Post-Grad Planning for Parents

The steps your seniors need to take, and when

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What does your senior want to do?

- College?
- Military?
- Trade school?
- Workforce?
- Still thinking about it?



There is a place for everyone!



All roads lead to or from SchooLinks

- SchooLinks is the FBISD software platform that supports students as they navigate their college and career planning process
- Students access SchooLinks through Clever (1Link)
  - Parents can also access SchooLinks with a claim code from their student
- Students will use SchooLinks for
  - Managing their applications
  - Requesting their transcripts and letters of recommendation
  - Researching and applying for scholarships
  - Submitting verification for financial aid
  - Submitting enrollment decisions and requesting final transcripts

Choose schools, complete applications

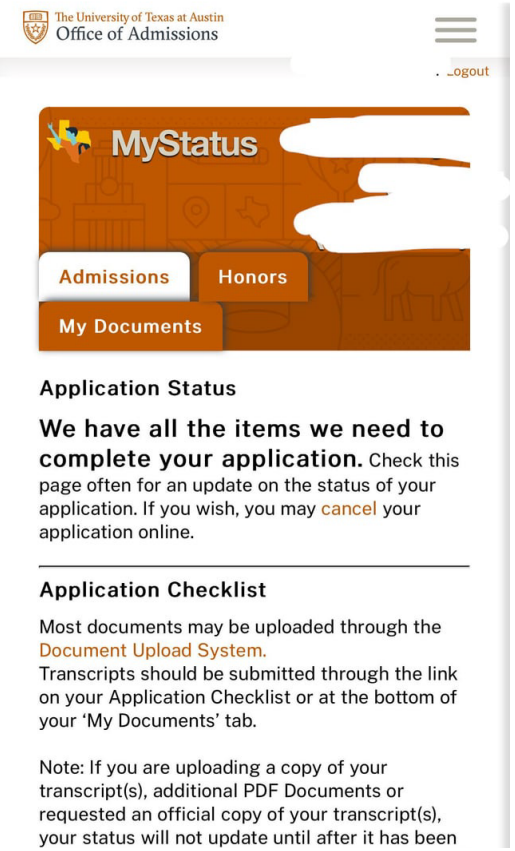
Step 1

- Research and identify a list of schools
  - Two safeties, two targets, one reach
- Determine best method of application
  - Common App, ApplyTexas, school website, UC app, Common Black app
- Application process can include
  - Self-reporting grades
  - Highlighting honors, achievements, volunteering and work experience
  - Reporting test scores
  - Writing essays
  - Submitting transcripts
  - Submitting rank letters
  - Submitting recommendation letters

Follow up: app confirmation/portals

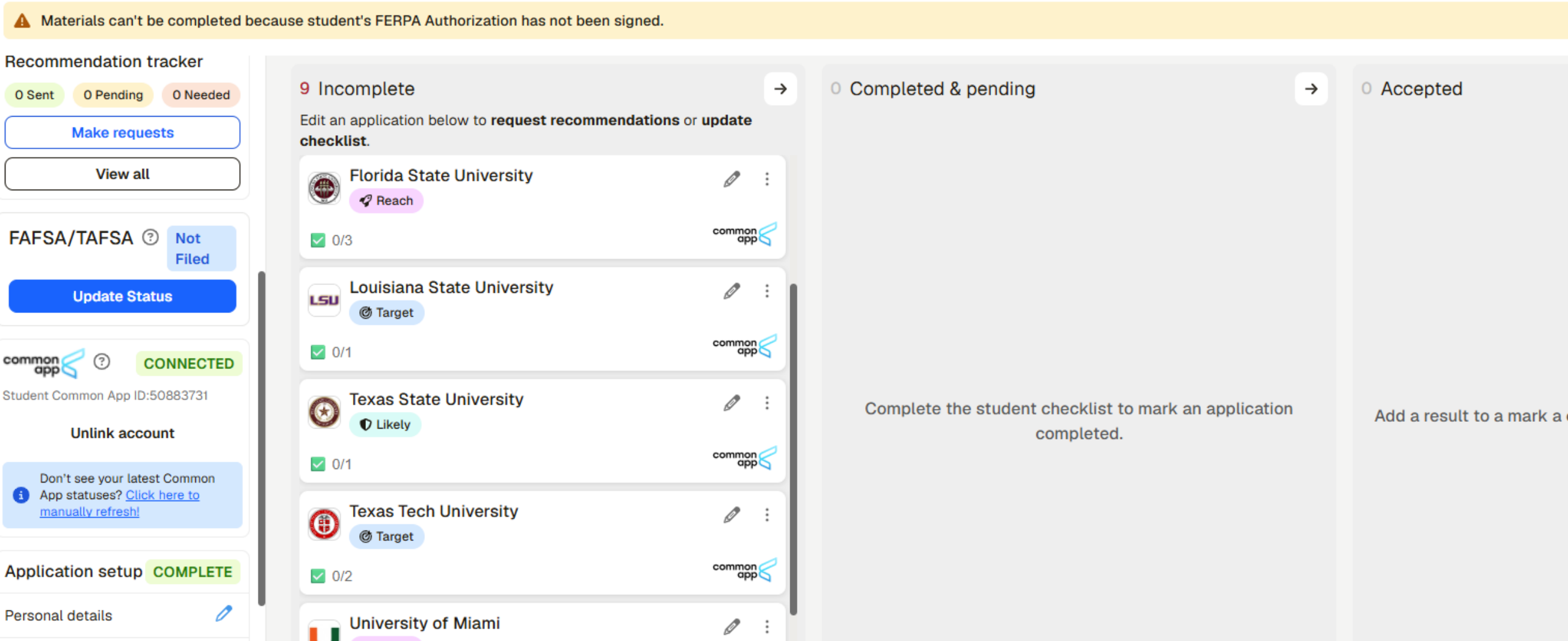
Step 2

- Students should receive an immediate confirmation that their application has been sent, regardless of the application platform
- Within a few weeks, students will receive an email from *each school* with a login to their applicant portal
- Students need to log in immediately in order to
  - Ensure that they know *how* to log in
  - Verify the documents that are still outstanding to complete their application
  - To continue to demonstrate interest in their school
  - Students should save all URLs in bookmark folder in their web browser

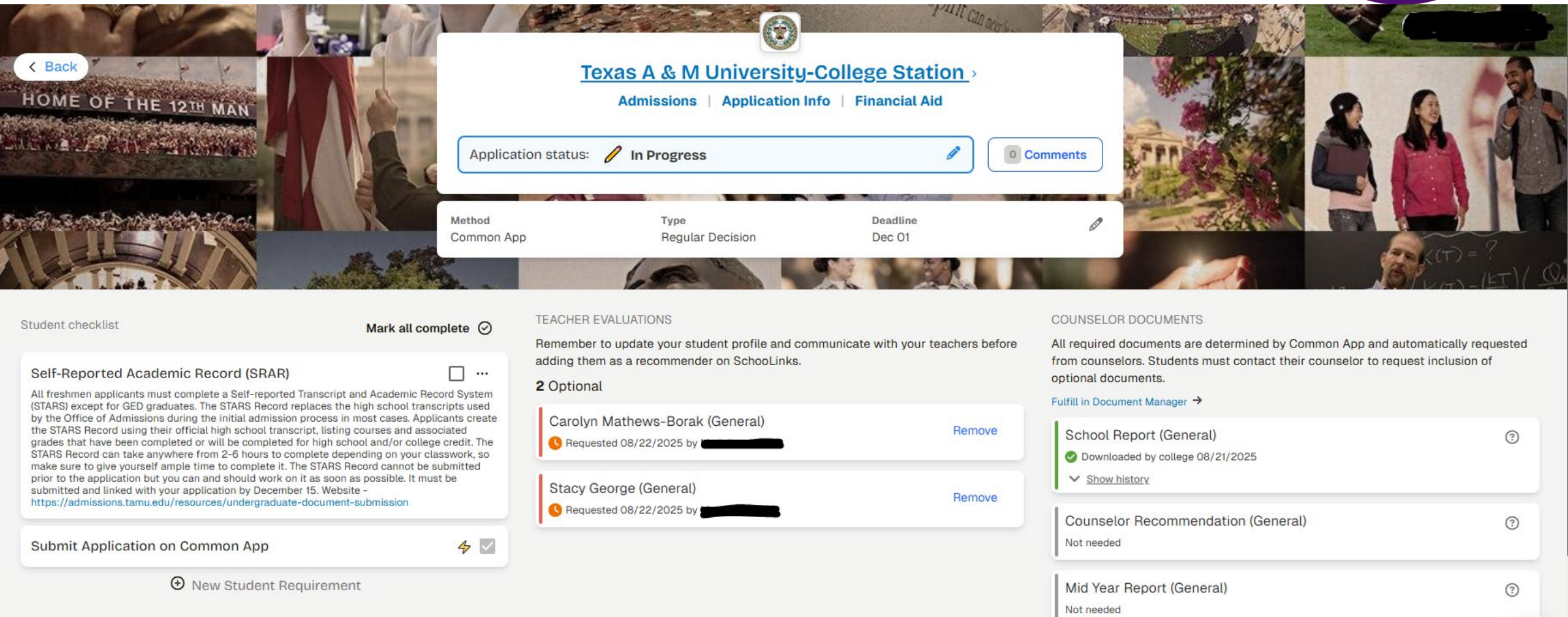


Follow up: apps and transcripts

Step 7



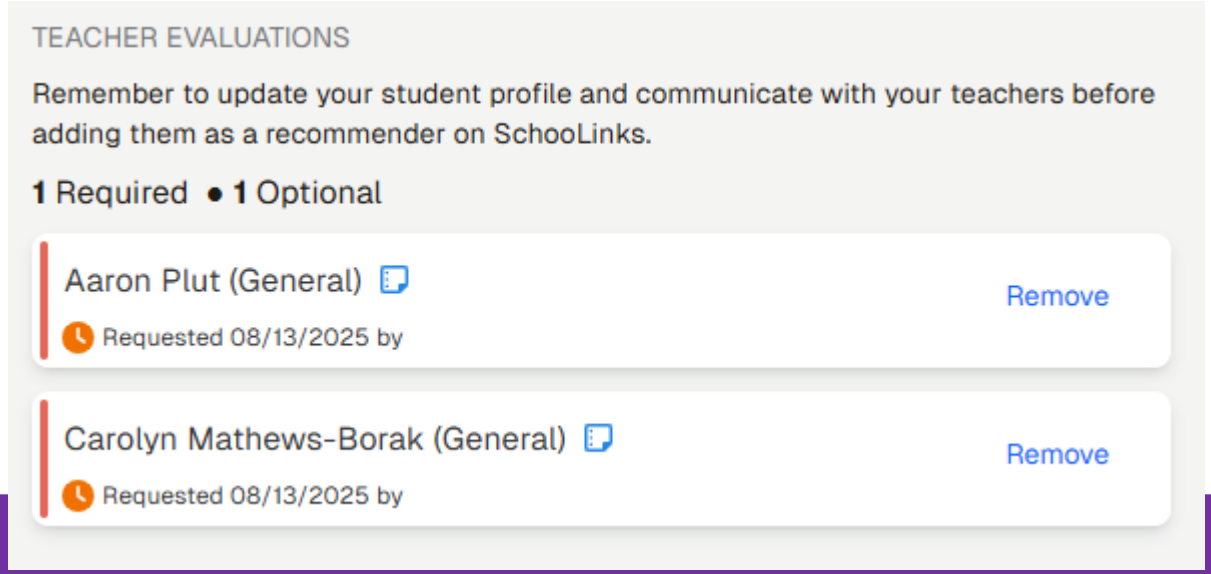
Follow up: student/counselor to-do's

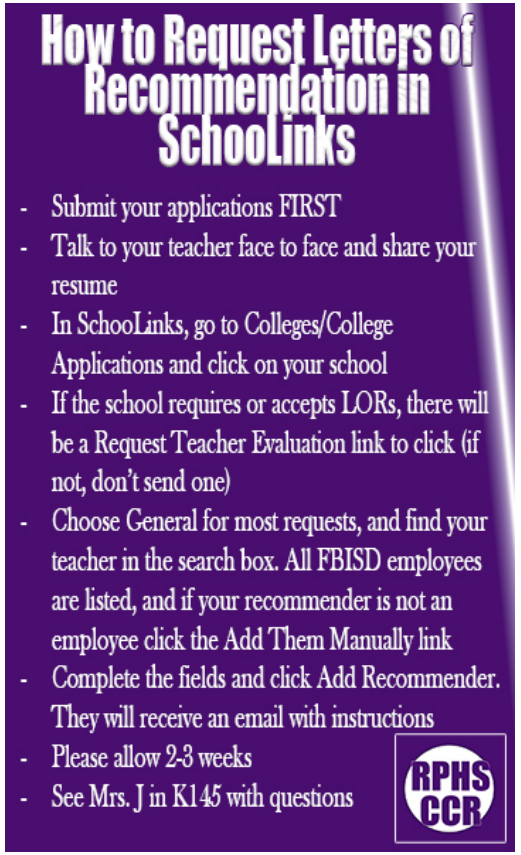


Follow up: letters of recommendation

Step 2

- In SchooLinks, when the student adds a college to their application list, it will show if they need one and how many are allowed
- Students have been trained on the process, which is detailed in the graphic to the right





Apply for financial aid and scholarships



- There are many ways to earn scholarships or grants:
  - Grades/test scores
  - Essays
  - Volunteer activities
  - Economic need
- There are several listed in SchooLinks
  - Go to College/Scholarship Matching
- Follow RPHS CCR on social
- Don’t wait! The earlier you apply the better
- The FAFSA will open on October 1
  - More information to come

- Subscribe to or check out these websites:
  - StudentScholarships.Org
  - Scholarship America
  - My Scholly
  - College for All Texans
  - Fast Web
  - College Guidance Consultants
  - Bold.org
  - Scholarships360
  - Raise.me
  - Unigo.com

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Step 5

FAFSA

Federal Student Aid

An OFFICE of the U.S. DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION

- Also known as FAFSA
- Enables students to apply for
  - Loans
  - Grants
  - Scholarships
  - Work-study programs
- Opens on October 1
- District Financial Aid/College Fair Night Wednesday, September 30
- All seniors are required to complete the FAFSA, TASFA or opt-out form and provide proof to Mrs. J in SchooLinks by Monday, February 7
  - IT'S A GRADUATION REQUIREMENT!
- Parents and students can *both v*isit studentaid.gov now and create their accounts.
  - Only one parent needs to create an account if they are married
  - Students will need their social security number before they can create their FSA ID

Extras: testing requirements and AP scores

- Does your senior's college, university, military branch or trade school require a standardized test?
  - It could be any of these: SAT, ACT, ASVAB, TSI
- Students need to sign up to take exams in plenty of time to meet deadlines
  - The SAT and ACT are offered about once a month
  - The ASVAB will be given here in November and February
  - The TSI will be given here in November, April and May
- Test scores are sent by the *student* to their schools
  - SAT and AP: requested via College Board
  - ACT: requested via ACT.org
  - TSI: requested via Accuplacer Student Portal
- Fee waivers are available
  - More information to come in a minute

Extras: admissions vs. enrollment

- Students attending public Texas schools have to demonstrate college readiness in order to *enroll*
- Enrollment is **different** than admissions
  - Admissions is getting in to your university and will happen first
  - Enrollment is actually picking your classes and will happen next spring/summer
- How do you show this? Any combination of these test scores will do it

TSI	ACT	SAT
Math 950+ or 910-949, diag 6 English 945+ Essay 5+ or 910-944, diag 5 Essay 5+	Math 22 Reading & Writing 40	Math 530 English 480

Extras: transcripts

- *Unofficial* transcripts can be found in the student's Skyward Portfolio or in SchooLinks under School/Record Requests
- *Official* transcripts needed for a scholarship or a coach must be requested through SchooLinks. Go to School/Record Request and select "Send official transcript" at the top. RPHS will send it directly
- Need a dual credit or OnRamps transcript? Request directly from HCC or UT for each school you're applying to but not until you have finished all HCC or UT classes

FBISD policy: A student/parent cannot request an *official* transcript to be handed to them. They may only access *unofficial* ones through Skyward Portfolio.

Extras: fee waivers

- If your student qualifies for Free and Reduced lunch, their SAT and ACT fees, along with many college admissions fees, could be waived
- Parents should apply via SchoolCafe. They should receive a decision within five to seven days
- Eligible students will indicate their desire to use a waiver in SchooLinks and I will verify it and send to their school

Verify eligibility and apply here

Senior FUN Activities and Reminders

Senior Activities 2027

Aug 14 Senior Sunrise**
August 25 Senior Parent Meeting
Oct 28/29 Grad Orders*
April 12 Cap and Gown Pickup*
April 17 Prom*
May 24 Senior Scram*
May 17-21 Senior Final Exams*
TBD Panoramic Class Photo*
TBD SCE Sr. Reception***
TBD Laptop Turn-in*
TBD DLE Sr. Reception***
TBD SOE Sr. Reception***
TBD Schiff Sr. Reception***
TBD Graduation Rehearsal
TBD Parade/Sunset, 5:45**
TBD Sr. Breakfast/ Last Walk, 7:30*
TBD Graduation*

*Official RPHS event

**Parent-run event

*** External event

- Senior Prom: April 17, The Citadel
- Senior Scram: May 24, Six Flags Fiesta Texas
- Senior Package payments made through Revtrak by the 15th of the month
  - Payment history available in Revtrak account
  - You can still join the Package until December 31

Scan here for the C/O 2027 website!

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Ridge Point High School

Join the Senior Remind by last name

A-D: text @73d9ga to the number 81010
E-J: text @kgeagaa to the number 81010
K-O: text @8g9d9k to the number 81010
P-S: text @ggeeh9 to the number 81010
T-Z: text @rphsco2 to the number 81010

Do you still have questions?

- That's OK!
- How do you get them answered?
  - Review my website (scan the QR code to the right)
  - Have your senior visit me in the CCR Center (K145)
  - Email me
  - Follow RPHS CCR on Instagram and Twitter
  - Read my weekly newsletters that I email and post on Remind, Twitter, Instagram and Facebook

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