

Junior and Senior Information

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GRADUATION PLANS

FOUNDATION WITH AN ENDORSEMENT

- **FOR GRADUATION, STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE ACCUMULATED TWENTY-SIX (26) STATE CREDITS.**

Course Requirements:

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Endorsement</u>
English	4.0 credits
Mathematics	4.0 credits
Science	4.0 credits
Social Studies	3.0 or 4.0 credits
Physical Ed.	1.0 credit
Health	.5 credit
Other Lang.	2 credits
Technology	1 credit
Fine Arts	1 credit
Speech	.5 credit
Electives	4.0 credits *
Total	26

* The electives are within the endorsement

5 ENDORSEMENTS

- ARTS & HUMANITIES
- BUSINESS & INDUSTRY
- STEM(*SCI/TECH/ENGI/MATH*)
- PUBLIC SERVICE
- MULTIDISCIPLINARY

The Distinguished Level of Achievement Plan

Requires 4 Math Credits including Alg. 2, 4 Science credits, 1 endorsement sequence

Performance Acknowledgement

A student may earn a performance acknowledgement for outstanding performance:

- In dual credit course – 12 hours with 3.0 GPA or higher
- In bilingualism & bi-literacy – 3 credits of LOTE
- AP test – score a 3 or above
- PSAT- commended scholar or higher
- SAT – 1310 or higher
- ACT – 28 or higher

RANK AND GPA

HONOR GRADUATES

- CUM LAUDE- 4.0-4.4 (WHITE CORD)
- MAGNA CUM LAUDE- 4.5-4.9 (SILVER CORD)
- SUMMA CUM LAUDE- 5.0 OR HIGHER (GOLD CORD)

SENIOR SPECIFIC

- EARLY ADMISSION- 6 SEMESTER TRANSCRIPT
- REGULAR ADMISSION- 6 OR 7 SEMESTER TRANSCRIPT
- SENIOR AWARDS CEREMONY MID-MAY /CORDS- AT THE END OF THE 3RD 9TH WEEK.
- FINAL TRANSCRIPT- 8 SEMESTER TRANSCRIPT

CALLEN HIGH SCHOOL IS AN OFFICIAL TESTING CENTER FOR:

SAT

- **AUGUST 24, 2024**
- **DECEMBER 7, 2024**
- **MARCH 18, 2025 (ALL JUNIORS—
SAT SCHOOL DAY)**
- **MAY 3, 2025**

ACT

- **OCTOBER 26, 2024**
- **DECEMBER 14, 2024**
- **FEBRUARY 8, 2025**

**Register online with College Board or ACTStudent; Fee Waivers Available for
Students with Free and Reduced Lunch *(must apply yearly)***

TEXAS SUCCESS INITIATIVE (TSIA2)

ASSESSMENT/EXEMPTIONS VARIES BY COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES

DEL MAR COLLEGE (DUAL CREDIT)

TSI TESTING DATES AT CALLEN HIGH SCHOOL (SATURDAYS) 2024/2025:

- **SEPT 14**
- **OCT 26TH**
- **NOV 16TH**
- **JAN 22ND (ALL ENROLLED SOPHOMORES)**
- **JAN 25TH**
- **FEB 22ND**
- **MARCH 22ND**
- **APRIL 12TH**
- **MAY 3RD**

NEED MORE OPPORTUNITIES? CONTACT:

DELMAR COLLEGE TESTING CENTER

361-698-1645 OR WWW.DELMAR.EDU/TSI

VISIT



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Schools are providing virtual tours, please call the school to set up a time/day

BE A COMPETITIVE APPLICANT

- **PLAN TO COMPLETE THE REQUIRED HIGH SCHOOL COURSEWORK**
- **CHALLENGE YOURSELF BY TAKING RIGOROUS COURSEWORK**
- **GET INVOLVED**
- **PICK YOUR TOP 3 MAJORS AND RESEARCH THE ACADEMIC AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THEM.**

HELPFUL HINTS IN CHOOSING A COLLEGE

- **STUDENTS ARE ALLOWED 2 EXCUSED DAYS FOR COLLEGE VISITS WITH APPROVED LETTERHEAD NOTE FROM COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY**
- **LISTEN TO ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TOURS AND REPS ON CAMPUS**
- **CONSIDER ACTUAL COST OF TUITION, HOUSING, MEAL PLANS,**
- **CONTACT AN ENROLLED STUDENT**
- **GET ANSWERS TO KEY QUESTIONS**
- **TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS**
- **CHECK AND STICK TO DEADLINES**
- **VISIT WITH COLLEGE REPS IN THE FALL**

ADMISSION PROCESS

- WWW.COMMONAPP.ORG
- WWW.APPLYTEXAS.ORG
- *ESSAYS: ARE BECOMING JUST AS IMPORTANT AS YOUR RANK. WRITE YOUR ESSAYS AT THE END OF YOUR JUNIOR YEAR AND HAVE SOMEONE, LIKE A COUNSELOR OR TEACHER, REVIEW THEM.*
- APPLICATION FEES
- SUBMIT TEST SCORES DIRECTLY FROM ACT AND SAT (OPTIONAL FOR MOST SCHOOLS)
- BE MINDFUL OF DEADLINE DATES FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND APPLICATIONS
- SUBMIT OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT (HS, COLLEGES IF APPLICABLE)
- OPTIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SECTION

EARLY ADMISSION

- **APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION OPENED AUGUST 1ST**
- **EARLY DECISION (BINDING) / EARLY ACTION (END OF NOVEMBER)**
LARGER, COMPETITIVE SCHOOLS ADMIT A PERCENTAGE OF THEIR
FRESHMAN CLASS EARLY AND SCHOLARSHIPS ARE GENERALLY TIED
TO THESE EARLY APPLICATIONS. IN ORDER TO APPLY EARLY, YOU WILL
NEED TO HAVE:
- **A COMPLETED APPLICATION (INCLUDING ESSAYS)**
- **A TRANSCRIPT THROUGH THE 6TH SEMESTER (JUNIOR YEAR)**
- **SAT OR ACT SCORES (OPTIONAL FOR MANY SCHOOLS)**

FINANCIAL AID

- **FAFSA WORKSHOPS/ASSISTANCE:**
 - **DATES TBD**
 - **ACCESS A FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA) :**
 - **APPLICATION OPENS DEC 1ST**
- **FAFSA REQUIRES YOUR PARENTS 2023 TAX RETURN INFORMATION.**
- **WE RECOMMEND APPLYING BY MARCH 15TH**
- **ALL SENIORS MUST COMPLETE THE FAFSA OR WAIVE FAFSA FOR GRADUATION BEFORE MAY**

FILE ELECTRONICALLY AT WWW.FAFSA.ED.GOV (FAFSA) LIST THE 1-6 COLLEGES YOU LIKE, SO THEY CAN RECEIVE THE RESULTS WHEN YOUR FAFSA IS PROCESSED.

FINANCIAL AID

GRANTS

- **FEDERAL PELL GRANTS**
- **TEXAS GRANT—WHO CAN COMPETE?**

ANY STUDENT WHO:

- **GRADUATED FROM A TEXAS PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL AND ENROLLS IN A PUBLIC COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY**
- **GRADUATED ON THE DISTINGUISHED**
- **APPLIES BY SUBMITTING THE FAFSA**

LOANS

- **STAFFORD/SUBSIDIZED AND UNSUBSIDIZED-STUDENT LOAN FAFSA REQUIRED**
- **PARENT LOANS FAFSA REQUIRED**

TOP 10%

- **RANKED IN THE TOP 10% OF GRADUATING CLASS**
- **GUARANTEED COLLEGE ADMISSION IN STATE SUPPORTED COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, MUST BE DISTINGUISHED LEVEL OF ACHIEVEMENT PLAN.**
- **AUTOMATIC ADMISSION FOR THE UT AUSTIN IS TOP 6%**
- **MAY QUALIFY FOR THE TOP 10% SCHOLARSHIP IF YOU:**
 - **HAVE A FINANCIAL NEED**
 - **COMPLETE THE FAFSA BY JANUARY 15TH**
 - **ENROLL FULL TIME IN A PUBLIC COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY FOR THE FALL SEMESTER**

HOW TO OBTAIN ACCOMMODATIONS IN COLLEGE

(IF APPLICABLE)

- **GATHER ALL/MOST RECENT HIGH SCHOOL PAPERWORK FROM PREVIOUS 504 MEETING OR SP. ED. IEP**
- **SET UP AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY “STUDENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT”**

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO GET A SCHOLARSHIP?

- **CLASS RANK/GPA**
- **COMPETITIVE ACT/SAT SCORES**
- **RESUME/LIST OF ORGS,VOLUNTEER WORK,ACHIEVEMENTS, ETC.**
- **LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**
- **KNOW DEADLINES**

RESUMES

- **RESUMES ARE IMPORTANT FOR ALL STUDENTS TO DEVELOP**
- **BRAG FORM (LIST ALL THE GREAT THINGS ABOUT YOU TO GET YOU READY TO RESUME WRITE)**
- **RESUMES SHOWCASE YOUR ACTIVITIES AND INVOLVEMENT DURING YOUR HIGH SCHOOL YEARS.**
- **RESUME ITEMS ARE NOT INCLUDED ON YOUR TRANSCRIPT.**
- **RESUMES SHOULD BE UPDATED REGULARLY THROUGHOUT YOUR HIGH SCHOOL YEARS AND/OR WORKING CAREER.**
- **RESUMES SHOULD INCLUDE THINGS SUCH AS:**
 - SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, HONORS/AWARDS, VOLUNTEER WORK/PART-TIME JOB***
 - COMMUNITY/CHURCH ACTIVITY, UNIQUE EXPERIENCES***

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

- **SUBMIT YOUR RESUME TO YOUR TEACHER OR COUNSELOR 2 TO 3 WEEKS BEFORE THE DEADLINE**
- **BE SPECIFIC:**
 - **NAME OF COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OR SCHOLARSHIP TO WHOM THE LETTER IS BEING WRITTEN.**
 - **INTENT OF LETTER (ADMISSIONS, SCHOLARSHIP, HONORS PROGRAM, ETC.)**

WHERE CAN I FIND SCHOLARSHIPS?

- **CALALLEN ISD WEBSITE- COLLEGE AND CAREER PAGE**
- **BLACKBOARD**
- **WWW.AIE.ORG**
- **EMPLOYERS**
- **CHURCH**
- **SPECIFIC COLLEGE WEBSITES**
- **LOCAL CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS**
- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- **INTERNET—CAREER CRUISING, APPLY TEXAS, FASTWEB,**
- **LIBRARIES AND BOOK STORES**
- **ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP**
- **-NCAA CLEARING HOUSE (WWW.NCAA.ORG)**

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS

- **ALL ATHLETES MUST:**
 - **REGISTER WITH THE NCAA CLEARING HOUSE – SEND
TRANSCRIPT – PAY FEE**
 - **SEND SAT OR ACT SCORES DIRECTLY FROM COLLEGE BOARD /
SAT AND ACT**
 - **SEND TRANSCRIPT FROM CALLEN HIGH SCHOOL**

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- **VISIT WITH MRS. DUKE IN THE COLLEGE & CENTER**
- **CALLEN HIGH SCHOOL WEB SITE- *COLLEGE AND CAREER PAGE***
- **CONTACT FINANCIAL AID OFFICES AT THE COLLEGE/ UNIVERSITIES YOU PLAN TO ATTEND**
- **WWW.AIE.ORG (SCHOLARSHIPS)**
- **WWW.COLLEGEFOTEXANS.COM TO EXPLORE COLLEGES, CAREERS, AND FINANCIAL AID**

WHAT TO DO NOW

JUNIORS

- **PSAT (NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP)**
- **RESUME**
- **COLLEGE SEARCHES**
- **VISIT COLLEGES**
- **COLLEGE FIELD TRIPS**
- **SCHOLARSHIP SEARCHES**
- **ENTRANCE EXAMS (SAT/ ACT)**
- **TAKE THE TSI**

SENIORS

- **HAVE AN APPLYTEXAS.ORG OR COMMONAPP.ORG ACCOUNT**
- **RESUME/BRAG FORM**
- **PREP COLLEGE ESSAYS**
- **SEARCH FOR & VISIT COLLEGES/FIELD TRIPS**
- **ENTRANCE EXAMS (ACT/SAT/TSI)**
- **APPLY, APPLY, APPLY!**
- **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**
- **PRIVATE/OUT OF STATE ADMISSION APPLICATIONS**

College not in your future? Work with your counselor on work force ready certifications or other career opportunities, including the military!

REMINDERS

- **MAINTAIN HIGH ACADEMIC STANDARDS ALL YEAR.**
- **KEEP UP WITH YOUR ATTENDANCE. YOU ARE ONLY ALLOWED 8 ABSENCES 1ST SEMESTER AND 9 ABSENCES 2ND SEMESTER. AFTER 7 ABSENCES, STUDENTS MAY NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND STUDENT ACTIVITIES.**
- **PAY YOUR FINES. DIPLOMAS WILL NOT BE ISSUED UNTIL THESE ARE PAID.**
- **CHECK WITH YOUR COUNSELOR TO BE SURE YOU HAVE THE COURSES NECESSARY FOR GRADUATION AND/OR COLLEGE ENTRANCE.**

MORE REMINDERS

- **APPLY EARLY, MEET ALL DEADLINES, ESPECIALLY WITH SAT/ACT, COLLEGE AND SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS.**
- **HAVE SAT AND ACT SCORES SENT TO THE 4-YEAR COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES YOU ARE APPLYING TO FOR ADMISSION (IF APPLICABLE). IF APPLYING TO NCAA, HAVE SAT/ACT SCORES SENT TO NCAA CLEARINGHOUSE.**
- **TALK WITH ARMED SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THE MILITARY**
- **APPLY FOR EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES EARLY.**

CLASS OF 2025 GRADUATION DATE

THURSDAY MAY 22ND

