

"COLLEGE" / CAREER

— 101



JUNIOR YEAR GUIDE

CCMR

GRADUATION IS THE BEGINNING

While it's the end of your time at Langham Creek, graduation is the beginning of the next stage of your life. In Texas, one of the goals of high school education is to prepare students for the workforce and help them achieve economic prosperity.



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WHERE WILL YOU FIND SUCCESS?

There's no one-size-fits-all version of career preparation in life, and Langham Creek High School strives to help students find their best pathway for success, whether that's by prepping them for **college**, helping jump start their **career** through certifications, or equipping them for success in **military** service.





**YOUR
CAREER
IS THE KEY**

NOT SURE
WHAT
CAREER
YOU WANT
TO PURSUE?

Take some Career Assessments...

1. Collegeboard – Big Future
2. Xello – Career Exploration
3. Youscience (Small Fee)

Explore Summer Programs and Opportunities through universities, private companies, etc.

Job Shadow

NEW FOR CLASS OF 2026 & BEYOND

ADVICE

Students who have not yet achieved an indicator of College, Career, or Military Readiness (CCMR) will be advised about ways to complete this requirement.

REQUIREMENTS

Students must complete the CCMR requirement **by the end of their junior year OR be enrolled in a program to complete a CCMR indicator through course registration** or they will not be permitted to take early release or late arrival during their senior year so that they may continue to work on this goal.



CCMR INDICATOR	2025-26 GRADUATES
TSI Meet TSI Criteria in BOTH RLA & MATH	<u>TESTING</u> TSIA-2 SAT ACT <u>CFISD PROGRAMS</u> CARE Academy English IV L/K/H/STAAR/ICS/SSL Advanced Algebra L College Algebra K/H <u>STATE PROGRAM</u> Texas College Bridge <i>(ONLY in 12th Grade)</i>
AP EXAM	Score of 3 or higher in ANY SUBJECT
DUAL COURSE CREDITS	3+ hours in RLA - or - MATH Course / OR / 9+ hours total across subjects
ASSOCIATE DEGREE	Earn an Associate Degree prior to high school graduation
INDUSTRY BASED CERTIFICATION (IBC)	Earn IBC AND Completer in aligned Program of Study. (THREE or more courses for four or more credits, including level three or level four course)
IEP GRAD	SPED Graduate with completed IEP and workforce readiness.
SPED GRAD	SPED graduate with advanced degree plan.
ARMED FORCES	Enlist in US Military or Texas National Guard (DD 4 Form)

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IF YOU NEED COLLEGE TO ACHIEVE YOUR CAREER GOALS



WE'LL KNOW YOU'RE READY FOR COLLEGE BY...

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TESTING: TSI, SAT, OR ACT Score

*A strong SAT or ACT score indicates that students are on track to be academically successful in college. The college readiness scores are set by the state of Texas and designed to check students' preparation for success in college classes. The SAT scores have been tested to determined that students who meet these scores have a **75% chance of earning a C or better** in their first semester class.*

COLLEGE CREDIT: DC / AP / ASSOCIATE DEGREE

Students who are successful in Advanced Placement testing or Dual Credit classes are demonstrating early college readiness by taking college credit coursework during high school.

TEXAS COLLEGE BRIDGE OR CARE ACADEMY TSI EXEMPTIONS

Students who have not demonstrated college readiness through other means may be offered the opportunity during 12th grade to earn an **exemption** for the TSI test. The TSI, or Texas Success Initiative Assessment, is a computer-based test used by Texas public colleges to determine student's preparation for college-level coursework. Students may earn an opportunity to exempt the TSI and earn the Texas distinction of "college ready" through one of two programs.

WHAT ARE THE SCORES?

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ENGL

MATH

SAT

480

530

ACT

40*

*ENGLISH + READING

22

TSI

ELAR: 945+
and
ESSAY: 5+

950

AP & DC MARKERS OF READINESS

3+

on one or more AP exams

3+

hours of DC Math or English

**Associate
Degree**

9+

hours in any academic subject
of DC courses

TSI EXEMPTION PROGRAMS (12TH)

CARE Academy

**must earn a 75+ semester average in Spring*

English IV (except AP and DC)

Adv. Algebra / College Algebra K

TSI Program for Lone Star College ONLY

Texas College Bridge

**Online Course completed in 12th
grade: English and/or Math.**

acknowledged by 90+ Texas institutions

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**IF YOU NEED AN
INDUSTRY
CERTIFICATION TO
ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS**



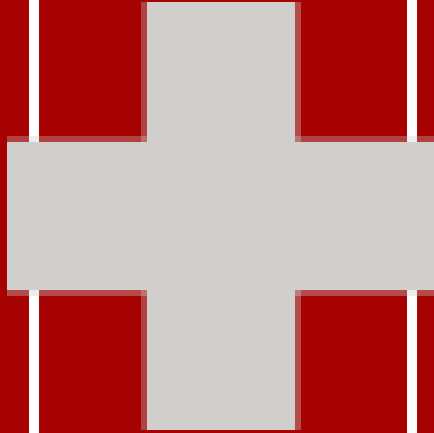
WE'LL KNOW YOU'RE READY FOR A CAREER BY...

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EARNING AN INDUSTRY BASED CERTIFICATION IN A PROGRAM OF STUDY

Students who earn an industry based certification in a program of study demonstrate that they have both the experience and the credentials to support their success in the workplace.

- Successfully complete 3 or more classes within a CFISD recognized **PROGRAM of STUDY**
- Earning at least 4 credits within the program of study
- Including at least one **ADVANCED COURSE**



Earn a qualifying
industry based
certification

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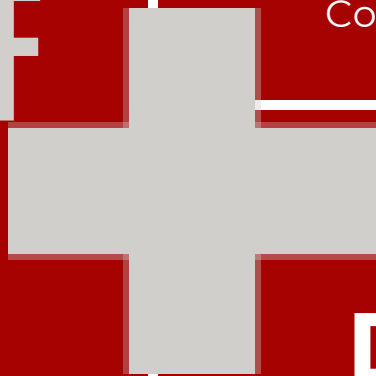
**IF YOU NEED
MILITARY SERVICE
TO ACHIEVE YOUR
GOALS**



WE'LL KNOW YOU'RE READY FOR MILITARY BY...

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EVIDENCE OF MILITARY READINESS



Complete recruitment process

Turn in
DD4 Form

(Enlistment Document)
to the high school counselor or
Ms. Marga Gonzalez (Registrar)

WHAT CAN YOU DO NOW?

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**Sign up for AP
exams**

**Use PSAT scores to
prep for SAT & ACT**

**Persist in your CTE
Program of Study**

**Prepare to register
for AP and DC
courses**

**Explore Military
Careers online or
with recruiters**

**Complete your
Industry Testing**

THE APPLICATION PROCESS...

DO YOUR RESEARCH
BE INFORMED.

SEEK OUT INFORMATION, DON'T WAIT FOR IT
TO COME TO YOU!

FUTURE OPTIONS... WHICH EDUCATION SETTING DO YOU NEED TO PURSUE TO ACCOMPLISH YOUR GOALS?

Career Training Program

- X Apprenticeship Programs
 - Start Working immediately
 - Attend class 1–2 times per week in the evening.
- X Specialty / Trade School
 - often private/for profit programs. (more \$\$\$)
 - Example: UTI/MIAT, ARC Labs, Paul Mitchell School, PIMA Medical Institute
- X Workforce Program at a Two Year College
 - often cheaper. Industry Certification or Applied Assoc.
 - Lone Star College

Associate Degree

- X Earn a 2 year Degree to go to workforce or complete a two year certification
- X Complete the two year degree and then transfer to a 4 year University
- X Earn credits for less than a full Associate Degree and transfer credits after a year (once you meet transfer requirements of university)

Bachelor Degree

- X Typically completed in 4–5 years.
- X Select an area to specialize in and declare a “Major” you want to earn a degree in.

1. VISIT THE DISTRICT WEB SITE:

WWW.CFISD.NET – PARENTS/STUDENTS – COUNSELING

WWW.CFISD.NET – PARENTS/STUDENTS – COLLEGE & CAREER

2. VISIT LANGHAM CREEK HIGH SCHOOL WEBSITE

[HTTP://BIT.LY/LANGHAMCCS](http://bit.ly/LanghamCCS)

3. TALK WITH YOUR LCHS COUNSELOR

4. GO TO CAREER PROGRAM AND COLLEGE ADMISSIONS WEBSITES:

ADMISSIONS / PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

5. SPEAK TO ADMISSION COUNSELORS FOR INFORMATION

LUNCH VISITS, COLLEGE VISITS AND COLLEGE FAIRS

BE PREPARED

FOCUS ON ACADEMICS:

JR. CLASS GRADES

SR. COURSE SELECTION

CCMR INDICATOR

TOP 10% ADMISSIONS

AUTOMATIC ADMISSION TO
TEXAS PUBLIC
INSTITUTIONS

- EXCEPTION : UT AUSTIN FOR THE
CLASS OF 2026 = TOP 5%

MUST SUBMIT COMPLETED
APPLICATION PRIOR TO
DEADLINE SET BY THE
UNIVERSITY

APPLY NO LATER THAN 2
YEARS AFTER
GRADUATING FROM HIGH
SCHOOL

GRADUATE UNDER
DISTINGUISHED LEVEL OF
ACHIEVEMENT WITH
FOUNDATION PLUS
ENDORSEMENT PLAN

PROVIDE ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS REQUIRED BY
THE UNIVERSITY

CLASS RANK
LCHS CLASS OF 2025
CLASS SIZE = 627
6 SEMESTERS (2021-2024)

	Rank	GPA
Top 10%	1 – 63	6.8500 – 6.500
1 ST Quarter	1 – 158	6.8500 – 6.1190
2 nd Quarter	159 – 315	6.1111 – 5.3571
3 rd Quarter	316 - 471	5.3478 – 4.20
4 th Quarter	472 - 627	4.1905 –

WHAT IS ASSURED ADMISSIONS?

Many universities have “assured” admission programs that guarantee admission to the university, if a certain criteria is met.

These charts are typically listed on their admission websites under requirements.

See **University of Houston** Example:

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Choose to submit your application with a test score or without. If you apply with test scores, we will only use the highest total or composite score from one sitting. UH does not superscore.

WITH TEST SCORE

Class Rank	SAT	ACT	Admission Type
Top 10%	No Minimum		Assured Admission
11 - 25%	1080	21	
26 - 50%	1170	24	
51% and lower/No Rank	Individual Review*		

WITHOUT TEST SCORE

Class Rank	Calculated Unweighted GPA**	Admission Type
Top 10%	No Minimum	Assured Admission
11 - 25%	3.40 or Higher	Assured Admission
	Lower than 3.40	Individual Review*
26 - 50%	3.45 or Higher	Assured Admission
	Lower than 3.45	Individual Review*
51% and Lower/ No Rank	Individual Review*	

**If you don't meet the assured admissions requirements, we may consider additional factors in the admissions process. If we require additional documentation, we'll request those materials from you.*

***Unweighted GPA is calculated using core class grades on your transcript, excluding extracurricular classes.*

OPTIONS TO EARN COLLEGE CREDIT

(KEEP IN MIND WHEN SELECTING SENIOR CLASSES)

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM

- RECEIVE COLLEGE CREDIT THROUGH AP EXAM SCORE
- EXAM SCORE = SPECIFIC CREDIT AWARDED VARIES BY COLLEGE
- RIGOROUS CURRICULUM; REQUIRES SERIOUS COMMITMENT
- MUST MEET GRADE CRITERIA TO TAKE AP COURSES
- SIGN UP DURING YOUR JUNIOR CONFERENCE/COURSE REGISTRATION

DUAL CREDIT PROGRAM

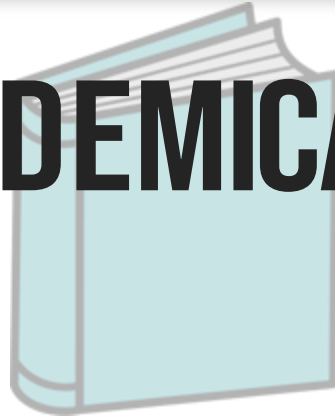
INFO/REGISTRATION MTG: FEBRUARY 11, 2025 @ 6:00PM IN LCHS AUDITORIUM

- EARN BOTH HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE CREDIT THROUGH LONE STAR COLLEGE CY-FAIR – GRADE IN THE COURSE EARNS CREDIT
- COURSES TAKEN ON HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE CAMPUS
- MUST MEET QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS TO QUALIFY
- ACCEPTED AT MOST COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES ACROSS THE NATION!
- LSC DUAL CREDIT REGISTRATION DEADLINE LATE APRIL/EARLY MAY
- QUESTIONS SEE MS. REEDER OR MRS. POAG

EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS.

YOUR EDUCATION SHOULD FIT...

ACADEMICALLY



**SOCIALLY/
EMOTIONALLY**



FINANCIALLY



COLLEGE/CAREER CONSIDERATIONS

LOCATION

ENVIRONMENT

SIZE

ACADEMICS

COSTS AND
FINANCIAL AID

FACILITIES

CAMPUS LIFE

REQUIREMENTS

ADMISSION PRIORITIES VARY

Value of Liberal Arts Education



Liberal Arts schools typically encourage students to study broadly, so they may give more weight to factors such as essays or demonstrated interest.



Highly selective schools attract THOUSANDS of outstanding students. They typically look at “unique contributions” exceptional factors to make their decision. Look for themes on website to find priorities.



Large (public) universities may make their admission decision solely based on Class Rank, GPA and/or Test scores.

MAKE YOUR SCHOOL LIST...

the Dream

1 – 2 School

- School that has your major
- May be out of your academic profile, but you have ALWAYS dreamed of attending there... your #1 Choice!

the Mid-Range

2-4 Schools

- Like the Campus/School. Would be happy to attend.
- School that has your major
- You meet the middle 50% academic GPA and Test Scores (even if towards bottom)
- Good Match financially.

the Foundation

1 School

- You KNOW you will get in 100%.
- School has your major
- Financial Match
- Guaranteed option

Students applying to Highly Selective Universities (any school with acceptance rate of less than 25%) or Programs are recommended to apply to more than 5



COLLEGE VISIT INFO/TIPS



APPOINTMENT

ADMISSION
OFFICE

DEPARTMENT/
MAJOR

SPECIAL
EVENTS

WEEKEND/
ORGANIZATION
S

WEBSITES

SUMMER
PROGRAMS

DEPARTMENT/
LEADERSHIP

WEBSITES

COLLEGE VISITS – CFISD PROCEDURE

STUDENTS ARE ALLOWED A TOTAL OF 4 COLLEGE VISIT DAYS:

2 DAYS DURING JUNIOR YEAR

2 DAYS DURING SENIOR YEAR

- MUST GET FORM FROM ATTENDANCE OFFICE BEFORE TAKING A COLLEGE DAY
- DURING VISIT, GET OFFICIAL SIGNATURE AND RETURN FORM TO ATTENDANCE OFFICE
- IF TAKING 2 COLLEGE DAYS TOGETHER FOR TRAVELLING PURPOSES, TALK WITH AP PRIOR TO COLLEGE VISIT



LCHS College Fair During Lunches Thursday 2/5/2024

PREPARE FOR COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

KNOW WHAT MATTERS TODAY IN COLLEGE ADMISSION

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

- **GRADES** (*OVERALL
AND IN COLLEGE PREP*)
- **STRENGTH OF
CURRICULUM**
- **ADMISSION TEST
SCORES**

EXTRACURRICUAR ENGAGEMENT

- **DEPTH OF
COMMITMENT**
- **LEADERSHIP**

PERSONAL QUALITIES

- **INTELLECTUAL
CURIOSITY**
- **PASSION**
- **PERSONAL
PERSPECTIVE**

COLLEGE ADMISSION/APPLICATION TERMINOLOGY

01

EARLY DECISION I & II

- Binding. Application becomes a contractual agreement to attend if accepted.
- Communicates to institution serious interest
- Only “loop hole” financial - but school can counter with more money to make possible to attend (loans incl.)

02

EARLY ACTION

- Not Binding. No commitment to attend.
- Guarantees an “earlier” admission decision from college/university.
- Earlier Deadline than “Regular”

03

REGULAR DECISION

- Admissions Deadline for prospective students
 - NOTE: try to meet ALL priority deadlines and “scholarship” deadlines.
 - Example: Sam Houston State University
 - Regular Decision Deadline: August 1 (after grad)
 - Scholarship Priority Deadline: Accepted by Nov.

BUILD RÉSUMÉ AND GET INVOLVED

- SAMPLE RÉSUMÉ
- CONTINUE INVOLVEMENT WITH EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES; ASSUME LEADERSHIP POSITIONS
- RESEARCH AND APPLY FOR SUMMER PROGRAMS
- VOLUNTEER IN THE COMMUNITY
- BEGIN DRAFTING RÉSUMÉ FOR APPLICATIONS
- RÉSUMÉ BUILDER ON CAREER CRUISING

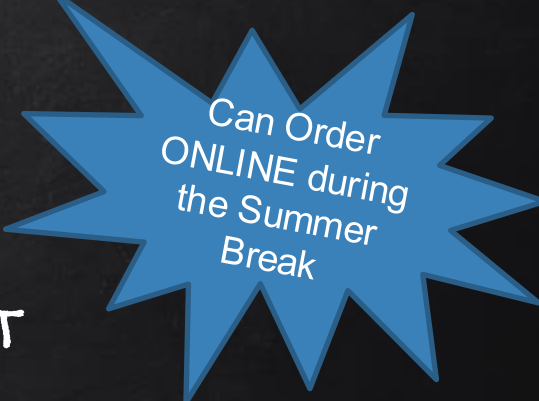
PREPARE FOR LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

- FOR COUNSELOR RECOMMENDATIONS: COMPLETE “STUDENT REQUEST FOR RECOMMENDATION” FORM AND QUESTIONNAIRE
- REQUEST MUST BE RECEIVED 3 WEEKS PRIOR TO DATE NEEDED
- INCLUDE YOUR RÉSUMÉ WITH YOUR REQUEST
- IF USING THE COMMON APPLICATION THE “SCHOOL REPORT” IS COMPLETED BY YOUR COUNSELOR

GET A HEAD START ON YOUR COLLEGE APPLICATIONS – GET ORGANIZED THIS SPRING

- IF APPLYING TO A SERVICE ACADEMY, BEGIN YOUR APPLICATION THIS SPRING.
- FIND OUT WHICH ESSAYS ARE REQUIRED ON APPLICATIONS: WWW.APPLYTEXAS.ORG OR WWW.COMMONAPP.ORG OR UNIVERSITY WEB SITE
- COMPOSE ROUGH DRAFT OF YOUR COLLEGE ESSAYS
 - BE YOURSELF. THINK UNIQUE.
 - STAND OUT
 - MAKE SURE YOU ADDRESS THE PROMPT

TRANSCRIPTS



Can Order
ONLINE during
the Summer
Break

TO ORDER A TRANSCRIPT –

- STUDENT OR GUARDIAN MUST REQUEST TRANSCRIPTS ONLINE AT [HTTPS://CYPRESSFAIRBANKSK12.SCRIBORDER.COM/A
PPLICATIONCURRENT](https://cypressfairbanksk12.scriborder.com/application/current)
- OR FROM THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE AT LANGHAM CREEK HIGH SCHOOL

ALLOW 2-3 DAYS FOR PROCESSING

TEST, TEST, TEST...

Do I HAVE TO TEST?

WHAT DO COLLEGES USE MY TEST SCORES TO DETERMINE?

ADMISSION

SAT and ACT Scores help to identify academic ability

Some schools have an “Assured Admission” that guarantees students admission to the university if they meet the listed requirements. These are solely based upon:
Class Rank/GPA & Test Scores

SCHOLARSHIPS

Many universities offer Academic Scholarships based upon test scores. These are often “automatically” awarded if students qualify.

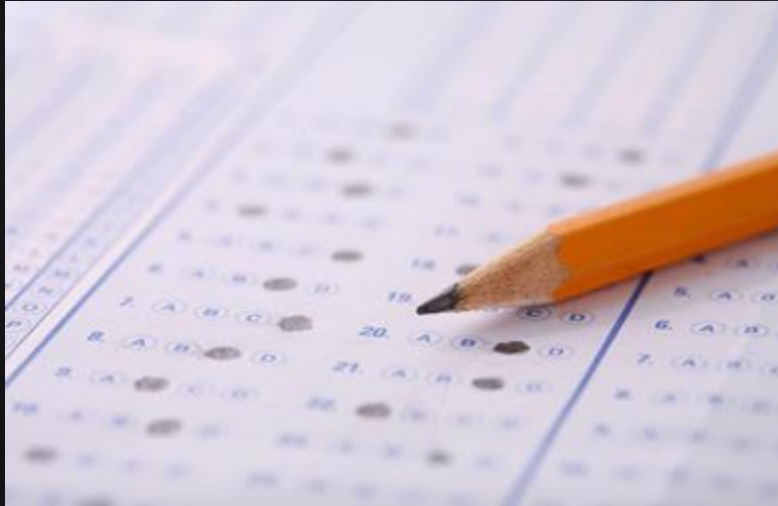
COLLEGE READINESS

In Texas, students must meet minimum scores on college entrance exams to prove they are prepared to be academically successful in the college classroom.

Students can use SAT, ACT, or the TSI test to meet requirements.

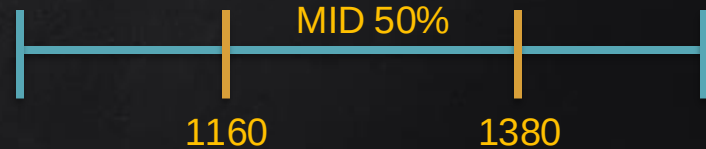
WHAT IS TEST OPTIONAL?

WHEN SAT OR ACT SCORES ARE NOT REQUIRED FOR ADMISSIONS, BUT CAN BE SUBMITTED.



How do I know if I should submit my scores? OR Retest?

Google: mid 50% SAT/ACT



Texas A&M University

App Download: Collegeboard College Search
Niche (Android)

SAT FOR ALL JUNIORS

DIGITAL SAT WILL BE GIVEN TO ALL JUNIORS IN CFISD ON **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5** FOR **FREE!**

- NO NEED TO REGISTER FOR TEST
 - STUDENTS WHO WANT A CALCULATOR WILL NEED TO BRING OWN OR BORROW FROM MATH TEACHER AHEAD OF TIME. NOTE: DIGITAL TEST HAS CALCULATOR ON SCREEN
- BEGIN PREPARATIONS NOW!
 - KHAN ACADEMY – FREE STUDY RESOURCES
 - LIBRARY HAS NEW FREE ONLINE RESOURCE.

SPRING TEST DATES

2025 SPRING SAT DATES

Test Date	Deadline	Late Deadline (late fee)
March 5th	NO Registration Required. All Juniors will test during the School day.	
March 8th	2/21/2025	2/25/2025
May 3rd	4/18/2025	4/22/2025
June 7th	5/22/2025	5/27/2025

2025 SPRING ACT DATES

Test Date	Deadline	Late Deadline (late fee)
April 5th	2/28/2025	3/16/2025
June 14th	5/9/2025	5/26/2025
July 12th	6/6/2025	6/20/2025

TAKE COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS

TO REGISTER FOR SAT – WWW.COLLEGEBOARD.ORG

TO REGISTER FOR ACT – WWW.ACTSTUDENT.ORG

FEE WAIVERS FOR STUDENTS ON FREE/REDUCED LUNCH!



***QUESTIONS? STOP BY COUNSELING OFFICE
OR EMAIL SONIA.RODRIGUEZ3@CFISD.NET***

FOR THE COLLEGE BOUND ATHLETE

REGISTER WITH NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER

THIS SPRING:

WWW.ELIGIBILITYCENTER.ORG

- SEND SAT/ACT SCORES TO NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER (COLLEGE CODE: 9999)
- MEET WITH YOUR HEAD COACH TO CALCULATE CORE GPA FOR NCAA REPORTING
- SEND TRANSCRIPT TO NCAA AT END OF JUNIOR YEAR
- MEET WITH YOUR HEAD COACH FOR MORE HELP

FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

PLEASE NOTE: THE MAJORITY OF SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AND FINANCIAL AID ARE FOR SENIORS

- RAISE.ME
- BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE PROCESS – SEARCH AND APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS
- BEWARE OF SCAMS
- FAFSA – FILE IN **DECEMBER** OF SENIOR YEAR.
ALL STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE THE FAFSA FOR GRADUATION

SUMMARY:

JUNIORS NEED TO FOCUS ON THESE MAIN TASKS

Finish Jr Year
with a Strong
GPA &
Grades

Make your
College List

Prepare
Material for
College
Applications

Test, Test,
Test...