CLASS OF 2026

SENIOR SUMMIT

KELLER COLLEGIATE ACADEMY

OPPORTUNITY, WISDOM, LEADERSHIP, SERVICE

WELCOME TO SENIOR YEAR!

THANK YOU!!

You have PREPARED for this!!

You are READY for this!!



1st ARE YOU WONDERING MORE ABOUT....

- Career Exploration
- Virtual College Visits
- College Applications
- College Checklists (To Dos)
- Military
- Scholarships
- In Person College Visit Rules
- FAFSA, TAFSA, and Financial Aid

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- High School Course Guide
- Middle School Information
- Military
- Scholarships

College Career & Military Readiness

CCMR
COLLEGE CAREER & MILITARY READINESS

All students should graduate from high school ready for college, careers, the military, or any future they choose in life. College- and career-ready graduates should be able to enter and succeed in entry-level post-secondary classes without the need for remediation.

Keller ISD is committed to focusing on cutting-edge, rigorous, and relevant education that prepares our students for post-secondary learning as well as a wide range of high-wage, high-demand careers. We offer sixty-one programs of study, thirty of which are Career and Technical Education, or CTE, programs. Throughout the progression of each program, students learn relevant skills that may lead to a future career choice and/or path towards a college degree.

Our goal is to prepare our graduates to pursue a future of their choosing and successfully enter our global society.

Announcements

CCMR District Contacts

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Director of Career & Technology Education
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Campus Links

Central High School

Fossil Ridge High School

Keller High School

Timber Creek High School

Keller Center for Advanced Learning

Keller Collegiate Academy





**I will refer to this website throughout presentation.



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SENIOR MEETINGS

September 22-26

During School Day

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- Confirm graduation plan (Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, or how many more hours to completion)
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WHAT IS NEXT FOR YOU?



What Are Your Post-Graduation Options?

01 2-Year College

02 4-year College

03 Short-term training

04 Military

05 Work

- Think back to AVID, CCMR coaching visits, college visits....

WHAT IS NEXT FOR YOU?

STILL NOT SURE???







Most Common Institutions of Enrollment by Keller ISD Students

- Tarrant County College
- University of North Texas
- Texas Tech
- Texas A & M
- UT Arlington

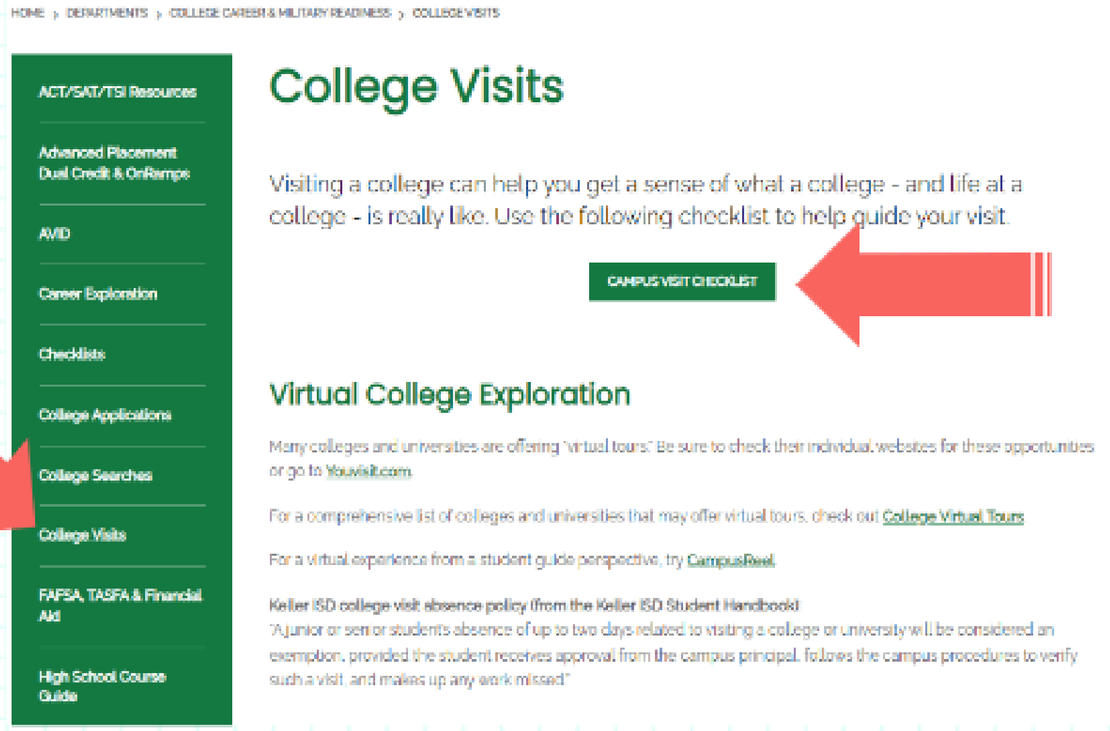
- UT Austin
- University of Arkansas
- University of Oklahoma
- Oklahoma State
- Texas State University



College Visits

"A junior or senior student's absence of up to two days related to visiting a college or university will be considered an exemption, provided the student brings back verification of visit to the attendance office, and make up any work missed."

Virtual College Visits and Fairs



Youvisit.com

CampusReel

College Virtual Tours

THE TIMELINE

Deadlines

Recommendation Letters

Essays

College Applications (narrow down)



DEADLINES



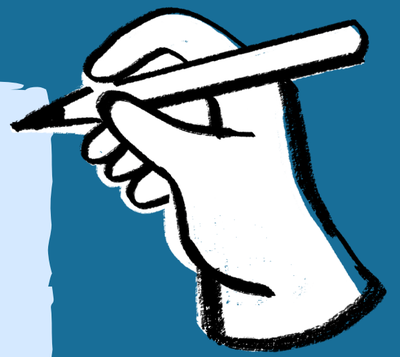
- Get a calendar
- Mark all dates for:
  - financial aid (FAFSA deadlines)
  - college applications (early application)
  - scholarship deadlines
  - high school events (senior meetings, FAFSA, etc)

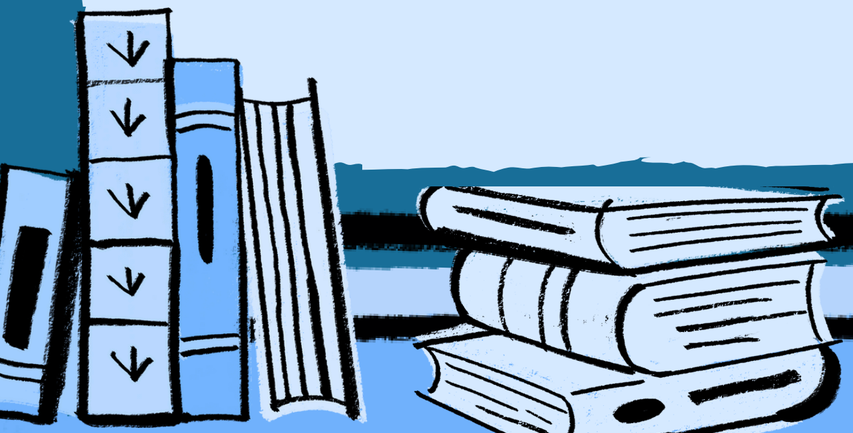
RECOMMENDATION LETTERS

- Cannot be a family member
- Give 2 weeks notice
- **Not required by all colleges**
- Only provide number requested

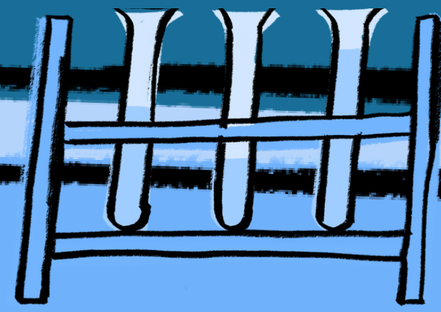
Need a rec from Mrs. Gibson?
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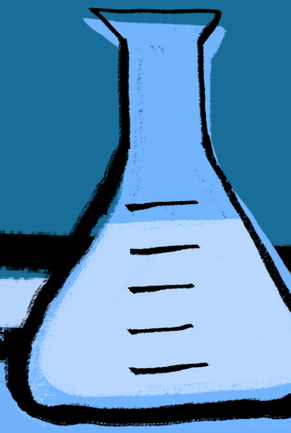
- Ask formally (conversation or email)
- Include deadline and purpose (college application, scholarship, etc)
- Send resume or brag sheet.
- If there is something you would like them to include, mention it)
- Follow up with a thank you.











ESSAYS



- Answer the question
- Tell YOUR story...How are you unique?
- Be clear about why you are interested in the college
- Show your creativity or logic
- Write a few drafts and revise
- Get feedback from great writers!
- Save them all!

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

- Apply Texas
- Common App
- Coalition App
- HBCU App
- School Specific App



Let's Apply to College!

1) Where do I go to apply?
   - Most Texas Public Colleges-https://goapplytexas.org
   - Many Texas and Out of State Colleges-https://www.commonapp.org/
   - Select Texas and Out of State Colleges-https://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/
   - Or check the college's website for school-specific or preferred applications
   - If you are applying to a community college or technical/trade school, go to the school's website
2) We recommend applying to at least one college in each of these categories:
   - Safety-this is a college in which your GPA/Test scores exceed the admissions requirements
   - Likely-this is a college in which your GPA/Test scores are on-target with the admissions requirements
   - Reach-this is a college in which your GPA/Test scores are approaching the admissions requirements, especially one in which you feel like your other application materials (essay, resume, recommendation) will improve the strength of your application
3) Use a personal email address to create application accounts. Create a notes page in your phone for your login information for each application platform.
4) Fill out everything in both the student profile and the Fall 2026 application. Don't leave any required fields blank. It is also recommended that you submit any optional application materials to increase your opportunity to show your value to the college.
5) Some applications have you enter your counselor's email address so they can complete a counselor recommendation for you through the application website. You will enter your Campus Counselor's email address (the counselor who does your class schedule). You will need to follow up with your counselor after submitting your application to formally request a recommendation from them.
6) Some applications have you enter 1-2 teacher email addresses for teacher recommendations. You can choose any teacher from high school that knows you well and will recommend you fairly. You will need to follow up with these teachers after submitting your application to formally request a recommendation from them.

What happens after I apply?

Immediately after submission:

- **Request your transcript to be sent to the college. Go to https://kellertx.scriborder.com/applicationCurrent**
- **If your college requires test scores for admission or scholarships, you will need to send official SAT or ACT score reports. Login in to your College Board or ACT account and send scores from there. If you have not taken either or need to retest, you may register while logged in as well.**
- **If your college requires recommendation letters from a counselor and/or a teacher, formally request those as soon as possible**

While waiting for your admissions decision:

- **Check your personal email regularly-this is how the college will communicate with you about your application status or any additional documents that are needed. Read and follow through on every communication they send.**
- **If the college provides you with an applicant portal or student email, check those regularly as well and follow any directions given. Set a reminder in your phone to check those once a week at minimum to avoid missing any deadline.**
- **Some schools require you to enter your transcript information in a SRAR portal. De this ASAP after being prompted to. They will not process your application without this information.**
- **Once your college has all the required application pieces and documents, they will review your application. Some give decisions within a few weeks, other may take longer. Be patient!**

School Profile

KELLER COLLEGIATE ACADEMY

201 Bursey Road
Keller, Texas 76248
817.743.8000
https://kca.kellerisd.net/

STAFF

Tracy Arsenault, Principal
Suzanne Gibson, Counselor

ENROLLMENT

Total Enrollment: 300
Seniors: 62
Juniors: 70
Sophomores: 86
Freshmen: 43

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English 4 credits
Math, 4 credits
Science 4 credits
Social Studies, 4 credits
Physical Education, 1 credits
21st Century Skill, .5 credits
Foreign Language, 2 credits
Fine Arts, 1 credit
Electives, 5.5 credits
TOTAL, 26 credits

ACCREDITATION

Texas Education Agency (TEA)

CAMPUS IDENTITY

Keller Collegiate Academy is an early college high school model campus in which students have the opportunity to earn 60+ college credit hours and associate degree with a focus on healthcare. The class of 2025 first graduating class has 90% of students on track to graduate with their associate degree.

DISTRICT IDENTITY

Keller ISD covers 51 square miles in the cities of Keller, Colleyville, Fort Worth, Haltom City, Hurst, North Richland Hills, Southlake, Watauga and Westlake. Keller ISD has 42 campuses, which will serve more than 34,000 students in the 2024-2025 school year.

SCHOOL YEAR STRUCTURE

One school year = 36 weeks
One grading period = 9 weeks
One semester = 18 weeks

KISD GRADE LEVEL

Freshman: 0-5.5 credits
Sophomore: 6 - 11.5 credits
Junior: 12-17.5 credits
Senior 18+ credits

TESTING REQUIREMENTS

Students are required to pass the End of Course Exams to complete the STAAR program for graduation.

INDUSTRY BASED CERTIFICATIONS

In the 2024-2025 school year, 78% of our students completed industry-based certifications as a patient care technician.

CEEB SCHOOL CODE

440631

Good Work!

HONORS CLASSES

English I
English II
Algebra I
Geometry
World Geography
Biology
Chemistry
Spanish I, II, III
Forensic Science

ADVANCED PLACEMENT CLASSES

Human Geography
World History
Macroeconomics
Physics
Spanish IV

DUAL CREDIT CLASSES

English III
English IV
US History
Federal Government
Algebra II
Statistics
Pre Calculus
Calculus I
Calculus II
Anatomy & Physiology
Biology for Science Majors
Chemistry for Science Majors
Professional Communications
Art Appreciation
Kinesiology
Psychology
Medical Terminology
Texas Government
Microbiology
Pharmacology
Pathophysiology
Health and Wellness

GPA

Numerical Grade	Standard Unweighted GPA Conversion
97-100	4.0
94-96	3.8
90-93	3.6
87-89	3.4
84-86	3.2
80-83	3.0
77-79	2.8
74-76	2.6
71-73	2.4
70	2.2

Grades below 70 are not factored into the GPA calculation.

TESTING PROFILE

SAT Total Score Average (Spring 2024)

KCA	District	State	National
1157	1009	943	942

PSAT Total Score Average (Fall 2023)

KCA	District	State	National
1014	956	894	931

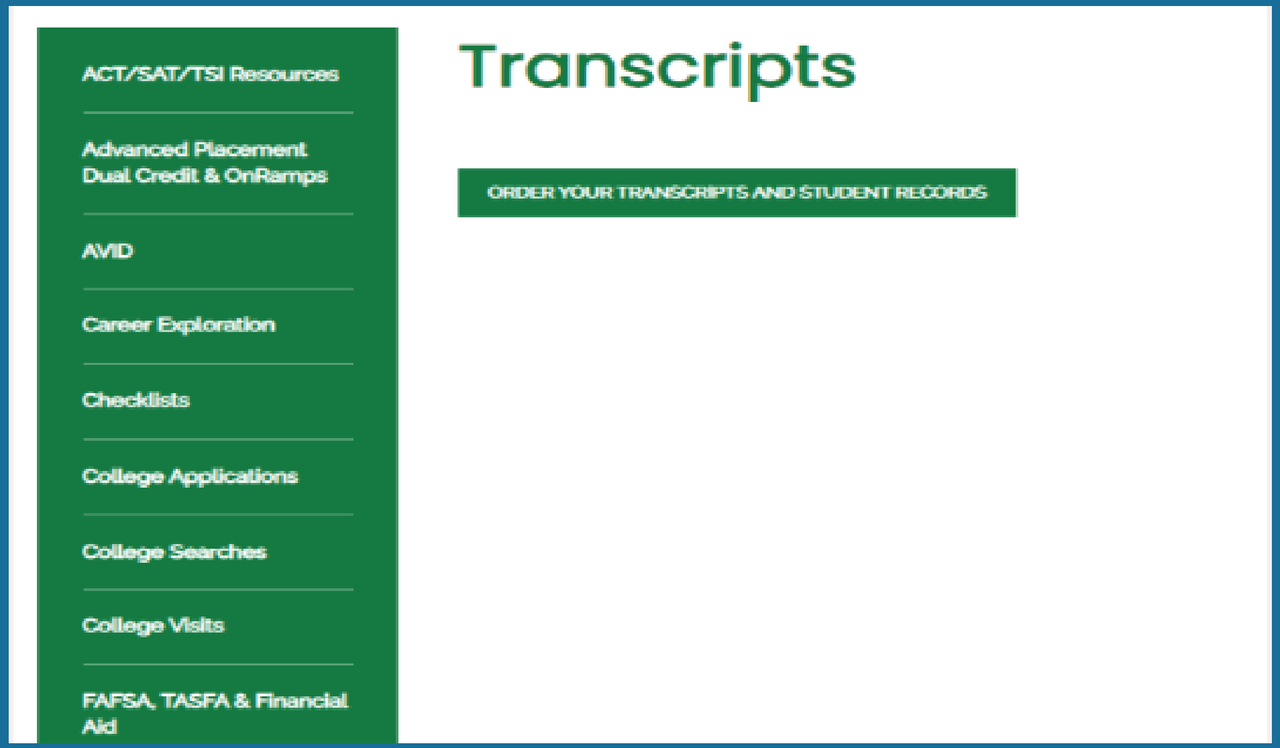
2023-2024 Advanced Placement

Number of Tests: 166
Number of 3s: 51
Number of 4s: 46
Number of 5s: 14

National African American Recognition Scholar - 2
National Hispanic Recognition Scholar - 2
National Indigenous Recognition Scholar-1

TRANSCRIPTS

- Colleges will need a copy of a student's transcript to admit the student.
- After high school graduation, students will need to submit a final (official) transcript to the college where they will attend.
- Students should begin requesting final transcripts in mid-May/June.
- Official transcripts cannot be given from your counselor.



FINANCIAL AID

Financial Aid is money that helps defray the overall cost of your college education. It includes grants, loans, scholarships, and work study!

FAFSA Website

3 Types of Federal Student Aid

1



Free money.

Grants are usually based on financial need and don't have to be repaid.

2



Borrowed money.

Loans are an investment in your future. But remember, they must be repaid with interest.

3

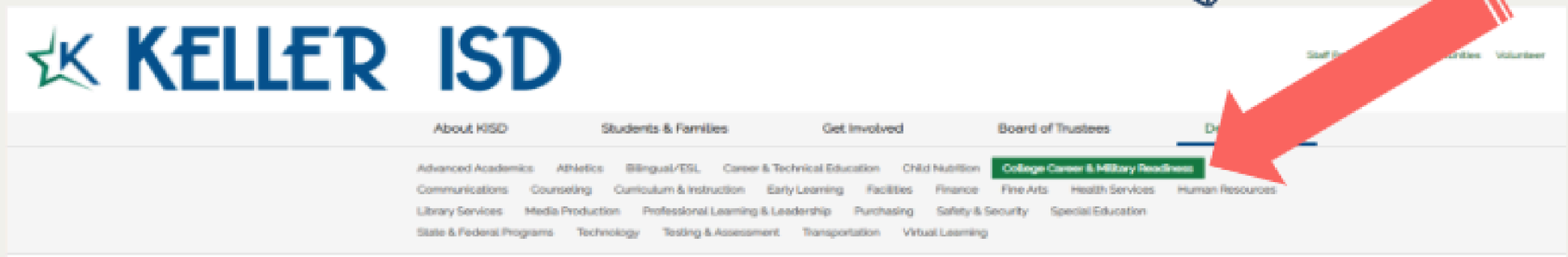


Earned money.

A **work-study** job lets you earn money while you're in school.

Financial Aid Resources

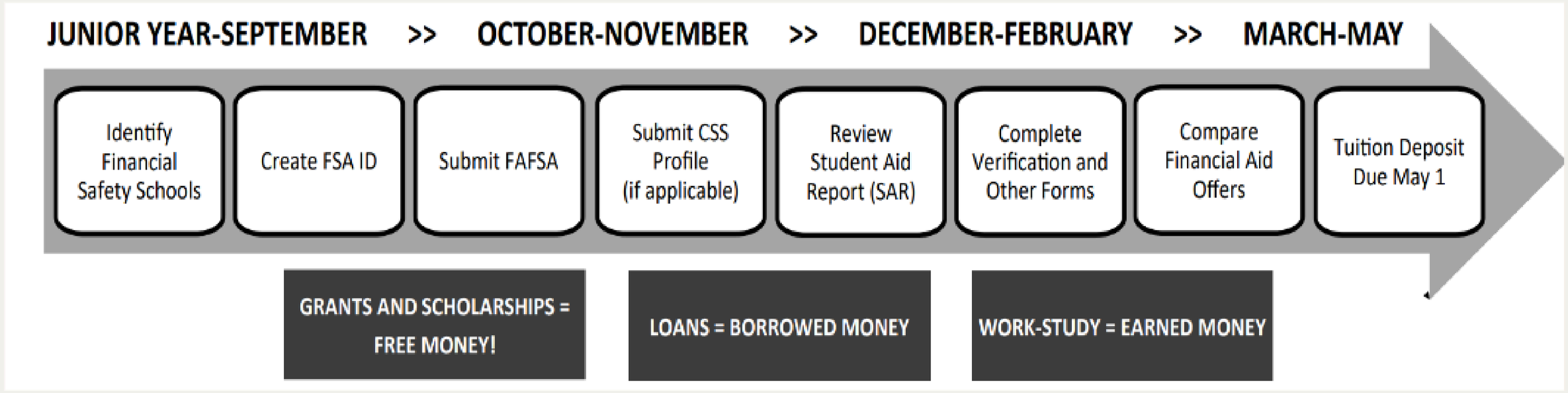
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FAFSA Steps

studentaid.gov



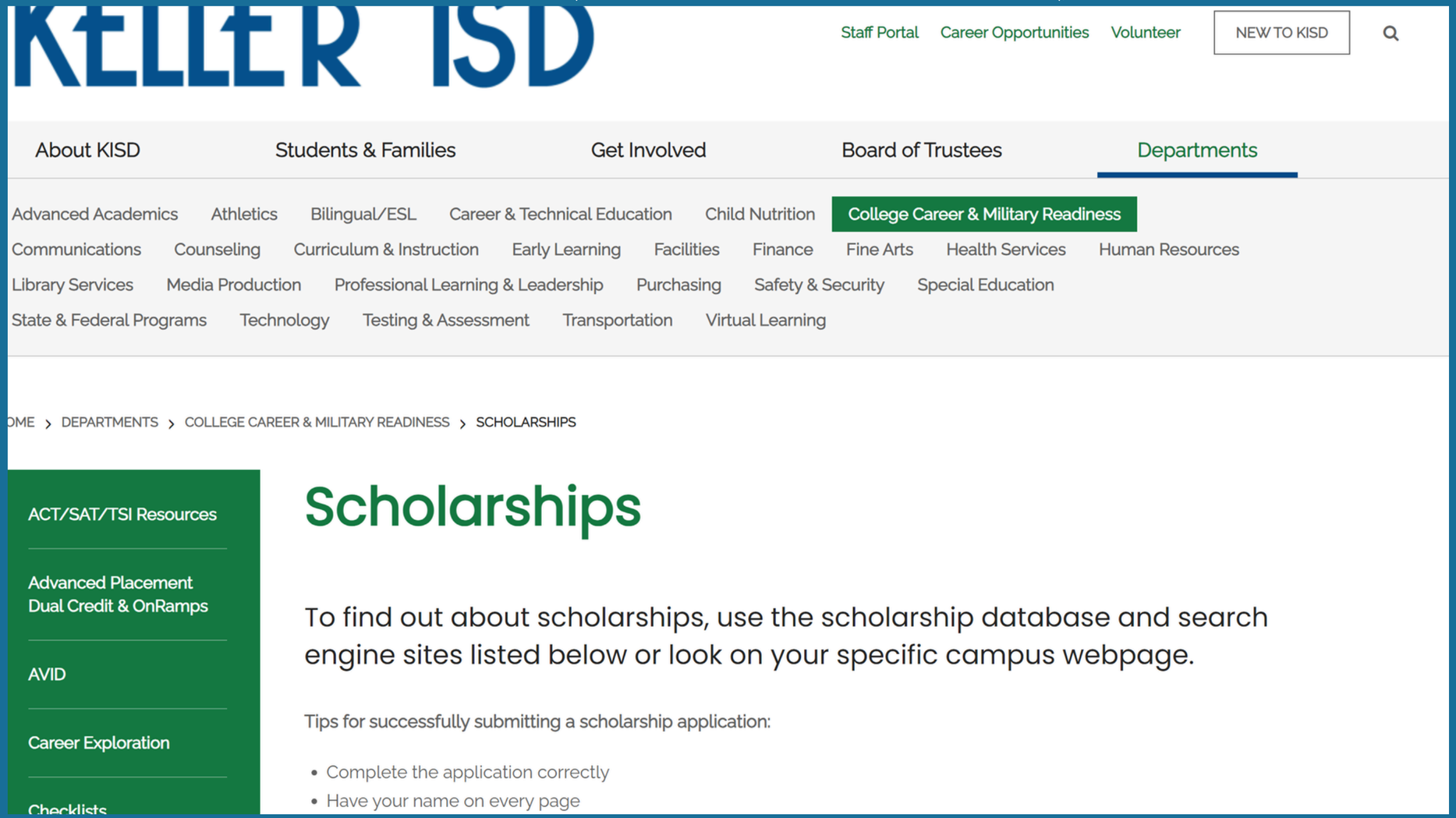
FAFSA or TASFA

Which financial aid application should students use?

Student Residency Status	Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)	Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA)
US citizen	✔	
Permanent resident with an Alien Registration Card (I-551 visa)	✔	
Conditional permanent resident (I-551C visa)	✔	
Eligible noncitizen with an Arrival/Departure Record (I-94 visa)	✔	
None of the statuses above BUT Texas resident, eligible for in-state tution		✔

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SCHOLARSHIPS



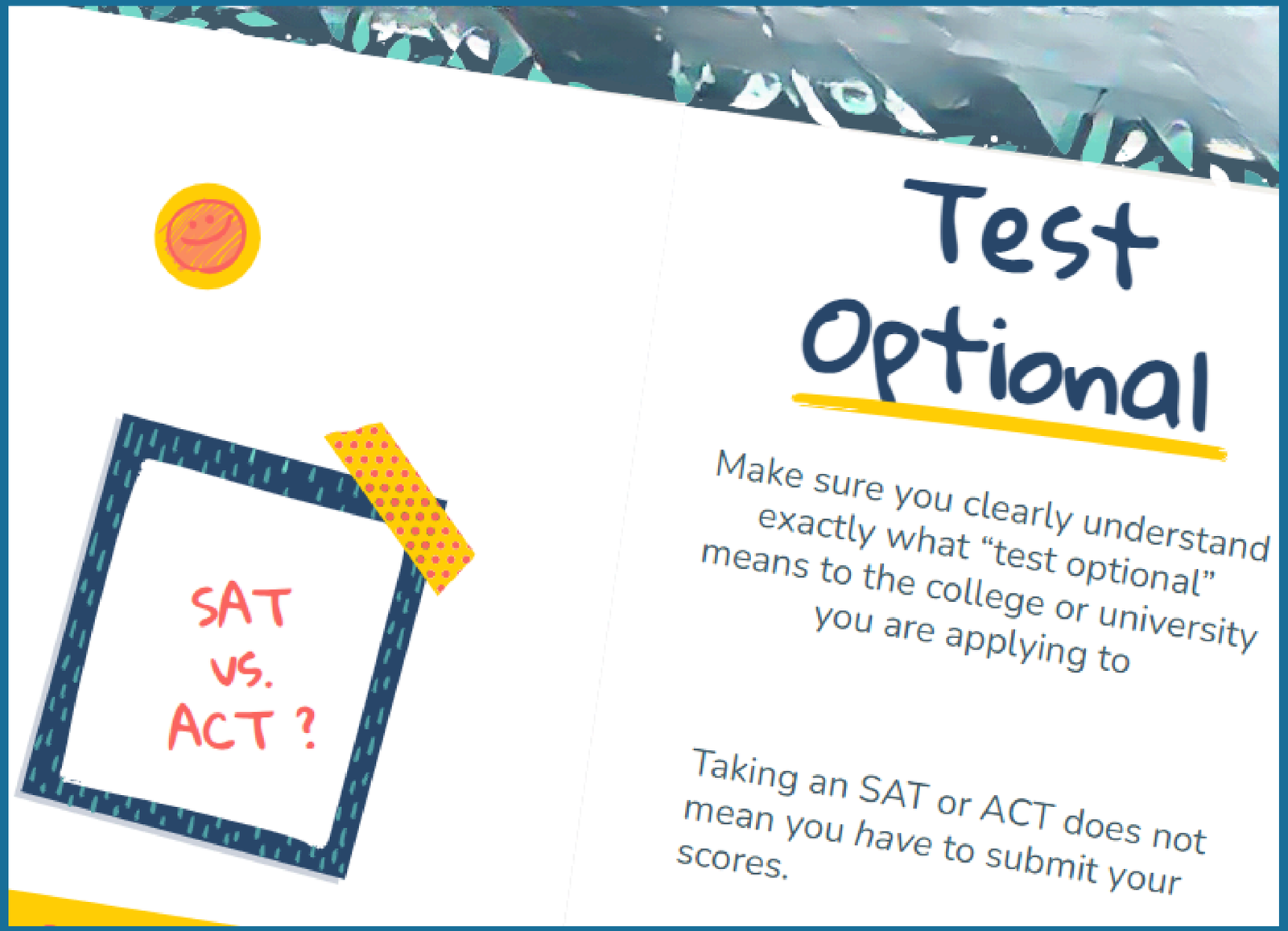
MORE SCHOLARSHIPS

Institutional

Straight from the university; based on need, academics, ACT/SAT, or special programs like athletics, fine arts, or volunteer hours. Some universities will have one application for all freshmen scholarships.

Independent

Straight from organizations; can be based on need, or specific to the organization. Check with your work, church, or community organization for available scholarships.



As test scores might not be used for admission, testing results are often used for merit scholarships or other financial gain.

Need to send scores?

- Login to your act student or collegeboard account.
- Find “send my test scores”
- Follow instructions.

FAFSA NIGHT

TBA

TCC Financial Aid Representatives will be present and ready to help!

To make it most productive, you will need:

-Student FSA ID (use your own, personal email when you make the account.

-Parent FSA ID (If parents are separate, it is whoever provides the most support.

If you have older sibling, it is the same one you used then.

*****You have to create account and the verification takes a few days*****

-Bring W-2s and tax information from 2024. You can copy or just be able to access it.



SENIOR MEETINGS

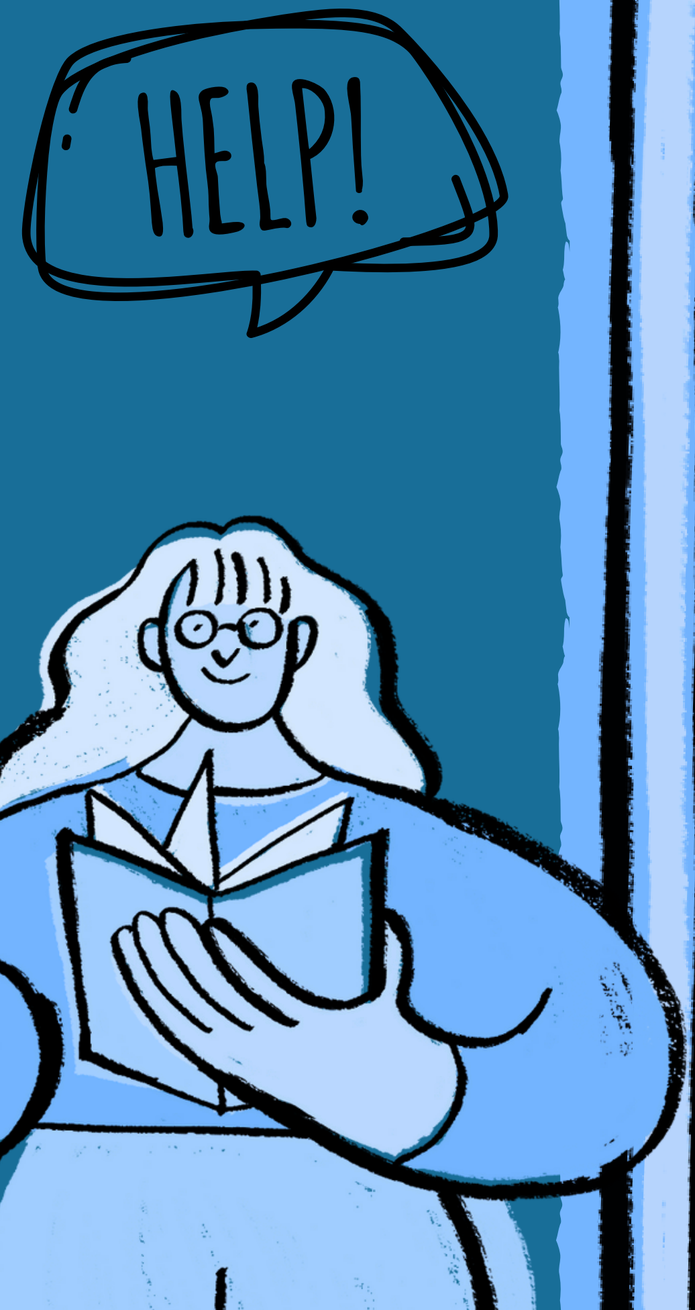
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COLLEGE APPLICATION ASSISTANCE

CONTACT MRS. GIBSON

You Make the Year, We Make The Book

BUY A YEARBOOK!

Year books are on sale for...

$45 Until November 1st

$50 From November 1st to January 22nd

$55 From January 3rd to April 30th

SENIORS!

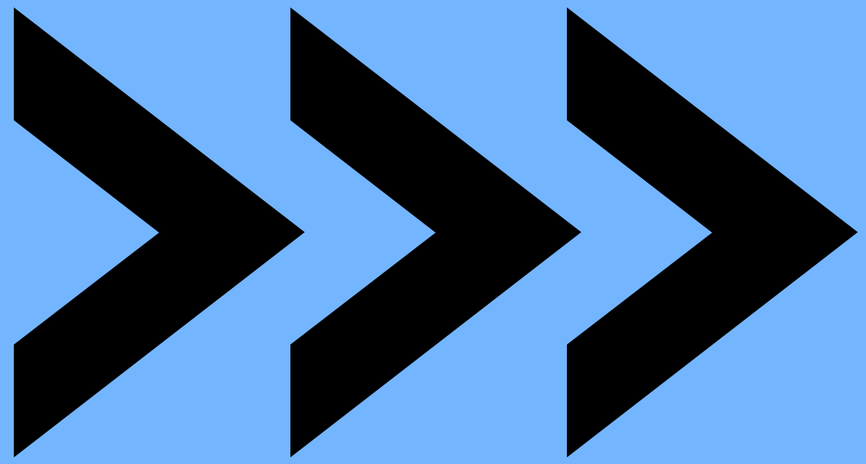
CAP AND GROWN PICTURES

OCT 27TH

Regular picture make ups will be available on October 28th

SENIOR PICTURES

SENIOR ADS



SENIOR ADS



Full Page $125

$75 **Half Page**

Quarter Page $50

$35 **Eighth Page**

Purchase by **December 12th** via Walsworth!

- PEACE OFFICER TRAINING (CANVAS COURSE)
- CPR TRAINING (MOST HAVE THIS COMPLETED)
- SPEECH REQUIREMENT (MOST HAVE THIS COMPLETED)
- FAFSA (OPENS OCTOBER 1)

DATES

- OCTOBER 21ST - BALFOUR SENIOR MEETING - CAP & GOWN ORDERS
- OCTOBER 25TH - HOMECOMING DANCE
- OCTOBER 27TH - SENIOR CAP & GOWN PICTURES
- TBA - PROM
- APPROX. MAY 16TH - TCC GRADUATION
- APPROX. MAY 18TH - SENIOR WALK
- MAY 19TH - SENIOR AWARDS - 6:00 PM
- MAY 21ST - SENIOR SUNSET
- MAY 22ND - MANDATORY GRADUATION PRACTICE - 10:00 AM
- MAY 22ND - GRADUATION


THANK YOU SENIORS!!!