

Senior Year Overview

It is **critical** that each student/caretaker carefully review the requirements for graduation and the student's transcript to ensure the proper classes are selected to meet graduation requirements. The counselor will work diligently with you to select the proper classes, but remember, meeting graduation requirements is ultimately your responsibility!

Testing: Pass STAAR/EOC English I, Biology, English II, Algebra I, and U.S. History must be met before you can take part in the graduation ceremony.

Required: Meet all COHS graduation requirements;

Meet Standard on ALL 5 STAAR End-of-Course exams;

Complete FAFSA/OPT-OUT FORM

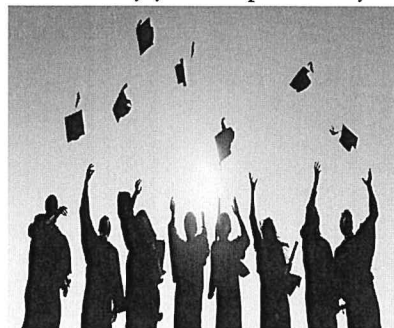
CPR & POI Training Requirements

CCMR:

College Ready: Met Standard on SAT, ACT, TSIA2 or complete College Prep Courses

Career Ready: Earned an Industry Based Certification OR

Military Ready: Taken the ASVAB AND Enlist in the Military (submit DD4 Form)



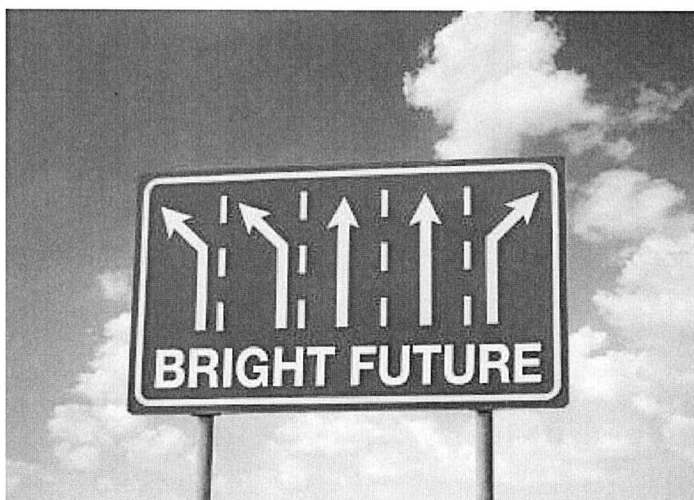
WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS?

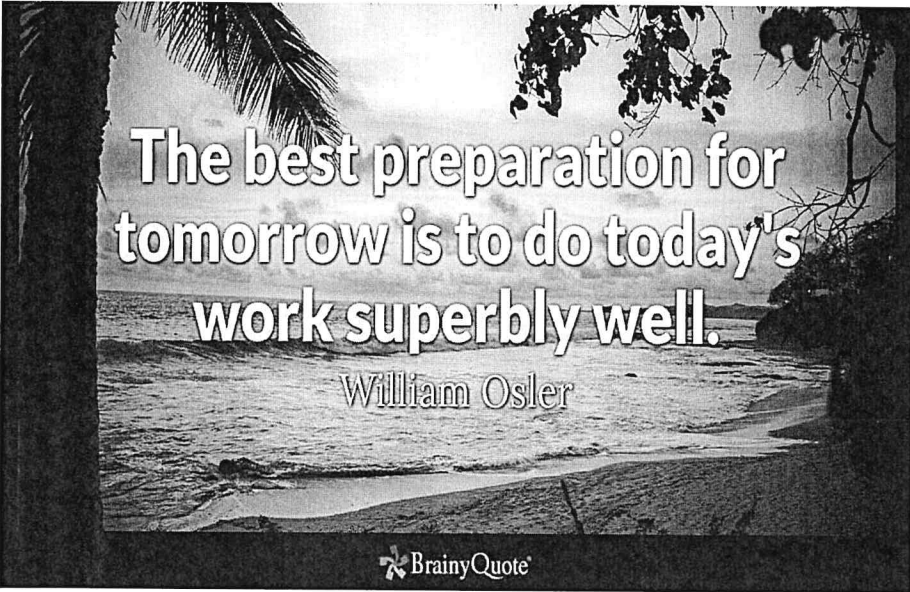
College—APPLY EARLY to choose 3 to 5 schools: one dream school that may seem like a stretch, one sure thing, and several choices in between. Make sure you meet the admission requirements and are registered for the proper entrance exams. Do not wait until just before the deadline or you may be too late. Do you need to retake a college entry test? The goal is to have all your applications submitted by the end of the fall semester.

Technical school—Check with several schools to make sure they have the kind of training you are seeking. Compare their job placement rates and financial aid opportunities to determine which is your best choice. What are the entry requirements?

Military—Talk to recruiters for several branches of the service. See which one offers you the best opportunities. Have you taken the ASVAB? Keep in touch with the recruiter of the branch you select.

Work—Make sure you have adequate job skills for a career with a future, not just a temporary job. Did you earn a certification at COHS through your CTE Program of Study? Find out from your future employer if the benefits plan offers incentives for further education





The best preparation for
tomorrow is to do today's
work superbly well.

William Osler

BrainyQuote

12th Grade Post-Secondary
Planning Checklist

August

- Check out the college websites to research information about admissions, financial aid, majors available, etc. Be sure to check out deadlines.
- Research plans after high school: Texas Gear Up. Texas On Course. Texas Reality Check. Major Clarity.
- Create an outline for college application and scholarship essays
- Create a “resume”; this will be an additional document for college/scholarship applications, but also it is suggested that you give your “resume” to those you ask to write a letter of recommendation.
- Double check that you have the required classes for your graduation plan and the college or university that you are planning to attend.
- Enroll in as many challenging (Honors or Dual Credit) courses as you can.
- Allow the registrar, counselor, and teachers at least two weeks before your application deadlines to submit/provide the necessary documents to colleges (transcript, letters of recommendation, etc.)
- Follow the procedures from the campus registrar for requesting a transcript. Allow 10 days for processing.
- Before you pay the application fees, ask the CCMR Coordinator if you qualify for a fee waiver.
- Need to improve your SAT, ACT or TSIA score? Register to take these college entry tests again. Note that COHS will give the School Day SAT and TSIA-2 in the fall.
- Sign up for the CCMR/SENIOR REMINDS and be sure you are a part of the Google Classrooms for CCMR and SENIORS.

September

- Keep a calendar with deadlines posted for easy visibility.
- Take the ASVAB, if applicable.
- Be sure you are checking your school email regularly.
- Keep up with the scholarship postings throughout the year.
- If possible, visit the colleges that most interest you. Be sure to complete the paperwork for an excused absence BEFORE your college visit. You are allowed two college visits your senior year.
- Create your profile at college application platforms: Apply Texas and/or Common Application
- Create your FSA ID and begin to gather documents to apply for FAFSA.

October/November

- Take the school day SAT if you would like to improve your college ready score.
- Attend the College Fair and meet the college representatives who may be reviewing your application for admission.
- Pay attention to scholarship opportunities from the counselor's office, and complete and submit application forms before deadlines.
- Attend college field trips as appropriate.
- Verify that the college admissions office has all your paperwork.
- Reach out to the college's financial aid department to apply for scholarships.
- Begin to think of and/or request persons who will write letters of recommendation on your behalf.
- Submit the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) at www.fafsa.ed.gov. or TASFA.

December

- Once you are accepted to a college, share the news with the CCMR Coordinator
- For student athletes interested in playing collegiate sports, be sure you are enrolled in NCAA.
- Continue to keep up with the scholarship postings throughout the year.

January/February/March

- Apply for scholarships. Attend the Trojan Scholarship Information Session.
- Take the ASVAB, if applicable.
- Continue to do well with your grades and stay involved. Colleges have been known to revoke admissions if the spring semester does not meet their expectations.
- Check for scholarship opportunities online and at your college. Submit application forms on time.
- Retake TSIA, SAT, ACT if necessary. Scholarship opportunities and acceptance letters can improve with better test scores.

- Continue attending college sessions hosted at your school.
- Evaluate the colleges/universities to which you have been admitted and determine which college/university you will be attending.
- Complete your housing application, if applicable.
- Make sure you are on track to graduate from high school. Check with the school counselor if you have questions.

April/May

- Complete the OPT-OUT form if you did not complete the FAFSA/TASFA.
- Review your FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR).
- Review the financial aid packages offered by the different universities. Remember that you have a choice regarding what you will accept and what you will decline. Work with your parents through this process. Be ready to commit by May.
- Check on your college housing arrangements at the college you have selected. Get your immunization records from the nurse. Pay attention to when your first payment is due to college.
- Have your post-secondary plans confirmed by May 1, National Decision Day.
- Be sure to complete the Google Form for your “Senior Sign” that will decorate the front lawn of COHS.
- Ensure you have met college, career, or military readiness. For those entering the military, make sure the CCMR Coordinator has your DD4 Form.
- In order to participate in senior week, you must complete all of the requirements - one being a form letting the registrar know where you want to have your final transcript sent.
- For those in dual credit, don’t forget to go to the dual credit college website to request your transcript be sent to the college you are attending. Fees will apply. COHS does not send your dual credit transcript.

June

- Retake the TSIA-2 if needed
- Your COCISD google account will expire this summer; so be sure to move any important documents, information, or emails to a new account by the end of the month
- Stay in touch with the CCMR Coordinator over the summer and fall- reach out if you have questions.