

2026-27
Senior Questionnaire



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**Class
of
2027**

Wolfpack



- Alpha Counselor 26-27
- Vision/Mission/Commitment
- Pathways after High School (CCMR)
- SCHOOLINKS
- Scholarships
- FAFSA
- College Night - **Sept. 9th at Plano Events Center**
- Senior Webinar
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Plano West Counseling Department



ALPHA

- A-Che
 - Chh-Gup
 - Gur-Kre
 - Kri-Mug
 - Muk-P
& Newcomer Grade 12
 - Q-St
 - Su-Z
- Lead Counselor

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NEW: Counseling Office Procedure 26-27

If you are called down by your counselor, a blue pass will be sent to your teacher who will complete an E-Hall Pass for you. Please come down with the blue pass.

Where to enter?

You must enter through the [MAIN OFFICE](#) to Counseling Center.

Who to see and sign in?

You must sign in with **Ms. Capelan** to see your counselor.

Please know that you will be sent back to class if you do not have a badge or pass from teacher if during class or between classes.

What to do if I wish to request to see my counselor? You can email your counselor or complete a blue pass in the Counseling Center.

PWSH Counseling Vision/ Mission

- **Vision Statement:**

Plano West Counselors empower and prepare students to become resilient individuals who contribute to a diverse and dynamic world.

- **Mission Statement:**

The Plano West Counseling Department is a visible and valuable resource which serves to advocate, support and develop student-centered programs that provide social/emotional development, college, career and military readiness and academic success for all students.



OUR COMMITMENT

- Students' academic success
- Post Secondary-readiness
- Safety & Crisis
 - Bullying
 - Dating Violence
 - Anxiety, Depression, Suicide
 - Drug Education
- Social & Emotional well-being

Resource for Help:

If you need to talk, the 988 Lifeline is here.

At the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, we understand that life's challenges can sometimes be difficult. Whether you're facing mental health struggles, emotional distress, alcohol or drug use concerns, or just need someone to talk to, our caring counselors are here for you. You are not alone.



Call



Text



Chat



Deaf/HoH



Mental Health 24-Hour Hotlines:

Suicide and Crisis Center of North Texas - 24/Hour crisis lines: [214-828-1000](tel:214-828-1000)

National Hope line: [800-784-2433](tel:800-784-2433)

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: [800-273-8255](tel:800-273-8255)

Or call [911](tel:911) 24/7 Crisis Support

Even when school is not in session, you can get help if...

You feel alone, scared or overwhelmed, you have thoughts of hurting yourself, or you are worried about a friend being in danger...

Call one of these 24-hour hotline numbers -

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: [800-273-8255](tel:800-273-8255)

National Hope line Network: [800-784-2433](tel:800-784-2433)

ICARE Call Center: [800-866-2465](tel:800-866-2465)

Lifepath Systems 877-422-5939

Adapt Mobile Crisis: [866-260-8000](tel:866-260-8000) (Dallas County)

PWSH Counseling Website

CCMR - College, Career, Military Readiness

(CCMR) is about preparing students for life after graduation.



How do I earn CCMR in Texas?

Students can earn CCMR accreditation through their performance on:

1. College entrance exams such as the SAT, ACT, and TSIA (Texas Success Initiative Assessment).
2. Taking an AP class and scoring a 3 or better.
3. Dual Credit (earning 9 hours any subject or 3 hours in English or Math)
4. College Prep Class - Online class for math and English (JOIN TODAY)
5. Military enlistment (ie. National Guard, Army, Marines, Navy, Coast Guard)
6. Certification completion (Vet. Tech, CNA, Microsoft Office)
7. On ramps class (Biology, Algebra or US History)

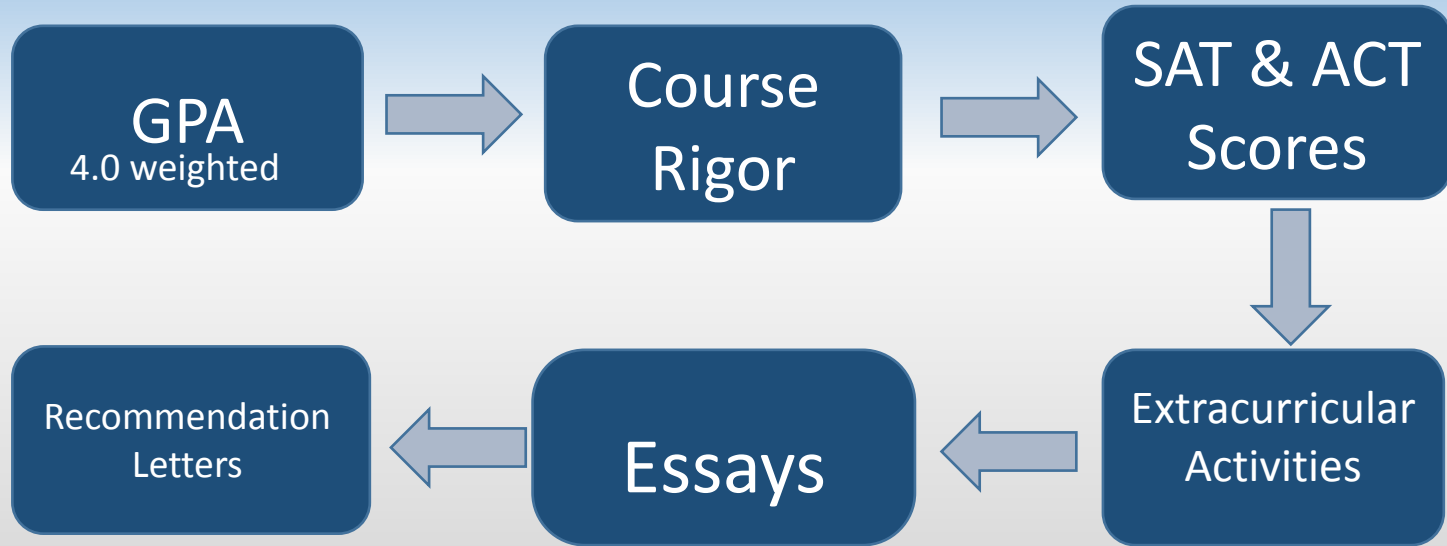
Pathways after High School



**WHICH FUTURE
WILL YOU CHOOSE?**

- **College**
- **Military**
- **Career**

Getting Accepted into College



College Readiness

Discussion Topics

Applying to College Universities

Important Note: When completing your college applications, list only Plano West Senior High. **DO NOT list Shepton or Jasper.**

Application

- Common Apps
- Apply Texas
- Individual School Applications

Essays

Extracurricular Activities

Sending Test Scores

- SAT scores must be sent directly from College Board
- ACT scores must be sent directly from ACT



SchoolLinks

HOW TO USE SCHOOLINKS

College & Career Readiness Platform for Your College Process



How to log in



Use Chrome as your default browser



1. Sign in to ClassLink

2. Click on logo:



- OR -

1. Navigate to:

2. Click on:

schoollinks.com/login





Student Onboarding



Student Onboarding

What is student onboarding?

- Only for the first time login
- Welcome screen
- First assessment (Find Your Path)

West SchoolLinks High School > 12th Grade

 First Name: Garrett Last Name: Roeske

Student Onboarding is a one-time welcome experience that requires completion of the Find Your Path (Career Interest Inventory) assessment.

Would you like to skip student onboarding?

☐ Yes ☐ No

[< Back](#) [Start Demo Experience >](#)

Welcome to SchoolLinks

SchoolLinks is a career, college and future planning tool.

Let's get onboarding!

You're about to take the Find Your Path assessment (or Career Interest Inventory). Once you complete the assessment, you'll see your personality result and choose a career path that interests you.

If you're not sure what to choose, don't worry.

- 🏠 The choices you make now are not permanent
- 🏠 You can always retake this assessment after onboarding

[Let's go >](#)

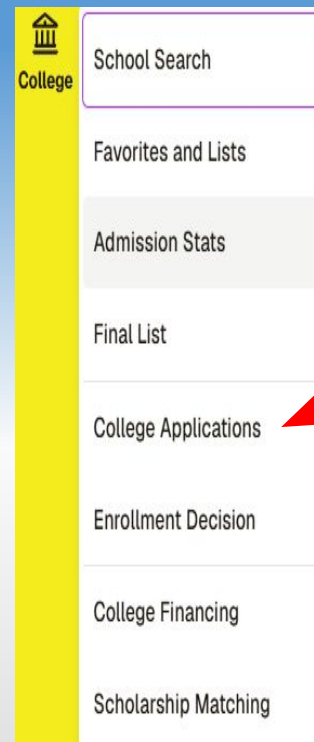


**All documents
needed for
college
applications are
managed through
Schoollinks**



**Directions:
Students
will log into
Schoollinks
on their
Webdesk.**

**Scroll down to
College**



**Select
College
Applications**

College Application Manager

2.

Complete the Application Set Up:

- Personal Details
- Fee Waiver Eligibility

PERSONAL DETAILS

FEE WAIVER ELIGIBILITY

FERPA WAIVER

Fill in your home address

Make sure to enter the same address you are using in your college application forms. This is needed for some documents your counselor needs to send to colleges.

Street Address

5601 West Parker Road

Apt, suite, etc (optional)

City

Plano

State

TX

Zip/postal code

75093



When you add or update your address here, SchoolLinks will update the address for your account.

Fill in your email address

Make sure to enter the same email address you are using in your college application forms.



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Other

Do you qualify for an application fee waiver?

The cost of applying to colleges can add up! Some colleges waive application fees for students who demonstrate financial need.

In Common App and Coalition you can request a fee waiver through your MyCoalition or Common App profile. For other applications, we'll help you see if you qualify and request a fee waiver from your counselor if you do.

To see if you qualify, check off any boxes that apply to you.

- ☐ Student has received or is eligible to receive an ACT or SAT testing fee waiver.
- ☐ Student is enrolled in or eligible to participate in the Federal Free or Reduced Price Lunch program (FRPL).
- ☐ Student's annual family income falls within the income Eligibility Guidelines set by the USDA Food and Nutrition Service.
- ☐ Student is enrolled in a federal, state or local program that aids students from low-income families (e.g., TRIO programs such as Upward Bound).
- ☐ Student's family receives public assistance.
- ☐ Student lives in federally subsidized public housing, a foster home, or is homeless.
- ☐ Student is a ward of the state or an orphan.

OR

- ☒ None of the above apply.

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College Application Manager

-FERPA Waiver

✓ PERSONAL DETAILS

✓ FEE WAIVER ELIGIBILITY

✎ FERPA WAIVER

How does FERPA relate to your college application?

- FERPA gives you the right to review letters of recommendation if you are enrolled in college that saves the recommendations, OR you are 18 or older.

To waive or not to waive?

- Waiving your right lets colleges know that you don't intend to read your recommendations, which helps reassure colleges that the letters are candid and truthful.
- If you choose not to waive your right, some recommenders may decline to write a letter for you, and some colleges may disregard letters submitted on your behalf.

Still unsure how to respond?

- That is OK. Many students are. Before you move on, take a moment to discuss your decision with your counselor, another school official, or your parent/legal guardian. You can also read our [FERPA Help Article](#)

☐ I have fully read and understood the FERPA Release Authorization explanation above. I give permission for my school to release materials, including my transcript to the colleges to which I am applying.

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✓ Finish application setup

✓ PERSONAL DETAILS

✓ FEE WAIVER ELIGIBILITY

✎ FERPA WAIVER

☒ above. I give permission for my school to release materials, including my transcript, to the colleges to which I am applying.

Please select one:

☒ I waive my right to review all recommendations and supporting documents submitted by me or on my behalf.

☐ I DO NOT waive my right to review all recommendations and supporting documents submitted by me or on my behalf.

Your Signature

Type your name to sign electronically

☒ I understand that my waiver or no waiver selection above pertains to all colleges to which I apply and that my selections here cannot change after submitting this form.

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✓ Finish application setup

Sign Waiver



Applying using Common App

A screenshot of the 'College' page in the SchoolLinks application. The page has a yellow sidebar with a 'College' header. The main content area shows three sections: 'Make requests' with a 'View all' button; 'Brag Sheet' with an 'INCOMPLETE' status and a 'Complete brag sheet' button; and 'FAFSA/TASFA' with a 'Not Filed' status and an 'Update Status' button. At the bottom, the 'common app' section shows a 'NOT CONNECTED' status and a blue 'Connect →' button. A red arrow points from the 'Connect →' button to the text 'click of a button.'

College

Make requests

View all

Brag Sheet ⓘ INCOMPLETE

Complete brag sheet

FAFSA/TASFA ⓘ Not Filed

Update Status

common app ⓘ NOT CONNECTED

Connect →

Directions

Students can connect their Common Apps to their Schoollinks with the click of a button.

Applying using Apply Texas or applying directly to the University

Student who are applying to colleges through APPLY TEXAS will manually add their colleges. Look for the blue Add Application button at the top of the page.

A screenshot of the bottom of the SchoolLinks application. It shows a 'Comments' button with a speech bubble icon and a blue 'Add application' button with a plus icon. A red arrow points from the text 'Look for the blue Add Application button' to the 'Add application' button.

Comments 0

+ Add application



3 Incomplete

Edit an application below to **request recommendations** or **update checklist**.



Southern Methodist University
Unknown

Regular Decision | Jan 15

☒ 0/2





The University of Texas at Austin
Unknown

Early Action | Oct 15

☒ 0/2





The University of Texas at Dallas
Unknown

Rolling | May 1

☒ 0/2



Once colleges are connected to Schoolinks, Colleges will instantly be added to the INCOMPLETE column

Students will click on the pencil icon next to each college to check what documents need to be submitted.



College Applications

[Admissions](#) | [Application Info](#) | [Financial Aid](#)

Application status: In Progress

Comments

Method	Type	Deadline	Destination
ApplyTexas	Priority	Dec 01	In Network

Student checklist

Mark all complete

Submit Application

Submit your application forms and any required essays.

Test Scores

Submit official SAT/ACT scores*: *The SAT code is 6897 and the ACT code is 4243 OR Indicate you plan to apply without an SAT/ACT score by submitting the Applying without Score form through Galaxy.

Financial Aid Application

Complete and submit your Financial Aid Application for this school.

Self-Reported Academic Record (SRAR)

Applicants create the SRAR using their official high

Teacher recommendations

Remember to update your student profile and communicate with your teachers before adding them as a recommender on SchoolLinks.

3 Optional

Instructions from college: Letter(s) of recommendation (limited to a maximum of three).

Request Teacher Recommendation

Counselor documents

We've researched what documents are required and automatically requested them from your counselor.

Transcript

Added 09/20/2022 as preset

Request Counselor Document

The pencil icon will take you to that college. You will see 3 columns. The first column will let you know what the college needs you to complete. The middle column is where you will request your teacher recommendations. Last column will tell your counselor what she needs to submit on your behalf.

Request

Teacher Recommendation

The teacher is alerted via email of the request.

Select your teacher....
Do not select your
counselor to write a teacher
rec letter

Vanderbilt University >

Admissions | Application Info | Financial Aid

Application status: **In Progress**

Comments

Method	Type	Deadline	Destination
Coalition	Early Decision	Nov 01	In Network

STUDENT CHECKLIST

- Submit Application ☐ : Submit your application forms and any required essays.
- Test Scores ☐ : Optional for students applying for fall 2022, fall 2023, and fall 2024 entry: SAT or ACT scores (SAT code: 1871 / ACT code: 4036)
- Financial Aid Application ☐ : Complete and submit your Financial Aid Application for this school.

+ New Student Requirement

TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Remember to update your student profile and communicate with your teachers before adding them as a recommender on SchoolLinks.

2 Required

Instructions from college: Two academic teacher letters of recommendation

+ Add Recommender Required

+ Add Recommender Required

+ Request Teacher Recommendation

COUNSELOR DOCUMENTS

We've researched what documents are required and automatically requested them from your counselor.

Transcript + Added 08/20/2022 as preset

Counselor Recommendation + Added 08/20/2022 as preset

+ Request Counselor Documents

Complete the Counselor Recommendation Packet
<http://www.pisd.edu/domain/2498>

Request Teacher Recommendation

Select the type of recommendation.

General (Most common) ☒ Not specific to a college and can be assigned to any application

College-specific ☐ Customized for this college and can only be assigned to this application

Assign a teacher to complete a teacher evaluation for **Vanderbilt University**. They'll receive an invitation to fulfill your request on SchoolLinks.

If this college requires a counselor recommendation, it will be automatically requested in "Counselor Documents".

Search teachers

Counselor Recommendation

If required by college

Give completed packet to your
counselor 15 school days before
your earliest deadline

Counselor Recommendation Packet
(Student Information to Counselor)

Dear Student:

Some college applications require a recommendation letter or comments from your counselor. In that event, you must provide your counselor with a resume and a completed Counselor Recommendation Packet.

Thank you for thoroughly completing this packet and turning it in to your counselor three weeks (15 school days) before your earliest application deadline.

List the names of PISD teachers to whom you gave information pages (last five pages of packet): _____

College List	Deadline	CIRCLE the application you are using			
		Common App.	Apply Texas	College Specific	Coalition
_____	Application deadline: _____	CA	TX	☐	☒
_____	Application deadline: _____	CA	TX	☐	☒
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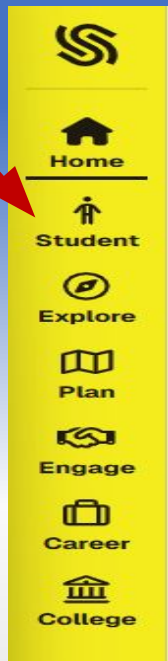
Student's signature

Date

Counselor

PLANO WEST SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Transcripts in SchoolLinks



Home

Student

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College

Profile and Resume

Credential Wallet

Scores and Performance

Record Requests

unofficial/copy

↓ Get unofficial transcript

Use this to see your grades or send to a college or program that accepts **unofficial** transcripts.

My transcript

Send transcripts for college apps in the [College Applications Manager](#), not here!



Official for
NCAA & Scholarships

↗ Send official transcript...

Send an official transcript for non-college application purposes such as scholarships or the NCAA eligibility center.

Requesting TEST scores

Test Scores

Students must request their ACT/ SAT score(s) from the testing agency

Test score(s) must be sent directly to the college, university, or NCAA directly from the testing agency

The ACT logo, featuring the letters "ACT" in a bold, blue, serif font. A red swoosh underline is positioned beneath the letter "A".The SAT logo, consisting of the letters "SAT" in a white, bold, sans-serif font, centered within a blue rectangular background.The CollegeBoard logo, featuring a black shield icon with a white acorn inside, followed by the text "CollegeBoard" in a white, sans-serif font, all contained within a black rectangular background.

Collegeboard: SAT FEE WAIVERS

Eligible students are encourage to request a SAT fee waiver directly from CollegeBoard. To get your free fee waiver, complete an application by visiting

<https://satfeewaiverform.collegeboard.org/>

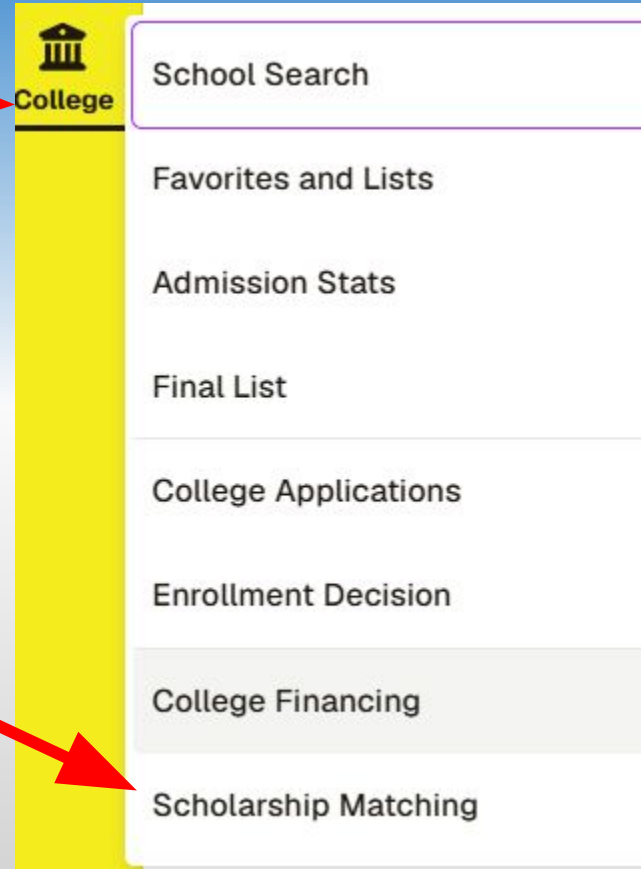
Need Help?

Students can still visit the counseling center to request a SAT fee waiver code.

Scholarship Matching

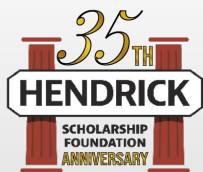
Student can have Schoolinks search for scholarships specifically designed for just them!

- **Sign in to Schoolinks**
- **Go to College**
- **Choose Scholarship Matching**
- **Complete the questionnaire**

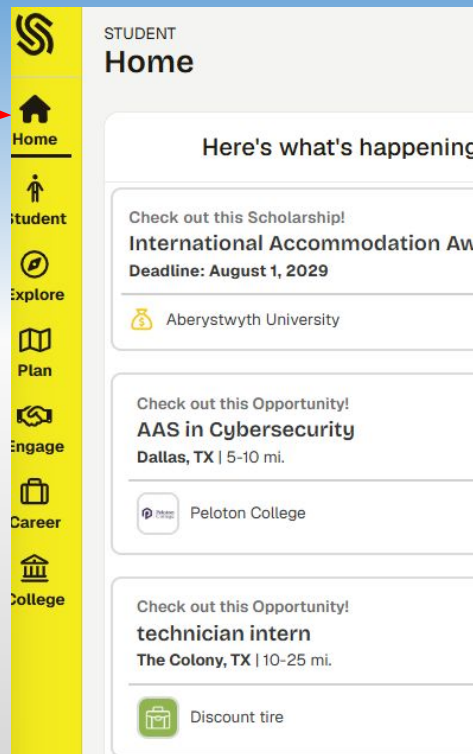


Scholarships

Hendrick scholarship



<https://hendrickscholarship.org/>



All scholarships are posted on Schoollinks. Open your home page and scroll through the list of available Scholarships.



Scan the QR code for an updated list of the 2026-2027 Scholarship Opportunities.

or

Visit Plano West Scholarship Directory at

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1q9ktWmjwHCpMelik7h7Ph9VXsTFHgbMMDMUCZFR2s4o/edit?usp=sharing>



<https://tinyurl.com/4jx3uz7h>

Scholarship Bootcamp

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FEATURING

GABRIELLE MCCORMICK

LEARN FROM THE EXPERT!

Gabrielle McCormick, owner of Scholarship Informer, has been featured on NBC, CBS, ABC and Fox media. She has earned \$200,000 in scholarships to earn her bachelor through doctorate degrees. **NO STUDENT DEBT!** She can teach you how to find scholarships too.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

- Develop a strategy to win scholarship
- Find your best fit scholarships
- Quickly create a competitive scholarship application essay
- Scholarship planning for the school year



BOOTCAMP DETAILS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

PLANO ISD BONSOR THOMAS WELCOME & ENROLLMENT CENTER
6210 Mapleshade Lane, Dallas, TX 75252

9:00 – 11:00 AM

CLICK TO REGISTER
OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE

www.planocf.com

info@planocf.com

Military Readiness

Let's get ready!

- 1. Contact your counselor for help to connect you with a recruiter.**
- 2. You will need to register for the ASVAB.**



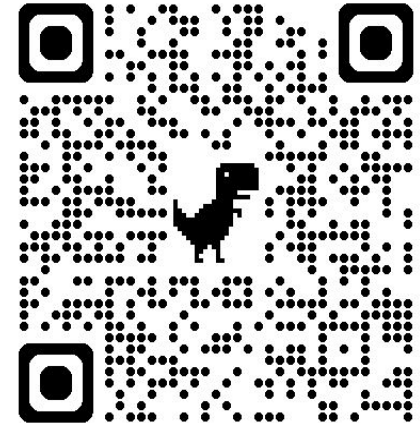
Sign up for the ASVAB exam!

Offered on Thursday, **October 29, at 9:05 AM**

BENEFITS of taking the ASVAB Career Exploration Exam:

- Learn more about your strengths and interests.
- Learn about future careers.
- Take the exam if you want to enter the military.
- It's a free exam!

**Registration deadline:
Friday, October 23**



Sign up now!

<https://bit.ly/4fTpVXt>

A hand is holding a white speech bubble against a solid blue background. The speech bubble has a pointed tail at the bottom left. Inside the bubble, the words "Mark Your Calendar" are written in a blue, serif font. The text is arranged in three lines: "Mark" on the top line, "Your" on the middle line, and "Calendar" on the bottom line. The letters have a slight 3D effect with a darker blue shadow.

Mark
Your
Calendar

FAFSA

Free Application For Federal Student Aid

- **GRADUATION REQUIREMENT**
- **By completing the application, you can qualify to receive a grant, student loan or scholarships**
- **FAFSA – studentaid.gov**
- **Available to complete: Oct. 1, 2026**
- **Plano West FAFSA/TASFA Parent & Student Presentation: Thursday, Oct. 8, 2026**

APPLY TEXAS Application

October 12-18, 2026

- You can apply to some Texas colleges and universities for **FREE** during the state's Free College Application Week, which occurs the second full week of October each year.
- During this event, Texas residents can submit undergraduate applications to participating public and private institutions through [ApplyTexas](#) without paying an application fee.

Upcoming Senior Webinar

Senior Webinar - Thursday, Sept. 3 @ 6:30pm- 8

“A Senior’s Roadmap to the Year Ahead”

Overwhelmed by the seemingly countless essays and applications?
Unsure how to stand out and unclear on the timelines for financial aid, scholarships, and interviews? Ensure that you are on track for one of the most important years of your life.



Plano ISD College Night
Sept. 9, 2026 @5:30pm - 7:30pm
Plano Events Center



Over 200 Colleges and Universities
Programs: FAFSA/TASFA Informational and
Scholarship Informational

PWSH Open House

When: September 2, 2026

Time: 6:00- 8:00

Senior Parent Presentation @
5:15 in Auditorium

Spanish Speaking
Presentation: Located in
Library



Counselors' Webpage

Plano West Senior High School
<https://pwsh.pisd.edu>



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- News and Events

A red arrow points to the 'Counseling' link in this list.

**Graduation
is the
Goal
CLASS OF 2027**



Wolf Pack

End of Lesson

What have you learned today?



Directions: Please answer each statement as (T) True or (F) False.

<https://tinyurl.com/3p29xhr2>