



Where Should We Be? Where Are We Going?

PEP Night
Wednesday, November 12, 2025



Objectives

- To break down the college and career exploration process into manageable steps for grades 9-12
- To provide parents with action steps to focus on with their children in each year of high school
- To provide parents with resources that they can use as they move forward with their child

Criteria for Meeting College, Career and Military Readiness (CCMR)

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) has identified specific ways that a student can demonstrate readiness for college, career, and military experience beyond high school. LISD strives for each graduate to meet at least one of the College, Career & Military Readiness (CCMR) indicators below through high school programming and course selection.



- Score 3 on any AP exam in grades 9-12
- Dual Course Credit
 - 3 hours of dual course credit in ELA or Math - OR
 - 9 hours of dual course credits accumulated across subjects
- Earn an Associate's Degree prior to graduation
- Graduate under an advanced degree plan and be identified as a current special education student
- Meet TSI (Texas Success Initiative) Requirement in both English and Math. Select one indicator from each column below. Note: Algebra II is a prerequisite course for TSI math indicators.

Must meet ONE TSI Reading **AND** ONE TSI Math Indicator
Qualifying scores can be combined from different indicators

TSI English Indicator	TSI Math Indicator
TSIA2 Eng Score: 945 AND Essay: 5	TSIA2 Math Score: 950
ACT Eng Score (Prior to Feb 2023): 19 AND Composite score of 23	ACT Math Score (Prior to Feb 2023): 19 AND Composite of score of 23
ACT Eng Score (After Feb 2023): 40 (English + Reading Combined)	ACT Math Score (After Feb 2023): 22
SAT Eng Score: 480	SAT Math Score: 530
College Prep English: Course Credit	College Prep Math: Course Credit



Complete aligned sequence of CTE coursework in a Program of Study and earn the culminating Industry- Based Certification (IBC)

- Graduates:
 - Students must be a Completer in an aligned Program of Study
 - Completer - 3 or more courses for 4 or more credits
 - At least one Level 3 or Level 4 course



Enlist in the US Armed Forces or the Texas National Guard

- Complete the DD Form 4 Enlistment/ Reenlistment Document- Armed Forces of the US and send to the home high school campus
- Contact your campus counselor for timeline to submit the forms to the campus

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9th Grade Year

What can we do?

- Embrace (appropriate) challenges
 - Honors and AP courses
- Make a 4-Year Course Plan
- Sign up for AP Tests
 - You have Nothing to Lose!!
- Consider TECC Center Options
- Get Involved
 - Depth not Breadth
- Start a resumé
- Read for Pleasure

Family Conversations

- What are Your Expectations for High School Life?
- Has Your Family Talked Together About College and \$?
- What are your expectations for college?
What if the career in which your child is interested doesn't require a 4 year degree?

Resource: Marcus Testing Website

Website:

<https://burgint5.wixsite.com/website>

Website Info Includes:

- STAAR / EOC dates
- AP Test registration
- PSAT / NMSQT registration (for juniors)
- TSI registration
- Accommodations
- Links to SAT / ACT registration

Home PSAT/NMSQT STAAR EOC AP Exams AP Testing Dates SAT & ACT TSI Exam MHS Testing Calendar

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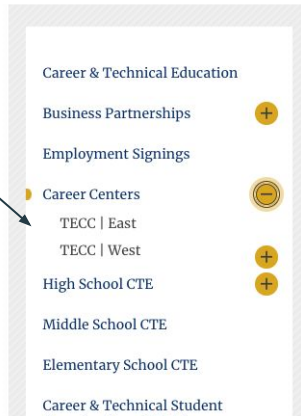
MARCUS HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT

MHS EXAM DATES

PSAT/NMSQT	STAAR EOC	AP
PSAT/NMSQT is offered once a year in October. - Oct. 16, 2019 - Scores available online Mid December - Oct. 14, 2020 Registration Page for Juniors	STAAR EOC 2019 Fall Dates - December 10 English 1 - December 11 US History & Algebra 1 - December 12 English 2 & Biology Tutorial Information Access STAAR Scores STAAR Informational Page	2019 scores available July 5, some scores will not be available until Sept. 1, 2019 2020 Exam Dates May 4-15 - Registration Information click here - Subject specific dates click here Upcoming Changes for 2019-2020

Resource: LISD CTE Website

Address: www.lisd.net/cte



The mission of the Career and Technical Education (CTE) department in the Lewisville ISD is to provide a quality educational program that enables all individuals to achieve their fullest potential in the pursuit of high-skill employment and advanced education. Each student shall be equipped with the technical, academic, human relations, and life-long learning skills necessary to adapt in a changing economy and to compete in the global marketplace.

Serving approximately 13,000 students district-wide per school year, the Career & Technical Education courses that Lewisville ISD offers at the high school campuses and secondary campuses give students a rich learning experience grounded in real-world applications and settings.

10th Grade Year

Where Are We Going?

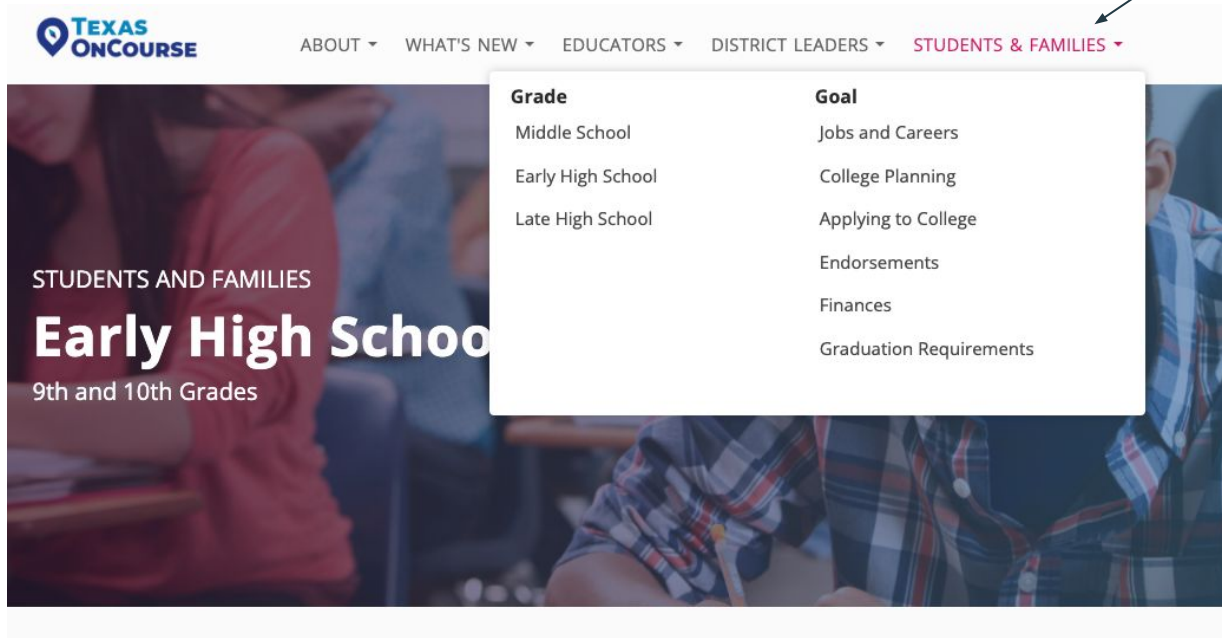
- Find Appropriate/Balanced Challenges
 - Honors, Dual Credit, & AP
- Let Your Child Think Out Loud
- Start College Visits
 - Even Locally...It's Never Too Early
 - Attend College Fair
- Take the PSAT
 - Free *practice* for all LISD 10th graders
- Read for Pleasure
- Be Engaged with School, Work, or Service

Family Conversations

- What kind of college experience are you seeking?
- Is transferring from a 2-year to a 4-year school something you would consider?
- Are you open to military service for the purposes of career and/or college?

Resource: Texas OnCourse

Address: www.texasoncourse.org



The screenshot shows the Texas OnCourse website. The navigation bar includes the logo and links for ABOUT, WHAT'S NEW, EDUCATORS, DISTRICT LEADERS, and STUDENTS & FAMILIES. The 'STUDENTS & FAMILIES' link is highlighted with a red arrow. A dropdown menu is open, displaying two columns: 'Grade' and 'Goal'. The 'Grade' column lists Middle School, Early High School, and Late High School. The 'Goal' column lists Jobs and Careers, College Planning, Applying to College, Endorsements, Finances, and Graduation Requirements. The background of the page features a blurred image of students in a classroom.

Grade	Goal
Middle School	Jobs and Careers
Early High School	College Planning
Late High School	Applying to College
	Endorsements
	Finances
	Graduation Requirements

STUDENTS AND FAMILIES
Early High School
9th and 10th Grades

Resource: College Board

Address: www.collegeboard.org



Registration Deadline for December SAT®
Is Nov. 22



How and When Do I Get My PSAT/NMSQT
Scores?



How to Pick AP Courses

SAT® >	AP® >	BigFuture® >	ACCUPLACER® >
PSAT/NMSQT® >	AP Students	College Search	CLEP® >
PSAT 10 >	AP Central	BigFuture Scholarships	Higher Ed Search >
PSAT 8/9 >	Pre-AP >	Scholarship Search	CSS Profile >
Student Score Reports	SpringBoard® >	Career Quiz	PowerFAIDS® >

11th Grade Year

It's Getting Real

- Real schools/majors on a real list
- Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)
- Take the PSAT
 - Must register and pay
 - This is the entrance into the National Merit Scholarship competition
 - PSAT Team by invitation
 - The last practice opportunity
- Take the ACT and/or SAT
 - ACT/SAT Class
- Visit Colleges and Attend College Fairs
 - MHS, NorTex College Fair
- Join Mailing Lists

Family Conversation

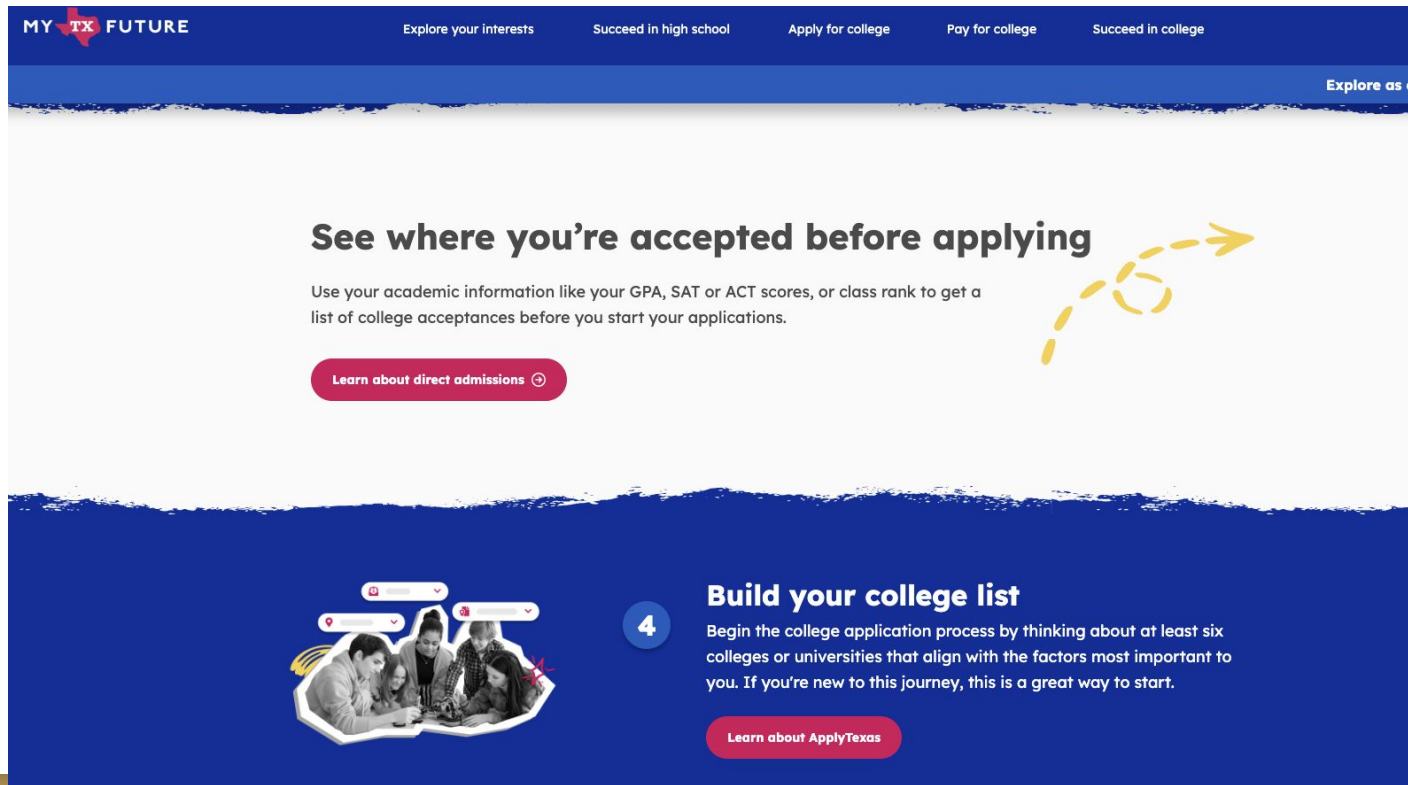
- Look at the dates for the ACT and SAT. When are the best opportunities for you to take the test through November of senior year?
- Have you considered opportunities like Honors Colleges? Studying Abroad?
- When are there opportunities in your family and school calendar between now and Fall of Senior year to visit campuses on your list?

Resource: College and Career Visits

- 2 free excused absences during junior and senior year. Must bring back signed note/letter from admissions office or business with date of visit and school logo.
- Many colleges visit Marcus! College reps come to MHS and set up in the Commons during all lunches. Great time for students to ask questions!

Resource: My Texas Future

Address: www.mytexasfuture.org



The screenshot shows the homepage of the My Texas Future website. The header is dark blue with the logo 'MY TX FUTURE' on the left and navigation links: 'Explore your interests', 'Succeed in high school', 'Apply for college', 'Pay for college', and 'Succeed in college'. A link 'Explore as c' is partially visible on the right. The main content area is white with a large heading 'See where you're accepted before applying'. Below it is a paragraph: 'Use your academic information like your GPA, SAT or ACT scores, or class rank to get a list of college acceptances before you start your applications.' A red button labeled 'Learn about direct admissions' with a circular arrow icon is positioned below the text. To the right of the text is a yellow dashed arrow pointing upwards and to the right. The bottom section has a dark blue background. On the left is an image of four students looking at a laptop, with a white torn-paper-style border. Above them are three small white boxes with red location pins and dropdown arrows. To the right of the image is a blue circle with the number '4'. Further right is the heading 'Build your college list' followed by a paragraph: 'Begin the college application process by thinking about at least six colleges or universities that align with the factors most important to you. If you're new to this journey, this is a great way to start.' A red button labeled 'Learn about ApplyTexas' is at the bottom right.

MY TX FUTURE

Explore your interests Succeed in high school Apply for college Pay for college Succeed in college

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[Learn about direct admissions](#)

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Resource: SAT and ACT

-We advise students to take one (or both) by end of the 11th grade or after Algebra 2.

SAT www.collegeboard.org

Evidence Based Reading & Writing and Math

SAT is now DIGITAL

- *still in person*
- *taken on an ipad or chromebook*
- *Shorter test time: 2 hours 15 min*

Marcus Counselors offer practice SAT at MHS in Fall for 11th graders

ACT www.act.org

Critical Reading, Math, Science and English

Writing is optional, check with your college on requirements

Marcus Counselors offer practice ACT at MHS in Spring for 11th graders



Resource: SAT & ACT Dates

12th Grade Year

Let's Take Action

- Get organized before school starts
 - Review apps, essays, LOR, application plans, deadlines
- First Day of Senior Year: Where Will You Apply? What are You Interested in Learning About?
- Application Goal: Halloween
- FAFSA opens in October
- Scholarships all year...after applications

Family Conversations

- Are there last visits we need to schedule?
- When is the last ACT or SAT I will take?
- What are the family's expectations for how the application process will go?
- What are the family's expectations for the pursuit of financial aid and scholarship?

Resource: FAFSA

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

There are four types of federal student aid:

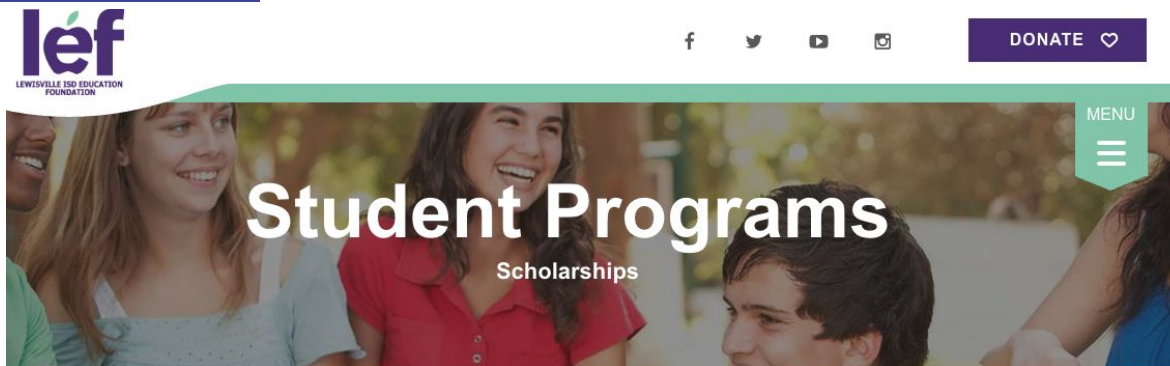
- Grants—financial aid that doesn't have to be repaid (unless, for example, you withdraw from school and owe a refund)
- Scholarships - Money that is given to students who apply based on academics and other criteria.
- Work-study—a work program through which you earn money to help you pay for school
- Loans—borrowed money for college or career school; you must repay your loans, with interest

FAFSA application launches December of Senior Year

*Each high school senior in a Texas public school district or open enrollment charter school **must complete and submit** a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or a Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) as a state requirement for graduation. [Texas Education Code §28.0256](#) allows a student to opt out of the financial aid application graduation requirement by submitting a signed form that authorizes the student to decline. This opt out form is located in parent access of Skyward in Back to School forms.*

Resource: Lewisville Education Foundation

Address: www.lisdef.com



Student Programs

[Student Programs](#)

[Scholarships](#)

[List of Available Scholarships](#)

[Past Recipients](#)

[Other Programs](#)

The 2025-2026 scholarship application will be open **November 3, 2025 – January 9, 2026**. All requested information must be received by LEF no later than 4:30 p.m. on January 9, 2026. For any questions, email Sherah Robinson at robinsonsl@lisd.net.

[APPLY](#) 

What are LEF scholarships?

Lewisville ISD Education Foundation Scholarships are awarded to graduating seniors to help them in their continued educational journey. Scholarships are awarded based on specific criteria established by donors. These criteria range from academic achievement and community involvement to success outside of academic ranking and career aspirations.

Resource: Fastweb

Address: www.fastweb.com

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SCHOLARSHIPS ▾

FAFSA & FINANCIAL AID ▾

STUDENT LOANS

STUDENT DISCOUNTS

INTERNSHIPS ▾

EDUCATORS ▾

PARENTS ▾

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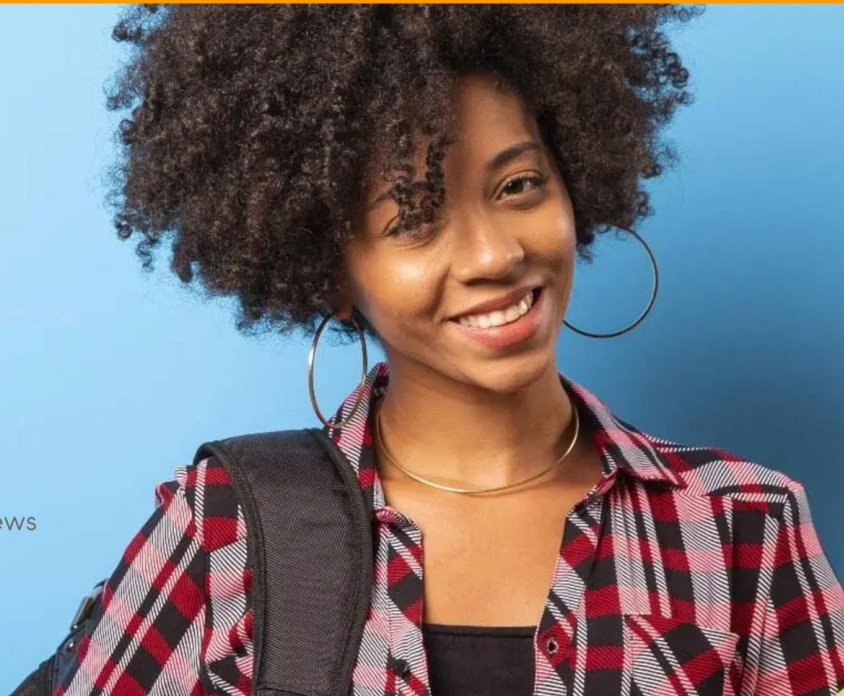
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Upcoming Events at Marcus:

** More Information will be communicated closer to events **

- **January 8th (tentative)** - Pre-Registration Night on WebEx
- **February 20th** - HBCU College Fair @ The Colony HS
- **February 21st** - Practice ACT @ MHS for 11th graders
- **February 24th** - ACT School Day (registration in January)
- **March 26th (tentative)** - College Planning/College Panel Night @ MHS Auditorium
- **March 31st**- Spring ASVAB Test
- **April 9th** - FMHS / MHS College Fair @ FMHS



Tonight's Agenda

