

A collection of coffee beans scattered across the top left and center of the page. In the top right, there is a small white bowl filled with golden-brown, square-shaped snacks, possibly coffee cake or cookies. A silver spoon is partially visible next to the bowl.

The CHS Counseling Team

Invites you to:

Coffee  
with the  
Counselors

A white coffee cup filled with dark coffee sits on a white saucer in the bottom right corner. A single coffee bean is placed on the saucer next to the cup. Another coffee bean is positioned above the cup.

Thursday, October 23rd

10 am - 11 am

Settle into your favorite spot with a cozy mug in hand and join us virtually for our annual Beginning-of-the-Year Parent Meeting.

# CHS Counseling Team



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Counseling Secretary

# 25-26 Counseling Activity Calendar

## August/September

- Freshman Friendsie
- Curriculum Night Presentations
- 3 week course level down requests
- New Student Breakfast Drop-In

## October-December

- PreACT/PSAT Test day
- 9 Week Course Level Downs
- Coffee with the Counselors
- Future Focus Counseling News
- Fall Guidance classroom presentations

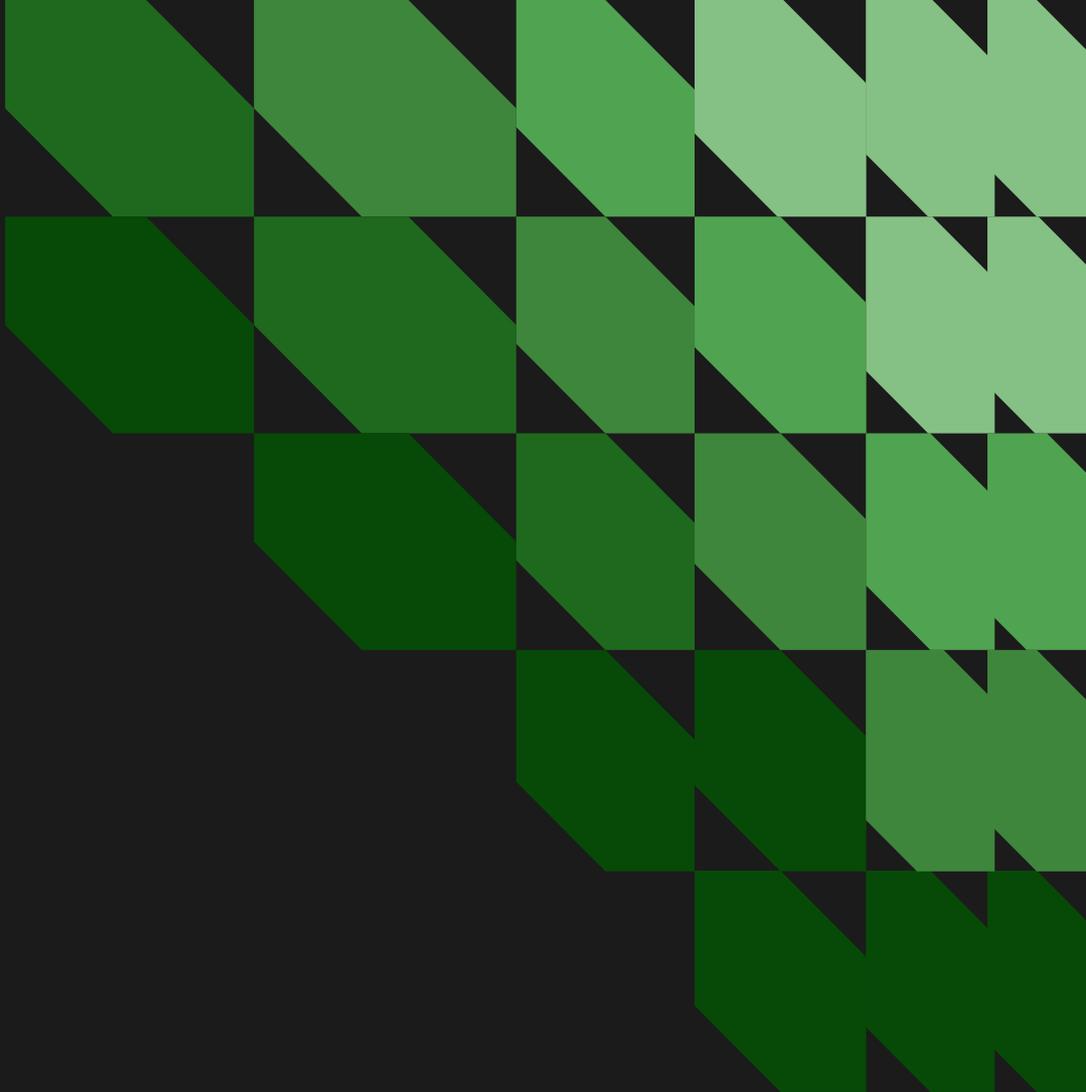
## January-March

- Semester Course Level Down Requests
- National School Counseling Week
- Individual course registration meetings with students
- Course selection parent nights

## April/May

- Continue course registration meetings with students
- Coffee with the Counselors-High School 101 Parent Event
- AP testing

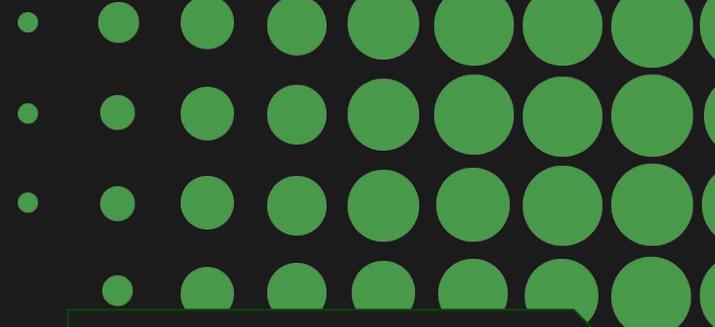
SchoolLinks



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STUDENT

Home

Exit Student Demo

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Home



Student



Explore



Plan



Engage



Career



College

### Here's what's happening

Check out this Opportunity!

#### Hospice Volunteers Needed!

Lewisville, TX | 0-5 mi.



Volunteer Match

Check out this Opportunity!

#### Life Changing Service, Volunteer Today to Work with Hospice Patients

Grapevine, TX | 0-5 mi.



Volunteer Match

Check out this Opportunity!

#### Our Patients Need You--VOLUNTEER!!!

Grapevine, TX | 0-5 mi.



Volunteer Match

Give us a tour around your favorite part of campus.

To Do List **2** Events Reminders My Team Survey/Forms Shared Notes

#### 2 Due within the Next Four Weeks!

##### November 2025

1st Favorite Careers



Not Done



1st Set/update Goal Career



Not Done



##### November 2025

30th Complete the "Find Your Path" Assessment



Not Done



30th Complete the "Would You Rather" Assessment



Not Done



30th Explore Careers



Not Done



30th Favorite Colleges



Not Done



##### December 2025



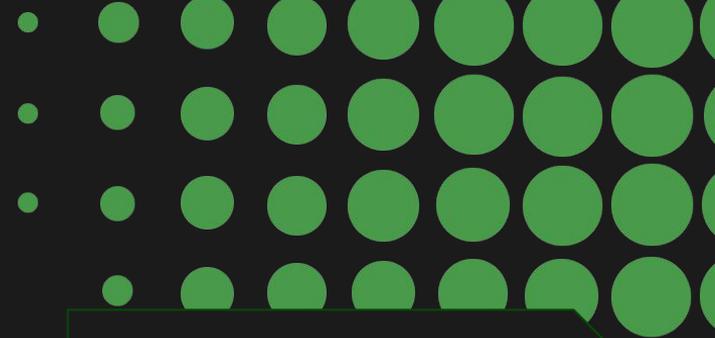
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# COLLEGE School Search

- Home
- Student
- Explore
- Plan
- Engage
- Career
- College

- School search**
- Favorites & lists
- Admission stats
- Final list
- College applications
- Enrollment decision

Search schools  
Search for a location, school, or program...

List Split Map

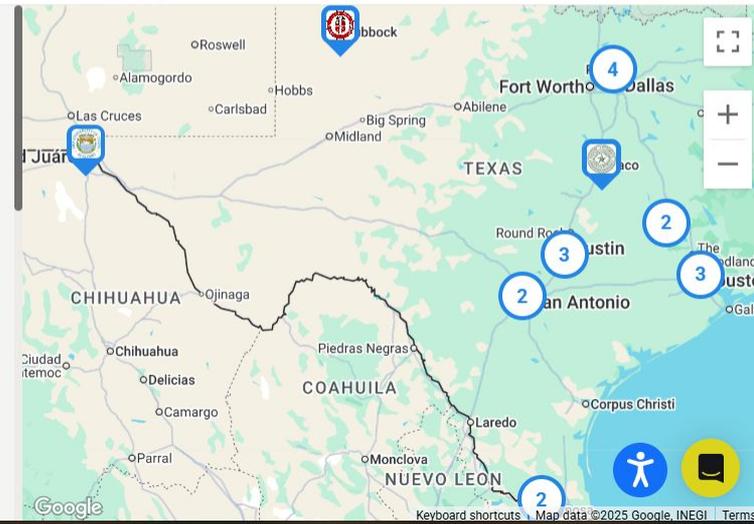
Filter by School Type 2 Campus 1 Admissions Acceptance Sports Degree Type 1 Other

Sort by Applications from District

- Texas
- Public
- Private
- Large (15K+ Undergrads)
- Bachelors Degree

## 19 Schools

<p>72.2% Grad Rate</p> <p><b>The University of Texas at Austin</b> Austin, TX   Public</p>	<p>60.5% Grad Rate</p> <p><b>Texas A &amp; M University-College Station</b> College Station, TX   Public</p>	<p>68.2% Grad Rate</p> <p><b>Baylor University</b> Waco, TX   Private</p>	<p>52.7% Grad Rate</p> <p><b>The University of Texas at Dallas</b> Richardson, TX   Public</p>
<p>41.4% Grad Rate</p>	<p>42.0% Grad Rate</p>	<p>31.0% Grad Rate</p>	<p>34.8% Grad Rate</p>



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## Track Volunteer Hours

- Not required for graduation
- Service Recognition Award (100 hours)
- [Directions to log volunteer hours](#)



ENGAGE

# Experience Tracking



Home



Student



Explore



Plan



Engage



Career



College

## Activity feed

All activity ▾



No activity yet

Add an entry to get started

Exit Student Demo ×

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## Experience Types

Search by experience type

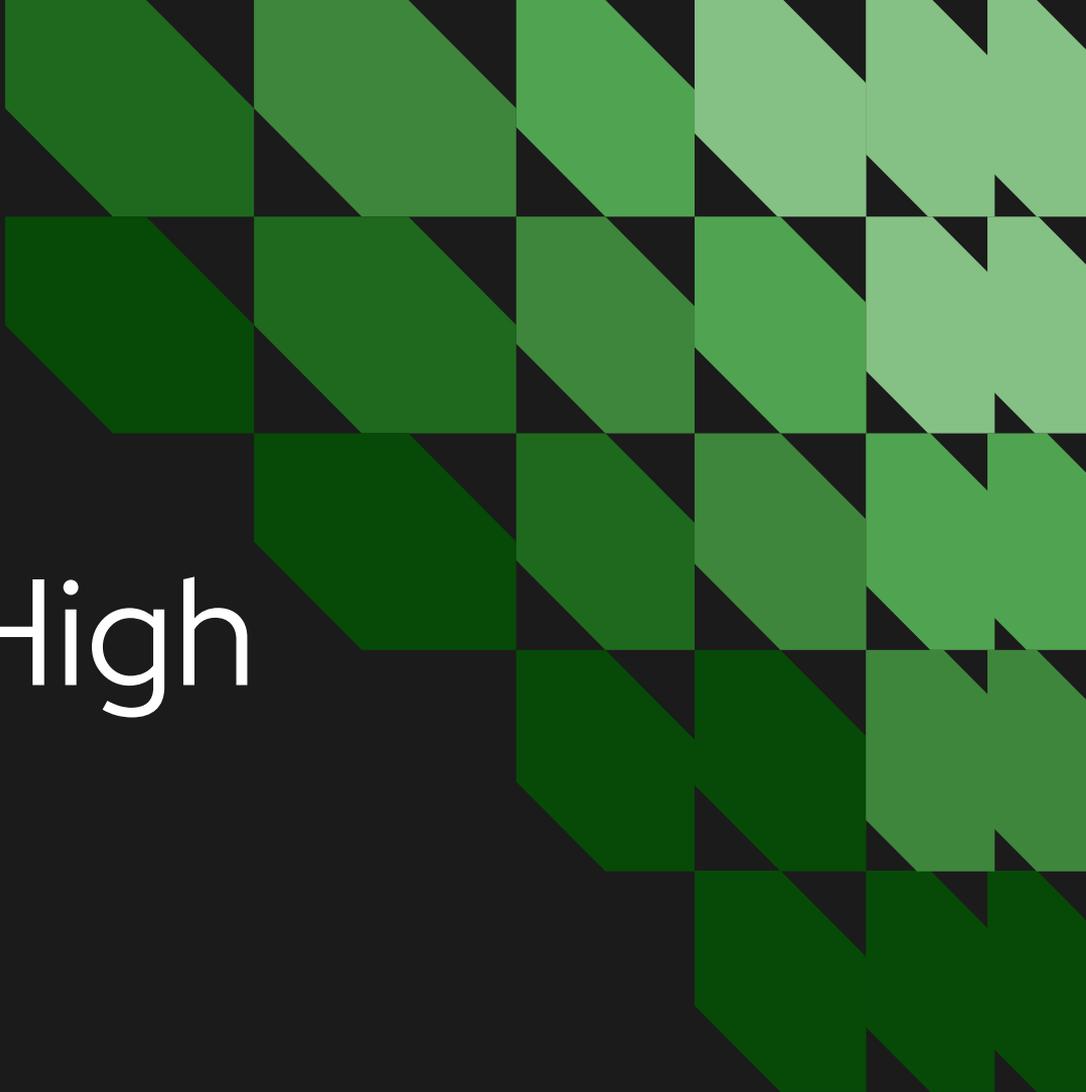


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Community Service Hours - Class of 2028 ?



# Navigating High School



# Graduation Requirements

\*Endorsement and Distinguished Level of Achievement

26 credits

4

English, Math, and Science credits

3

Social Studies credits

\*4 credits is recommended

2

LOTE credits (same language)

1

Fine Art credit

1

Physical Education credit

7

Elective credits

# Tools for Success

## Canvas

- Parent observer; allows you to view progress
- Can access resources as well as additional learning supports
- Students can contact teachers directly through Canvas

## Teacher Tutorials

- All teachers offer tutorials
- Students should come to tutorials with specific questions about the unit, question, test, etc.
- Let the teacher know if your student is struggling

## Self-Management

- It is important to establish good study and academic habits early on
- Check Skyward grades; turn in late assignments as soon as possible
- Retake tests as needed

## Attendance

- To earn credit in a class students must be present for at least 90% of the class
- Student's are responsible for getting any missed work
- Work with the teacher ahead of time if you know you will miss for a school event

# 9th Grade: Establishing Success

## Never too early to start thinking about the future!

- Utilize SchoolLinks to discover colleges and careers that match your student's interests
- Look at what each college/university recommends for high school courses

## Get Involved

- Clubs: School Sponsored and Student Sponsored options
- Sports
- Volunteer

Document of all your activities.  
Volunteer hours are logged in School Links for the Service Recognition Award.

## Communicate

- Monitor Canvas and Skyward
- Contact teachers for updates and support
- Discuss with your student what changes can be made this grading period to help your student succeed.

## Course registration begins in the spring, so be thinking about courses for next year.

- Things to consider include:
  - balance of workload
  - extracurricular activities and time commitments
  - align electives with career interests; take advantage of CTE pathways (career and technical courses)

# 10th Grade: Proven Strategies

## Start researching all post-secondary options

- Take college tours
- Attend the College Fair in September at CSHS
- Talk to military recruiters

## Take the PSAT (the practice test for the SAT)

Junior year the PSAT could qualify students for the National Merit Scholarship

## Build Your Resume

- Participate in extracurricular activities and get involved
- Continue to keep a list of awards, volunteer hours, and extracurricular activities
- Log volunteer hours in SchoolLinks

## Course registration begins in the spring, so be thinking about courses for next year.

- Things to consider include:
  - balance of workload; how many challenging classes and outside activities are manageable for you?
  - Junior year classes are the last classes that post to the transcript
  - Fit to major and Fit to impact

# High School FAQs:

- **Transcripts**-Only semester grades will appear on a student's transcript
- **GPA**-Calculated at the end of each semester; we provide only the weighted GPA on a 100% scale on the students' transcript
- **GPA**-It is average of the semester grades then divided by the number of classes
- **Class Rank**-Calculated at the end of each semester
- **College Courses in HS**
  - Dual Credit (college courses)-the summer after 10th grade
  - AP Courses-beginning their freshman year.
- **SAT and ACT**-Scores can be found your student's College Board and ACT account
- **CMA and CBA**-Applications will be found on their websites in the Spring

# Additional Resources:

[College Planning Timeline](#)

[My Texas Future](#)

[College Board: College Planning 9th/10th grade](#)

Scholarship Matching Tool in School Links (student login)

[Big Future scholarship search](#)

# Next steps

Please email your student's CHS counselor if you have additional questions

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Starting  
November 3rd

We will visit your student's English class to give an overview of SchoolLinks and its functions

January/February  
2026

Course Registration will begin

Late Spring  
2026

We will have another Coffee with Counselors-High School 101