

Senior Fall Guidance



Class of 2026

Carroll Senior High School

Fall 2025

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Transcripts

A transcript shows all courses a student has taken for high school credit. All grades, including grades below 70, will be recorded.

Transcripts will show the following:

- Completed courses and credits earned
- Correspondence Courses/Credit By Exams
- GPA (weighted)
- Rank in class if top ten percent

A copy of your transcript is available in your Skyward Portfolio!

Credits and Graduation Plans

26 credits plus at least one endorsement required for Foundations - Distinguished Level of Achievement graduation plan

Required STAAR/EOC assessments must also be passed:

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

DISTINGUISHED LEVEL OF ACHIEVEMENT	
CR	COURSES
1	English I
1	English II
1	English III
1	Advanced English ¹
1	Algebra I*
1	Geometry**
1	Algebra II
1	4 th Math ²
1	Biology
1	Integrated Physics & Chemistry or Other Science ³
1	3 rd Science ³
1	4 th Science ³
1	World Geography or World History ⁴
1	U.S. History
.5	Government
.5	Economics
2	2 credits in the same language ⁵ OR 2 credits in Computer Science (other substitutions)
.5	Health ⁶
1	Physical Education or substitution ⁷
1	Fine Arts ^a
4.5	Elective Courses
2	Endorsement
Total	26 State Credits

Success Scholar

Success Scholar is a Carroll ISD local award that requires you to successfully complete all of the Foundations - DLA requirements plus:

- Third year of same Foreign Language
- A 70 or higher average in every course taken
- 100 hours of Community Service

Students will enter hours through SchoolLinks: **Engage >Experience Tracking**. Save time and group your hours. Instructions for logging hours are found at Reporting Service Hours in SchoolLinks

Campus Chats

What are campus chats?

Campus chats consist of college representatives from around the United States visiting with CSHS students.

In-Person visits will be at 1:14 PM in the SAC unless otherwise specified.

Students will receive an email if a college is listed in their SchoolLinks “Favorites & Lists” section.

Students can see a full list of upcoming Campus Chats in SchoolLinks > Engage > Events.

College Fair

September 24th
6-8 PM
CSHS Gyms



College Visits

Juniors and Seniors are allowed four days of college visitation per year. *Prior to visiting* the college, the student must inform the Attendance Office and pick up an *Official College Visit Form*.

See or email your Attendance Secretary if you have any questions regarding your attendance and/or official college visits.

Career Investigation Days

Per Texas House Bill 68, Juniors and Seniors are now allowed two days per year for career exploration. *Prior to the absence*, the student must pick up a permission form and must obtain approval from their grade level administrator.

*Cannot be substituted for a college visit day.

*Forms are available at the Attendance Office.

Testing Information

ACT/SAT: November - June

Register for SAT - www.collegeboard.org

Register for ACT - www.actstudent.org

AP Exams: May 2026

[CSHS Testing Website](#)

Campus Testing Coordinator: Ms. Charissa Solis;
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College Application Information

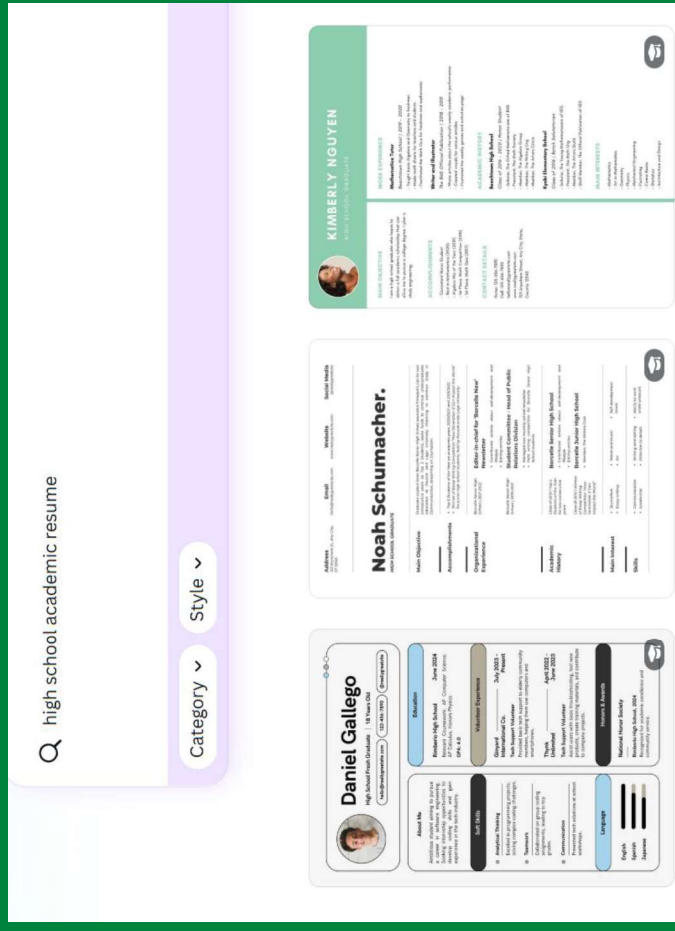
- Timeline
- Common App, Apply Texas, etc.
 - Sign FERPA & Link from SchoolLinks
- ACT/SAT/Test Optional
- Resume and Essays
- Letters of Recommendation

Helpful Links:
[CSHS Website](#)
[Class of 2026 FAQ's](#)
[Review August 1st email](#)



Need a Resume?

- Not all schools want a resume
- UT Austin suggests an expanded resume
- You can make a resume from a template in Canva (search for “High School Academic Resume”, Word, or Google Docs

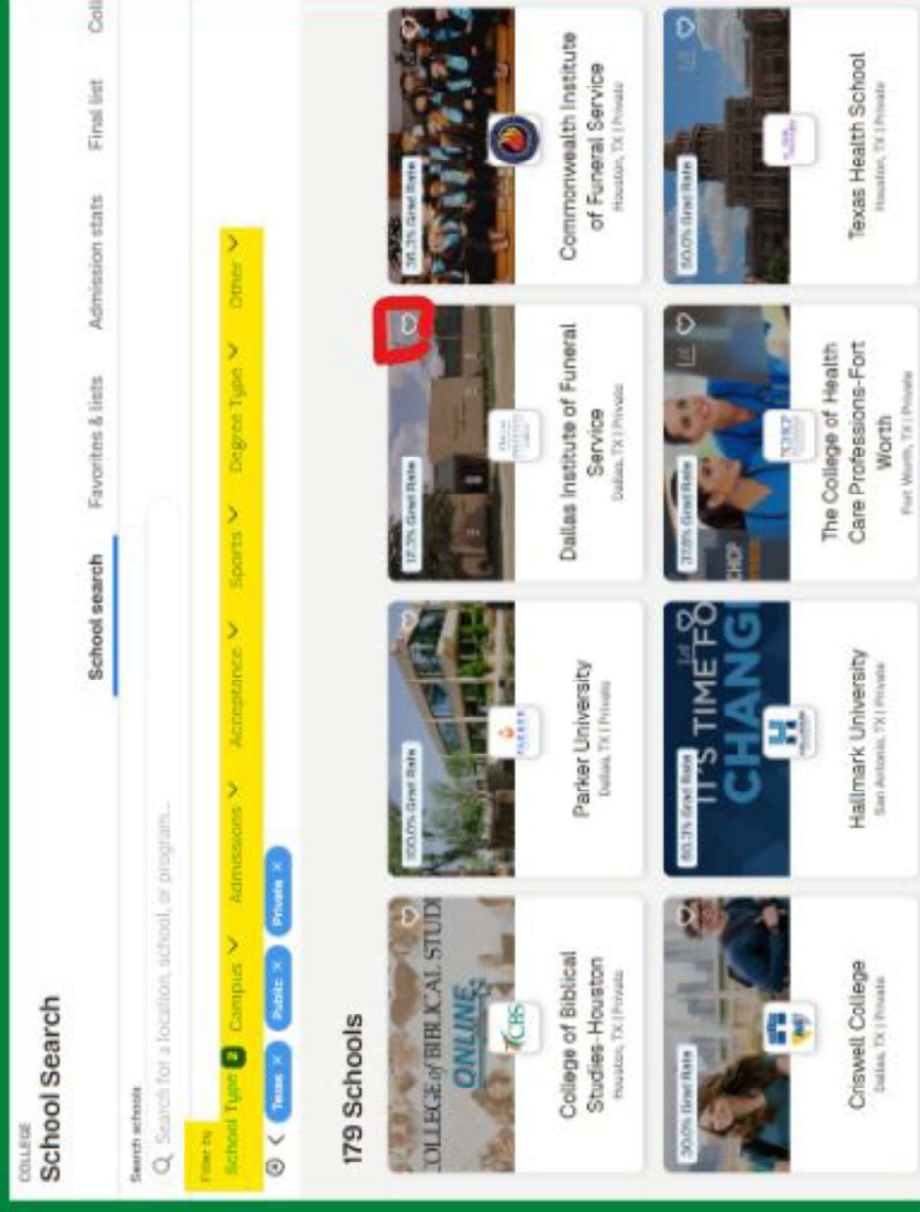


SchoolLinks

- School Search College> School Search
- Favorites and Lists (click heart on school searched)
- Find out about upcoming campus chats
- Engage> Events
- Career Interest/personality type inventories Explore> Assessments
- Transcript requests (senior year only; beginning August 1) * *Transcripts are **automatically** requested once a college is listed as In Progress in the Submission Tracker in SchoolLinks.*
- Scholarship search College> Scholarship Matching

SchoolLinks: School Search

- As you are searching for schools, you can add them to your Favorites and Lists
- Utilize filters



SchoolLinks: Scattergrams

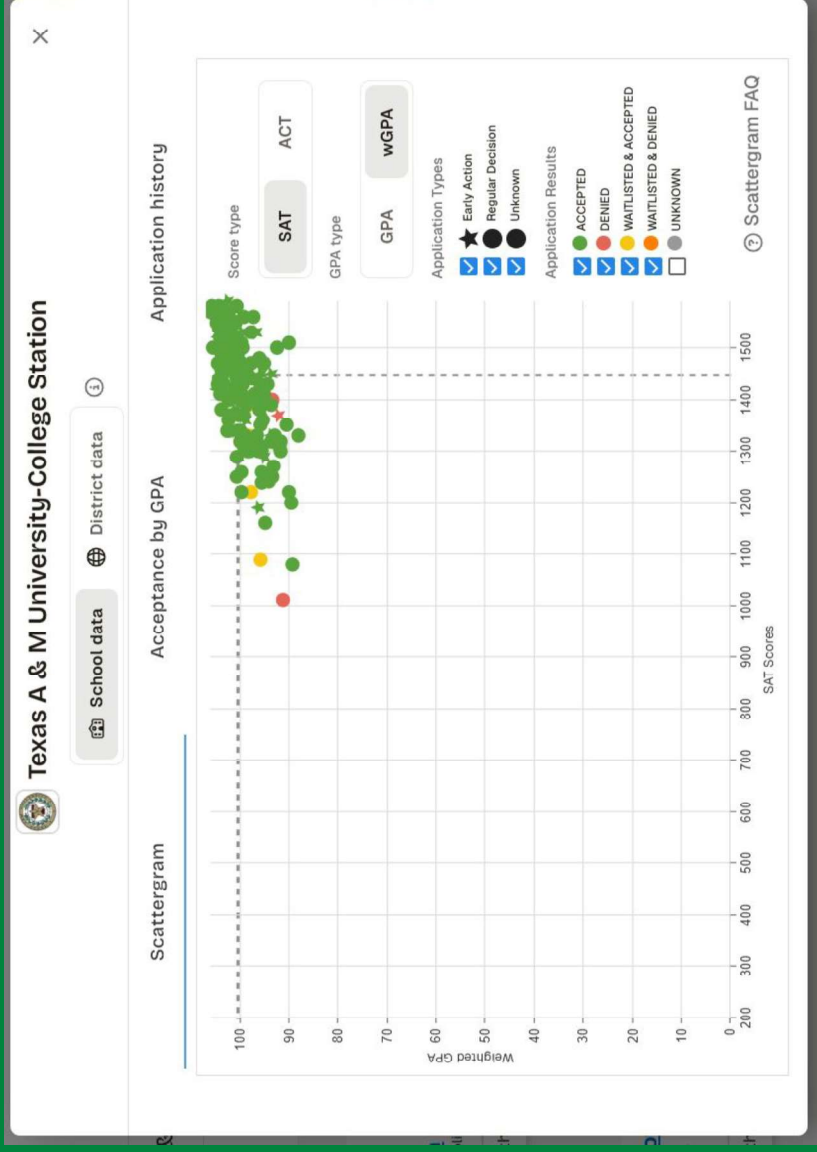


Texas A & M University-
College Station
College Station, TX | Public

Acceptance Rate: 63.2%

No programs favorited at this school



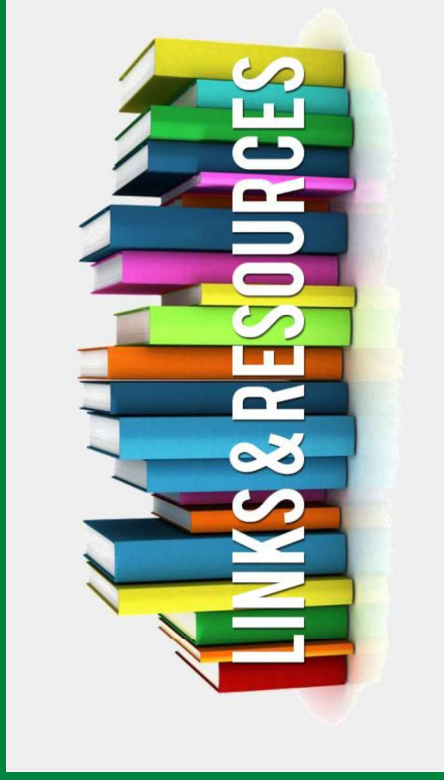
SchoolLinks: Campus Chats

- View upcoming campus chats: Engage, Events
- Receive an email notification for any schools you have added in your “Favorites & Lists” section
- Connect with reps even after applying!

The screenshot displays the ENGAGE District Events interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with tabs: "Event schedule", "Pending requests" (with a count of 2), "Blocked dates", "Event templates", "Partner events", and "Past events". Below the navigation bar, there's a "Filters" button with a dropdown arrow and a "Next 30 days" button. The main content area shows a calendar view for "This week". The calendar lists several events, including "Fri Sep 12, 01:00-01:45 PM CDT (district timezone 01:00-01:45 US/Central)" and "Tue Sep 16, 01:00-01:45 PM CDT (district timezone 01:00-01:45 US/Central)". Each event entry includes a "College rep visit" icon, the event title "Campus Chats", and a list of participating schools. A pop-up window is visible over the calendar, showing a list of schools: University of Kansas, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, University of Iowa, Indiana University-Bloomington, Purdue University-Main Campus, and Baylor University - Air Force ROTC. The pop-up also includes a "Mon" tab and a "College rep visit" icon.

SchoolLinks Resources

- CSHS Website
- College Application Guide
- College Application Process FAQs
- Community Service



Action Items

- Waive FERPA in Common App AND SchoolLinks
- Link SchoolLinks to Common App
- Applying directly? Add to SchoolLinks
 - Student Checklist, be sure to Mark Complete
- Regularly check both your email and your application portals for any follow-ups or to-do list items.

Important Dates

- College Fair September 24, 6pm-8pm
- FAFSA opens, October 1
- Free Application Week Texas, October 13-19

Q&A



We look forward to working with you!

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