention Form by October 1, 2023 (via Google Form, link listed in packet)






To receive cord for graduation:

- Students must complete 50 volunteer hours.
- Students can count hours from beginning of Freshman year to deadline at end of senior year.
- Students must submit their completed hours log by April 19, 2024.



What's next? Post Secondary Plans

Consider and discuss post-secondary plans with your student!

-  **University**- 4 year college, bachelor's degree
-  **Community College**- 2 year college, associate's degree and/or transfer to university
-  **Trade/Tech School**-Focus on career-specific training (i.e. Culinary School, Police Academy, Apprenticeship)
-  **Military**- Army, Air Force, Marines, Navy, National Guard
-  **Workforce**- Taking a job after graduation



Interested in Military?

Contact a local recruiter for next steps!

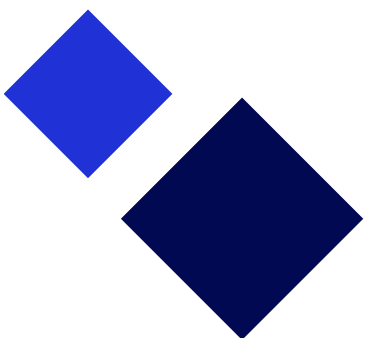
ASVAB- Armed Vocational Aptitude Battery

- Helps with job placement in military
- Can take multiple times.
 - Beware! Last score counts, not highest.

Offered at NCHS on October 26, 2023
(Deadline to register September 29, 2023)

Benefits of ASVAB for ALL students (not just those entering the military):

- Career interest- what are you interested in?
- Aptitude test- what are you good at?



Texas Workforce

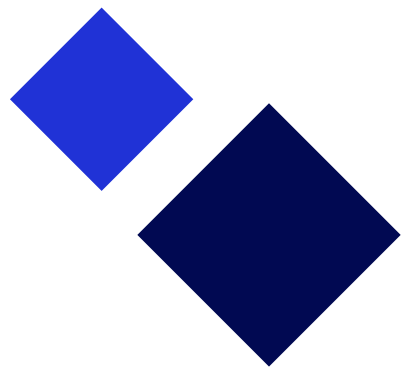
If you are planning on going directly into the workforce, The Texas Workforce Commission website can help you find job openings, career trends, etc.

Texas Workforce Commission home page:

<https://www.twc.texas.gov/>

Education and career planning:

<https://lmci.state.tx.us/explore/TSC/YBF.asp>



College Bound Students



Best Fit

Research colleges to determine
what is best for you:
<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search>



Admissions

Research entrance requirements for
the college you choose:
<https://texasoncourse.org/students-families>



Athletes

Do you want to play sports in
college? Make sure you register with
the **NCAA Eligibility Center** and
speak with your coach:
<http://www.ncaa.org/student-athletes/future>

College Visit Days

Seniors are eligible for two college visit days during their senior year.

Look into Preview Days- these are days that institutions welcome potential students and parents on to campus.

Please bring back documentation from the institution you visit to submit for attendance.

Things to keep in mind:

- Preferred Major
- Size/Class Sizes
- Student Population
- Public vs. Private
- In State vs. Out of State
- Residence Halls, Food
- Classroom/Buildings



College Application Types

Apply to 4-8 Institutions

- Reach
- Match
- Community College

Deadlines

- Early Decision
- Early Action
- Priority Deadline

Stay Organized

- Use a personal email address
- Keep a calendar of deadlines
- Use a Google sheet/Excel to keep up with applications



Apply Texas <https://www.applytexas.org/>

- All Texas Public Institutions
- Most Texas Private Institutions



Common Application <https://apply.commonapp.org/login>

- Over 900 institutions worldwide
- Some Texas Institutions



HBCU Common Application <https://commonblackcollegeapp.com/>

- 55 HBCU Institutions



Institution Based Applications

- Some institutions use a home grown application on their website.





Material Checklist

- College Application
- Application Fee or Fee Waiver
 - Check each schools fee waiver policy
- SAT and/or ACT Test Scores
- High School Transcript
 - Request form on Counseling webpage
- College Essay
 - Varies by institution
- Activity List
 - Varies by institution
- Letters of Recommendation



General Advice

- All items can come in at different times
- Turn in High School Transcripts after all supplemental (non-required) items have arrived
- Consider Test Optional Admissions Process
- Not every institution requires an Essay or Activity List
- You may be able or required to self-report test scores/academic transcript (depending on institution).

Steps for Applying to Collge



Apply to College/University

Be sure to check deadlines. Most big universities have a priority deadline of November 1.



Send ACT/SAT scores if needed

Institutions want scores directly from The College Board or ACT. Most of the time students have so many free score reports they can send.

Do research on test requirements. Many schools are moving to test optional. However, test scores could still be required for scholarships.



Send an OFFICIAL transcript or complete student self report

Request an official transcript to be sent. Institutions will not accept unofficial copies. Some schools require student to self report their academic history as a part of their application.



Pay Application Fees

Application fees can vary by school. Some students can qualify for an application fee waiver.



... more about deadlines!

Paying attention the deadlines for college applications and scholarships is **IMPORTANT!**
Don't miss out on an opportunity because you weren't watching the deadlines.

- Applications are OPEN NOW!
- Some deadlines begin as early as September.
- Deadlines vary- check institution websites, do the research!
- If you are interested in a specific college within an institution, be sure to investigate those deadlines, too.

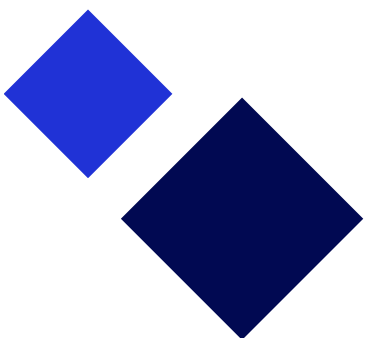


Automatic Admission in Texas



A student, who earned the distinguished level of achievement under the Foundation High School Program, is eligible for automatic admission to a Texas public college or university as an undergraduate student if the student earned a grade point average in the top 10 percent of the student's high school graduating class or in the percentage of qualified applicants that are anticipated to be offered admission to the University of Texas at Austin*.

*Automatic Admission for UT- Top 6%



College Admission Testing

Register, find exam dates, and locations through websites below:

ACT: <https://www.act.org>

SAT: <https://www.collegeboard.org/>

- SAT and ACT scores are not on student transcripts. Students must request scores be sent to institutions directly from testing agency.
- Seniors have a couple more opportunities to take these tests before application deadlines.
- Please visit the [NCHS testing webpage](#) for more information

Test Waivers

Students are eligible if they are eligible for free/reduced lunch (come to the Counseling Office to check your status and receive waiver - can receive maximum of 2 for SAT and 2 for ACT).

Please remember to fill out your free/reduced lunch application if you haven't already. You have to do this annually.



Testing (continued)

Many schools are moving to test optional admissions policies. Be sure to check each institution you're applying to for their specific policy.

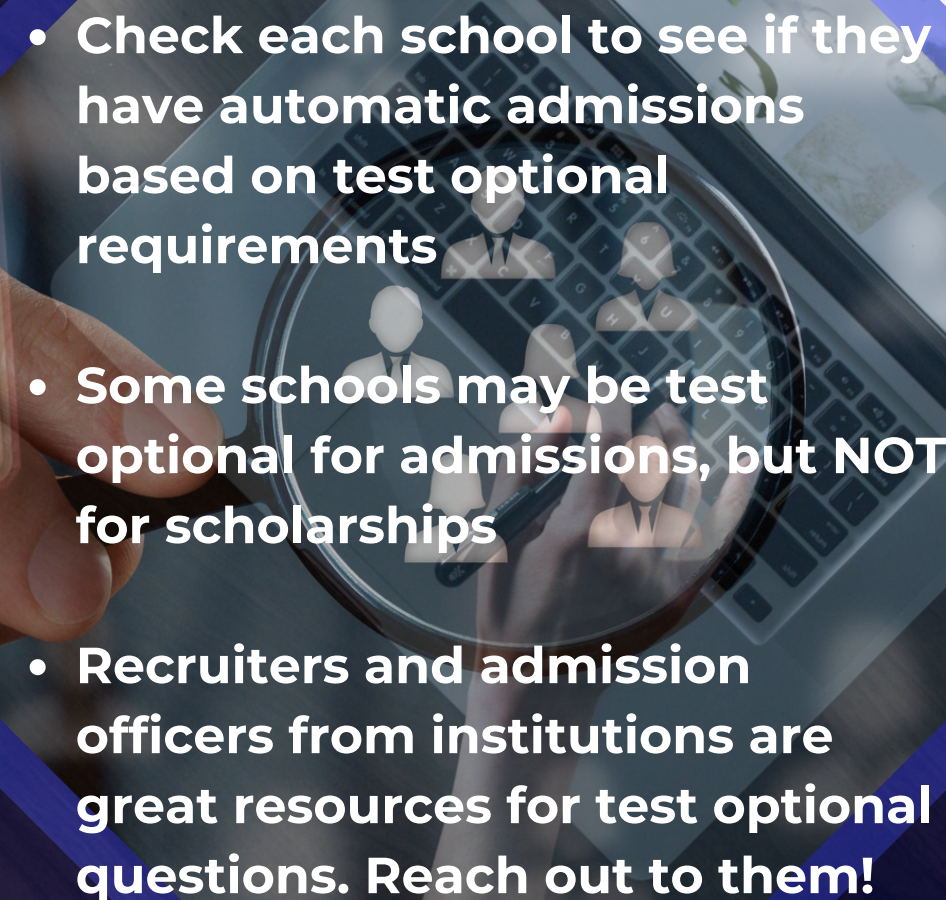
If you do NOT submit SAT/ACT scores:

PROS

- May have a better chance of acceptance if your scores were low.
- No need to test/retest if your GPA and/or rank qualifies you for acceptance.

CONS

- You may not be eligible for application waivers
- You may not be eligible for institution specific scholarships (varies by school)
- You may not be accepted into the college of your choice (i.e. College of Engineering)

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- Check each school to see if they have automatic admissions based on test optional requirements
 - Some schools may be test optional for admissions, but NOT for scholarships
 - Recruiters and admission officers from institutions are great resources for test optional questions. Reach out to them!

Transcript Requests

Link to request form can be found on the [NCHS Counseling webpage](#).

- AFTER** college application has been sent:
- Complete the Transcript Request Form
 - [NCISD Transcript Request Form](#)
 - First 5 are FREE - \$1/transcript after
 - Allow 10 working days for the request to be processed
 - DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE!
 - Most can be sent electronically



NCISD Transcript Request Form

www.newcaneyisd.org • 21580 Loop 494 • New Caney, Texas 77357 • Tel. 281-577-8600 • Fax 281-354-1878

Requestor Information

First Name *

Last Name *

Email *

Phone # *

Address *

City *

State *

Zip Code *

Student Information

Do you know the Student ID? *

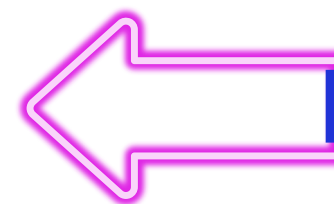
☐ Yes ☐ No

Submit

Letters of Recommendation

Required by some, but not all colleges. Letter of recommendations are also sometimes required for scholarships.

- Should be written by someone who knows you well.
- You should provide the author with a “resume” or “brag sheet” of high school activities, awards, accomplishments, leadership, talents, community service, extra-curricular activities, etc.
- Allow the author 2 - 3 weeks notice (not including breaks) - **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE!**



NCHS Counseling Brag Sheet

FAQ's



When should I apply?

A general rule of thumb is “the earlier, the better” since many universities have rolling admission. Be aware, however, that some early application plans require a student to commit early.



What are colleges looking for in an applicant?

In addition to GPA and test scores, colleges are looking at types of courses, activities, volunteer & work experience, essays, and character.



Are essays important?

Yes. Essays are a way to highlight items the application doesn't ask. It's how the admissions advisors can get to know you. Essays not only help with admission, but sometimes help with scholarships and majors. If a student is on the “bubble,” writing the optional essay could be beneficial.



When can my student get help on applications?

The NCHS College and Career Center will be opened 2x week. Students will need to request and appointment. Once a calendar is set, information and request form will be shared with students via Counselor CANVAS course.



Financial Aid- Applications Open in December



FAFSA

- US citizens or permanent residents with one of the following cards/visas (I-551, I-551C, I-94)



TASFA

- Texas resident who does not meet one of the above criteria

- 4-year universities, 2-year colleges, trades schools, etc.
- Could qualify for grants - do NOT have to pay back
- Could qualify for loans - will pay back after college graduation
- Important to complete for both need-based and merit-based funds

COMPLETION OF FAFSA, TASFA,
or an opt out form is required for graduation

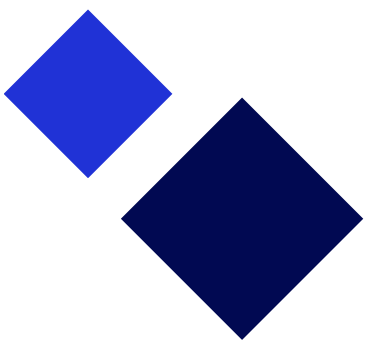


Scholarships



- EMCID - \$1,600 - EVERY NCHS graduate is eligible - application available online.
- College Specific Scholarships- Apply by the scholarship deadline to be automatically considered for scholarships.
- Raise.me - micro-scholarships - can earn money for college by making A's, taking AP classes, taking AP exams, etc. - The sooner you sign up, the more.
- NCISD Local Scholarships- Spreadsheet posted in Counselor CANVAS

You should NEVER have to pay to apply for a scholarship.



NEW CANEY ISD

College and Career Expo



October 5th
NCISD Annex Building
22500 Eagle Drive
6:00pm-8:00pm

We Cordially invite you to present your
business or profession.

[RSVP HERE](#)



<https://bit.ly/CCMRRSVP>

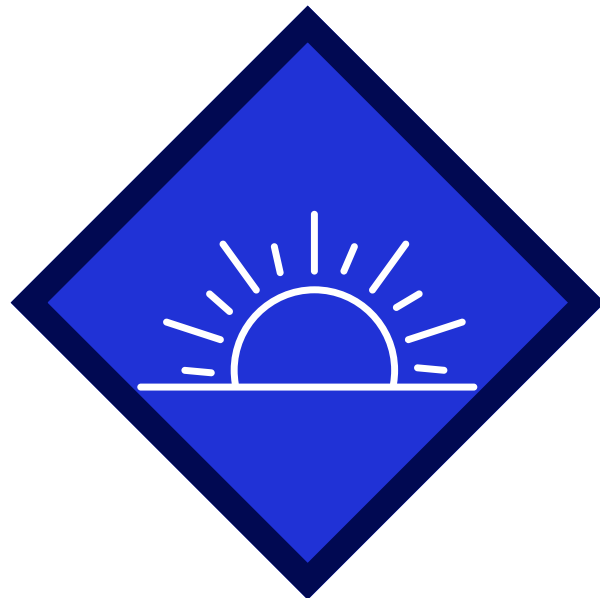
For more information, please contact:

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JOIN US!!

Mark Your Calendars



SENIOR SUNRISE
September 20
6:30 AM
R. Reed Stadium
(home side)



HOCO GAME
September 22
R. Reed Stadium



HOCO DANCE
September 23
NCHS- Cafe.
7:00 - 10:00 PM



SENIOR NIGHT
October 27
@ Football Game
(Football, Dance,
Cheer, JROTC, Band
to be recognized)



SENIOR PICTURES
November 6, 7, & 8
During school

Mark Your Calendars



PROM
April 13



FIELD DAY
May 20
@ NCHS



SENIOR TRIP
May 21



SENIOR SUNSET
& WALK
May 22



SENIOR BREAKFAST
& GRADUATION
May 23

THANK YOU
FOR YOUR ATTENTION

