

Counselor Chat



Carroll Senior High School
Fall 2025

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Questions?



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 1 1 1	English I English II English III Advanced English ¹
1 1 1 1	Algebra I* Geometry** Algebra II 4 th Math ²
1 1 1 1	Biology Integrated Physics & Chemistry or Other Science ³ 3 rd Science ³ 4 th Science ³
1 1 .5 .5	World Geography or World History ⁴ U.S. History Government Economics
2	2 credits in the same language ⁵ OR 2 credits in Computer Science (other substitutions)
.5 1	Health ⁶ Physical Education or substitution ⁷
1	Fine Arts ⁸
4.5	Elective Courses
2	Endorsement
Total	26 State Credits

Individual Student Grad Plan Reviews

- **Early in the spring semester ALL JUNIORS will meet with their counselor one-on-one** to review transcripts, discuss their graduation plan, and plan for senior year courses.
- Juniors do not need to schedule an appointment; counselors will meet with each student individually during their English class.

College 101/Parent University

Spring 2026

- College 101 - Junior seminars to review the College Application Process, Common App, SchoolLinks tools, FAFSA/Scholarships, etc.
- Counselors will share the same information at Parent University, an evening parent presentation/Q&A in Spring 2026.

Testing Timeline

PSAT (Juniors): October 15
(MUST ALREADY BE REGISTERED)

ACT/SAT: November - June

Register for SAT - www.collegeboard.org

Register for ACT - www.actstudent.org

SAT School Day - March 4, Details TBA

STAAR/EOC: May 2026

AP Exams: May 2026

CSHS Testing Website

Campus Testing Coordinator: Ms. Charissa Solis;
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Success Scholar (Optional)

Success Scholar is a Carroll ISD local award that requires successful completion of the Foundations w/Distinguished Level grad plan plus:

- Three years of a language other than English
- A 70 or higher average in every course taken
- 100 hours of approved community service due May 1st, senior year

Students will enter hours through **SchooLinks: Engage >Experience Tracking**. Save time and group your hours. Instructions for logging hours are found at [Reporting Service Hours in SchooLinks](#)

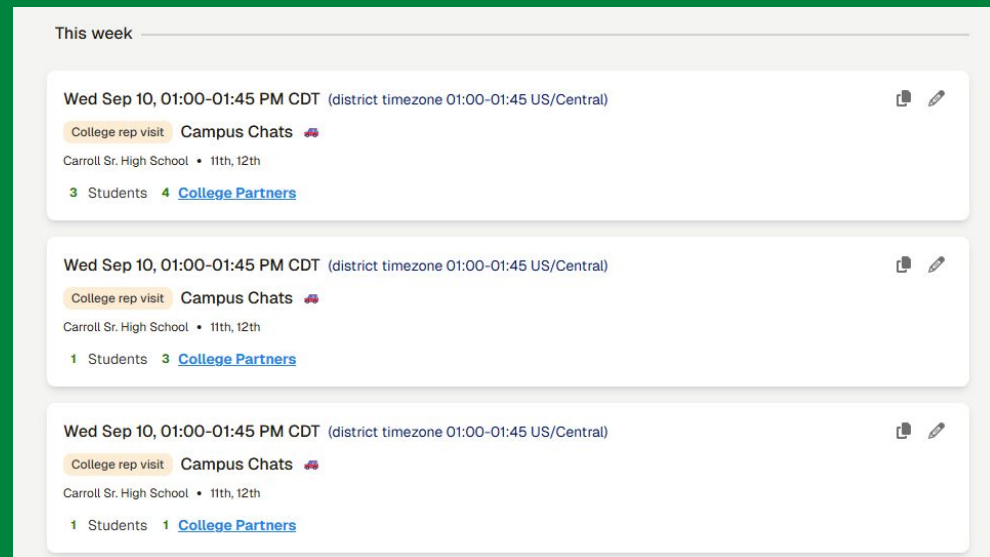
Campus Chats

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.

- 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!



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.

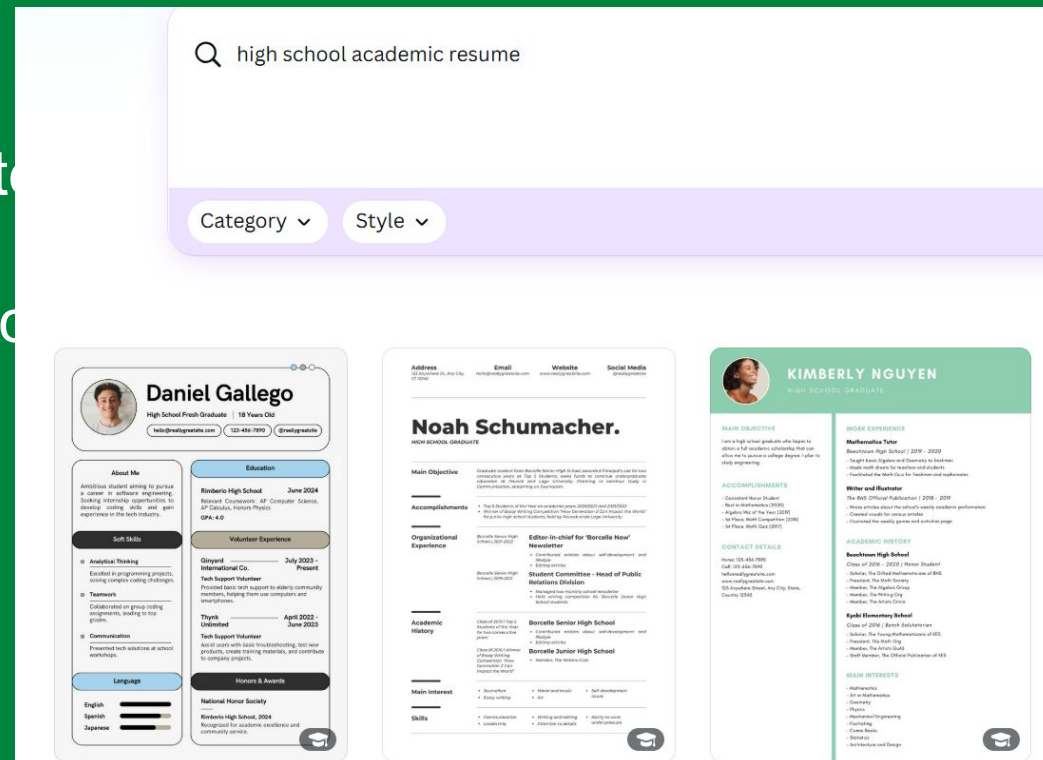
Boys State/Girls State

- Interested in government and leadership?
- Talk with your counselor about being nominated to represent CSHS at Boys State or Girls State this summer

Links: [Boys State](#) [Girls State](#)

SchoolLinks: Resume Builder

- Need a resume and starting from scratch?
- Provides prompts to enter information such as extracurricular activities, work experience, awards, etc into the tool
- Transfer resume items to an outside template of choice if desired
- You can make a resume from a template in Canva (search for “High School Academic Resume”), Word, or Google Docs



SchoolLinks: School Search

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

The screenshot displays the 'COLLEGE School Search' interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with tabs: 'School search' (active), 'Favorites & lists', 'Admission stats', 'Final list', 'College applications', and 'Enrollment decisions'. A search bar is present with the placeholder text 'Search for a location, school, or program...'. Below the search bar, a 'Filter by' section shows various filters: 'School Type' (selected with a '2' badge), 'Campus', 'Admissions', 'Acceptance', 'Sports', 'Degree Type', and 'Other'. Under 'School Type', 'Public' and 'Private' buttons are visible. The main content area shows '1000+ Schools' and a grid of six school cards. Each card includes a grad rate, a list icon, a heart icon, a school image, a logo, and the school's name and location. A red arrow points to the list icon on the first card.

School Name	Location	Public/Private	Grad Rate
The University of Texas at Austin	Austin, TX	Public	72.2%
Texas A & M University-College Station	College Station, TX	Public	60.5%
University of Oklahoma-Norman Campus	Norman, OK	Public	53.3%
Baylor University	Waco, TX	Private	68.2%
Southern Methodist University	Dallas, TX	Private	75.3%
The University of Texas at Dallas	Richardson, TX	Public	52.7%

SchoolLinks: Scattergrams

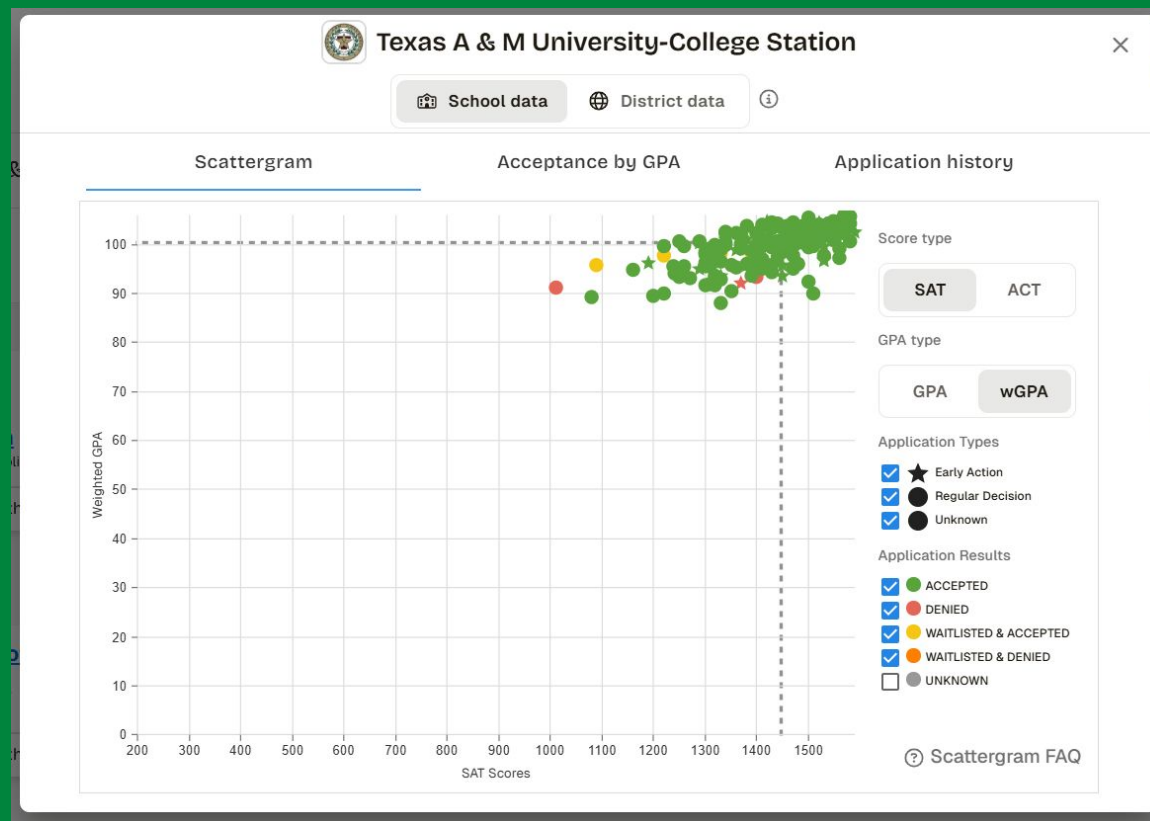


**Texas A & M University-
College Station**
College Station, TX | Public



Acceptance Rate: 63.2%

No programs favorited at this school



- 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
 - Scholarship search College > Scholarship Matching
 - Opportunities Engage > Opportunity Board
 - Community Service Engage > Experience Tracking

Tools & Resources

- Self-Discovery Assessments
- Resume Builder
- Colleges I'm Thinking About
- Campus Chats
- [CSHS Website](#)
- [Junior Flyer](#)
- [Community Service](#)
- [College Application Guide](#)
- [College Application Process FAQs](#)

Counseling Newsletter



College Application Information

- Junior timeline
- Senior timeline
- Common App, Apply Texas, etc.
- ACT/SAT/Test Optional
- Resume and Essays
- Letters of Recommendation
- Transcripts

Helpful Links:

CSHS Website

Junior Flyer

Important Dates

- NACAC College Fair - Sunday, Nov 2, 2025, Dallas
- College 101, spring
- Parent University, spring
- Junior Meeting, spring
- College Fair - next September/October

Q&A



We look forward to working with you!

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