11th Grade Parent Orientation



Colorado River Collegiate Academy

Creating Ability Through Effort

Agenda

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Introductions

- Martin Conrardy – Principal
- Memory Meyer – Assistant Principal
- Tiffany Jimenez – Counselor
- Josh Gordon – College Access Specialist

  Ellen Tanner - PTA President
- 11th Grade Teachers
  - Mark Laskowski – ELA
  - Janvier Twizeymana – Math
  - Riley Adams – Science
  - Samuel Cantu – Social Studies
  - Dr. Deirdre Doughty – US History
  - Jonathan Manion – Social Studies
  - Tammy Eide - Math
  - Aidee Lopez-Robles - Spanish

Welcome

- My student is now at ACC. What are the implications?
  - Creating a College Transcript – impacts future financial aide considerations

  - Nine hours in the fall – ENGL 1301, HIST 1301 and either MATH 1414, MATH 1314, HUMA 1301 or SPAN 2311.
  - Nine hours in the spring – ENGL 1302, HIST 1302 and either MATH 1414, MATH 1314, HUMA 1302 or SOCI 1301.
  - Add the 17 hours from the previous years and every CRCA 11th grader should finish this year with 35 college hours.

  - College Prep Advisory class
  - No RTI tutorial period built into schedule
  - Time to attend the Learning Lab and instructors' office hours at ACC

Attendance - CRCA

1. I must attend school 90% of the time to receive credit for my courses.
2. I will have truancy charges filed on me if I miss three days of school within a four week period and these absences are unexcused.

Attendance – CRCA

3. There are very limited reasons for excused absences.
   - A school district shall excuse a student from attending school for:
     - (1) the following purposes, including travel for those purposes:
       - (A) observing religious holy days;
       - (B) attending a required court appearance;
       - (C) appearing at a governmental office to complete paperwork required in connection with the student's application for United States citizenship;
       - (D) taking part in a United States naturalization oath ceremony; or
       - (E) serving as an election clerk; or
     - (2) a temporary absence resulting from health care professionals if that student commences classes or returns to school on the same day of the appointment.
     - (3) a school district may excuse students for absences that result from illness.

Attendance – CRCA

It matters. Your student must come to school!

96.5% ADA Last Year

Attendance – Austin Community College

- ACC does not have a college wide policy.
- Some departments automatically withdraw a student on the 4th absence.
- Some departments withdraw a student after they have missed 10% of the class meetings.
- Talk to your professor/instructor. Make certain they know when you are absent.
- CRCA has no control/discretion over the actions of an ACC instructor.
- CRCA students must report their ACC attendance on MW with Mr. Gordon.

Attendance – Austin Community College

STUDENTS MUST MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND ALL OF THEIR CLASSES AT ACC.

a. If a student is going to miss a class at ACC, they MUST CONTACT THEIR ACC PROFESSOR prior to class and make every effort to submit their assigned work prior to that class date.

b. Professors may or may NOT excuse the absence and the student's grade may be penalized.

c. STUDENTS MUST FOLLOW THE ACC CALENDAR. So, that means Students still have class at ACC on BISD student holidays and half days

(October 13, November 24, November 26, February 16, March 23, April 6)

We plan to have the buses running for these dates.

School Safety

1. Front doors (East) to the campus are to remain locked at all times.
2. Exterior doors on the south side of the campus are to remain locked at all times.
3. Teachers doors are to remain closed and locked at all times.
4. Students must not open the front doors or the courtyard gates for anyone…including parents.
5. Parents should only enter the campus through the front doors. Our buzzer is not working at the moment. We have posted the number to the campus for you to call and be let in.
6. Students really should not be using the restroom during class time.
7. Students should take all of our drills seriously.

Lunch/Socioeconomic Applications

1. Many of our upperclassmen do not eat lunch at CRCA and see no need for turning in the lunch application. 10th, 11th and 12th grade CRCA students who qualify for free or reduced lunch get fees waived for PSAT, SAT and AP exams as well as their College Applications.

2. 12th grade CRCA students who have turned in their lunch applications and qualify for free or reduced lunch may also automatically qualify for Pell Grants at university when the graduate from high school.

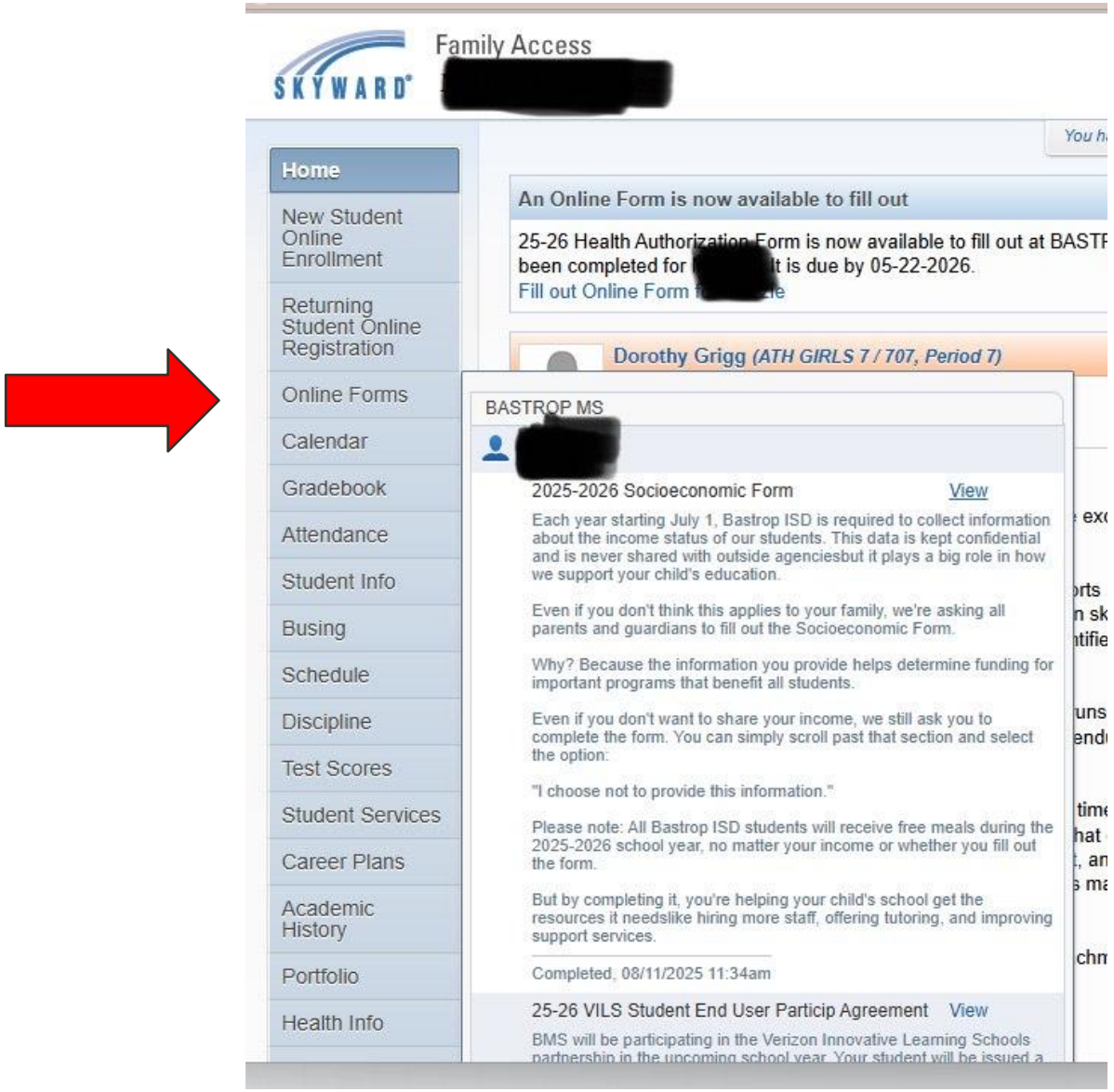
3. Please complete the socioeconomic form! It is very important.

4. The form is now a part of the online registration, but was not available until July. If you have not done so already, please log into Skyward family access and complete the form (example on next slide)

VERY important when parents fill out district socioeconomic form!

Choose YES!!!

If you opt out of sharing the information on this section, You are opting out and do not received free and reduced pricing, on **meals, AP exams, SAT fee waivers, or college applications.**



Schoolwide Communications

- Download the Parent Square App.

Available on the App Store

ANDROID APP ON Google play

Bastrop ISD Protection Plan

- The Bastrop Protection Plan is an affordable way to ensure that families are protected in the event of accident, damage, theft, or loss.
- The Bastrop Protection Plan fee is only $25 for the first child in the household and a discounted $15 for each child after that, and a student who had no claims in 24-25 will carry over their fee for the 25-26 school year.
- We have provided a convenient way to pay the protection plan fee here: https://bastrop.revtrak.net/fee-management/

SAP

- SAP stands for Satisfactory Academic Progress – A student must have SAP in order to qualify for State and Federal financial aid…this includes student loans.

- SAP has three (3) components:

1. GPA Requirement
2. Completion Rate Requirement
3. Maximum Time Frame Requirement

SAP – GPA Requirement

- Students must maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA on all course work at ACC to have SAP.

2.0 ***Minimum*** GPA

C average

- Cumulative means over all three and a half years CRCA students attend classes at ACC.

SAP – Completion Rate Requirement

- CRCA students must complete a minimum of 67% of all college hours attempted at ACC in order to have SAP.

- Dropped courses count against the completion rate requirement.

No Drops!

SAP – Maximum Time Frame

- Students must complete their degree program in a ***reasonable time frame***.
- Reasonable time frame is currently defined as ***150% of the published length of the academic program***.
- The published length of the academic program is the total number of college hours for the degree. For most Bachelor's Degrees the total number of hours is 120. 150% of 120 is **180 college hours.**

Making SAP

- CRCA students who:

1. **Maintain good grades (B Average)**
2. **Don’t drop their courses**
3. **Take the courses their counselor advises them to take**

Consequence of Not Making SAP

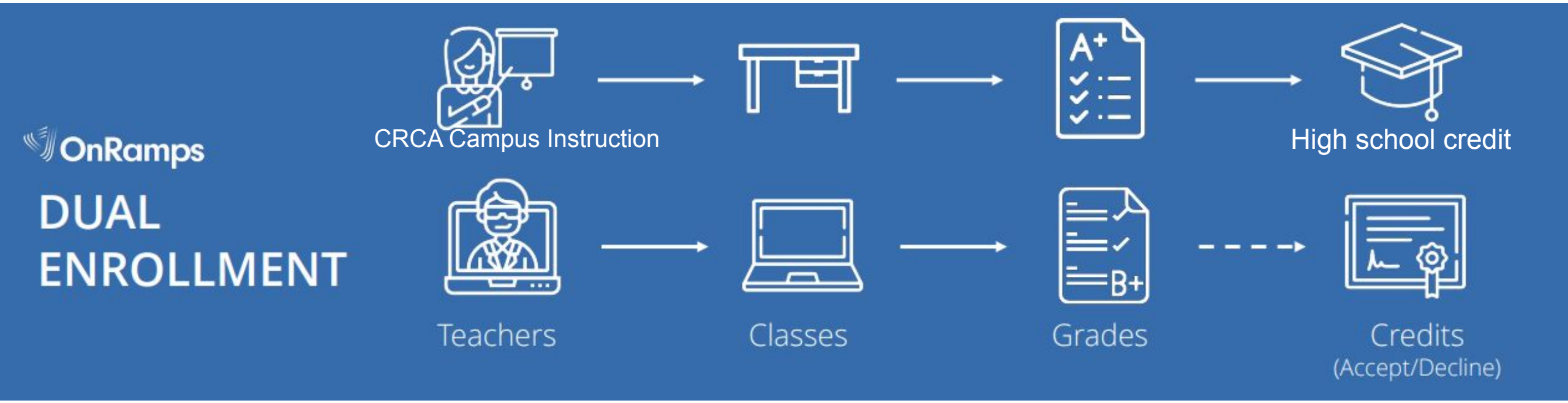
- *CRCA Juniors who do not have at least a 2.0 GPA and a 67% completion rate by the beginning of their 12th Grade year are dropped from CRCA and matriculated back to BHS or CCHS.*

Repeating Courses

- The cost of courses/books that are being repeated because the student **withdrew from, failed or earned a D** in the course the previous semester or year, will be paid by the student and their family. The current tuition ACC charges CRCA students is **$150 per course.**
- Payments for repeated or in lieu of courses, including those taken during the summer, will be made to CRCA and are due by the last day of drop.
- This policy applies to classes that are retaken to earn a higher grade and all courses taken during the summer.

Books for Courses taken off the ACC Elgin Campus

- Students may take courses at any of ACC's campuses.
- Students who elect to take a course at an ACC campus other than ACC Elgin, will be responsible for purchasing the books for that course.
- CRCA will only purchase books for courses at ACC Elgin.
- If CRCA has a book in its inventory that a student may use in a course at an ACC campus other than Elgin, we will definitely allow the student to use our book.
- Students who take summer ACC courses are responsible for purchasing their own books.
- CRCA will no longer purchase books for courses taken off the ACC Elgin campus. This policy was effective beginning the Spring semester, 2019.



- ✓ College credits earned through OnRamps courses are transferable to **public and private colleges in Texas and out-of-state institutions**.
- ✓ CRC A OnRamps courses **fulfill core curriculum requirements**. Public colleges in Texas require 42 hours of core curriculum courses for all students pursuing an undergraduate degree.
- ✓ Students who earn and accept OnRamps credit will have an **official university transcript**.

Core Curriculum Components

Communication -010 (6 SCH) (i.e. ENGL-1301, ENGL-1302)	**Mathematics** - 020 (3 SCH) (MATH-1414, MATH-1332, MATH-1342)
Language, Philosophy and Culture-040 (3 SCH) (i.e. British Literature ENGL-2322, ENGL-2723)	**Life and Physical Science**-030 (6 SCH) (i.e. OnRamps Physics, OnRamps Biology, OnRamps Chemistry BIOL-1309, BIOL-1408)
American History -060 (6 SCH) (US History HIST-1301 & 1302)	**Government/ Political Science-**070 (6 SCH) (i.e. GOVT 2305 & 2306)
Creative Arts - 050 (3 SCH) (i.e. DRAM-1301, ARTS-1301)	**Social and Behavioral Science** - 080 (3 SCH) (i.e. ECON-2301, PSYC-2302, SOCI-1301)
Component Area Option - 090 (6 SCH) (i.e. EDUC-1300, SPCH 1315)	

OnRamps



CHEMISTRY I PHYSICS I BIOLOGY

CRCA Associate of Arts Degree Plan

10	Spanish I	SPAN-1411	Spanish II	SPAN-1412
10	Theater Arts	DRAM-1310	Communications App.	SPCH-1315
10	English II		English II	
10	Alg II/Geometry		Alg II/ Geometry	
10	World History		World History	
10	**Chemistry OnRamps**		**Chemistry OnRamps**	**CHEM-1311 & 1111**
11	English III	ENGL-1301	English III	ENGL-1302
11	Special Topics in SS	HIST-1301	US History	HIST-1302
11	Humanities/Math-1414	HUMA/MATH	elective/Math	SOCI/MATH-2412
11	Geom/ PreCal		Geom/PreCal	
11	**Physics OnRamps**		**Physics OnRamps**	**PHYS-1401**
11	Science Res. & Design		Science Res. & Design	
11	AP Human Geo		AP Comparative Govt.	
11	Civil Rights		Finacial Literacy	
11	**Biology OnRamps**		**Biology OnRamps**	**BIOL-1406**
12	British Literature	ENGL-2322	American Literature	ENGL- 2327
12	Economics	ECON-2301	Spec Topics in SS (2d)	GOVT-2306
12	US Gov't	GOVT-2305	Psychology	PSYC-2301
12	Environ. Systems	BIOL-1309	Spec. Topics in SC	BIOL-1408
	If OnRamps courses are transfered to ACC they will count instead of the above BIOL senior year.			
12	Contemporary Math	Math-1332(if math not taken yet)		

Testing

- This year, your student will take three (3) different and very important tests.
  1. TSIA2 – Texas Success Initiative (November 21, 2025)
     - Mathematics
     - Subsequent testing dates will on Fridays the remainder of the year for students who need to make the cut.
  2. PSAT – October 23rd
  3. STAAR EOC –State of Texas End of Course exams
     - US History EOC (April 15)

All of these exams are now online.

Testing – TSIA2

- CRCA students began taking the TSIA2 in mathematics during their freshman year.
- CRCA students must pass the TSIA2 in mathematics in order to take an ACC math course.
- CRCA students must take an ACC math course in order to complete their associate degree.
- TSIA2 math test is the ‘gatekeeper’ for the Associate Degree.

Testing – TSIA2

- Cut Scores – Passing Scores

- **Math – 950 or a 6 on the diagnostic**

PSAT

- **The PSAT/NMSQT (or Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) is, as the title suggests, a preliminary version of the SAT.**
- **Not only does the PSAT help prepare students to take the SAT or ACT, the great thing about the PSAT is that a high score can also open the door to National Merit Scholarships and other awards.**
- **With $180 million dollars in scholarships awarded to students who achieve high scores on the PSAT, how you perform on this exam can help you earn scholarship dollars that change the direction of your college planning.**

PSAT

The PSAT will be administered on Thursday, October 23rd at CRCA.

11^{th} grade students will be given preparation materials in the College Preparatory Class at the beginning of the spring semester.

It is important that your student takes the time to prepare for the exam.

Khan Academy offers students with SAT/PSAT test preparation materials.

See Link: https://www.khanacademy.org/test-prep

Testing – STAAR EOC

- Students must pass 5 EOC exams to graduate from HS in Texas.

1. English 1
2. English 2
3. Algebra 1
4. Biology
5. US History

- CRCA Students must pass these test the 1st time they take them.

Testing – STAAR EOC

It matters. Your student must work hard to excel on the EOC exams!

98% of all EOCs Passed

90% of all EOCs @ College Readiness

Tutorials

- Mandatory tutorials are triggered when a grade drops below 80.
- Mandatory tutorials are after school from 4:30 to 6:00, Monday through Thursday.
- There is a late bus, but your student MUST be signed up for Beyond the Bell to receive transportation

WHY JOIN?

CRCA PTSA

#1 OUR STUDENTS BENEFIT

Help your child perform better academically by being an active participant and role model in the community that helps raise your child!

#2 OUR SCHOOL BENEFITS

Help create a positive, caring, and engaging school by supporting students,teachers and administration!

#3 CREATE CONNECTIONS

Develop powerful relationships with teachers and staff while making life-long friends with other parents!

#4 YOU BENEFIT

Volunteering your time, talents, and energy while socializing with other parents is fun, healthy, and rewarding!

READY TO SIGN UP?

Contact PTSA President Elva Conrardy at elva.conrardy@gmail.com

2023-2024

Microwaves for cafeteria and teachers' lounge

Two $500 scholarships for seniors - $1000.00

Five picnic tables and umbrellas for our courtyard

Teacher appreciation lunches and teacher appreciation week

2024-2025

Three $500 scholarships for seniors - $1500.00

Funds for student clubs

More school Lock-Ins (4:10 to 8:30p.m.)

13 extra large planters and evergreen plants for our courtyard

Purchase 24 foldable 6ft tables, 48 chairs, and 2 utility carts for events

Plan and organize Homecoming / Alumni Event

Teacher appreciation lunches and teacher appreciation



Help us make this an AMAZING school year!

Join PTSA



Lock-In Supplies



Eat @ Chipotle

Wednesday, September 24th

5:00-9:00 PM

Transitioning to Your Student's Senior Year

Mr. Gordon is your student's College Access Specialist!

What is my job?

Let's begin the process of transitioning to their senior year and beyond?



Transitioning to Your Student's Senior Year

Six Goals for Junior Year

1. Begin to narrow down College List (6-10)
2. Create a College Resume
3. Consider who to ask for Letters of Recommendation
4. Rough Draft College Essay
5. Register for and take the SAT and/or ACT
6. Continue getting good grades, being involved in extracurricular activities, and logging community services hours.

This is to help ease the admissions and applications process during their senior year.

Owls Abroad

Josh Gordon

Trip to Italy- Spring Break 2026

Trip to Japan - Spring Break 2027

Please see me after the meeting for more information.







Questions?

Thank you for attending.



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