



Wharton High School
SENIOR PRESENTATION

Destination Good -2- Great..All In!

DESTINATION GRADUATION AND BEYOND

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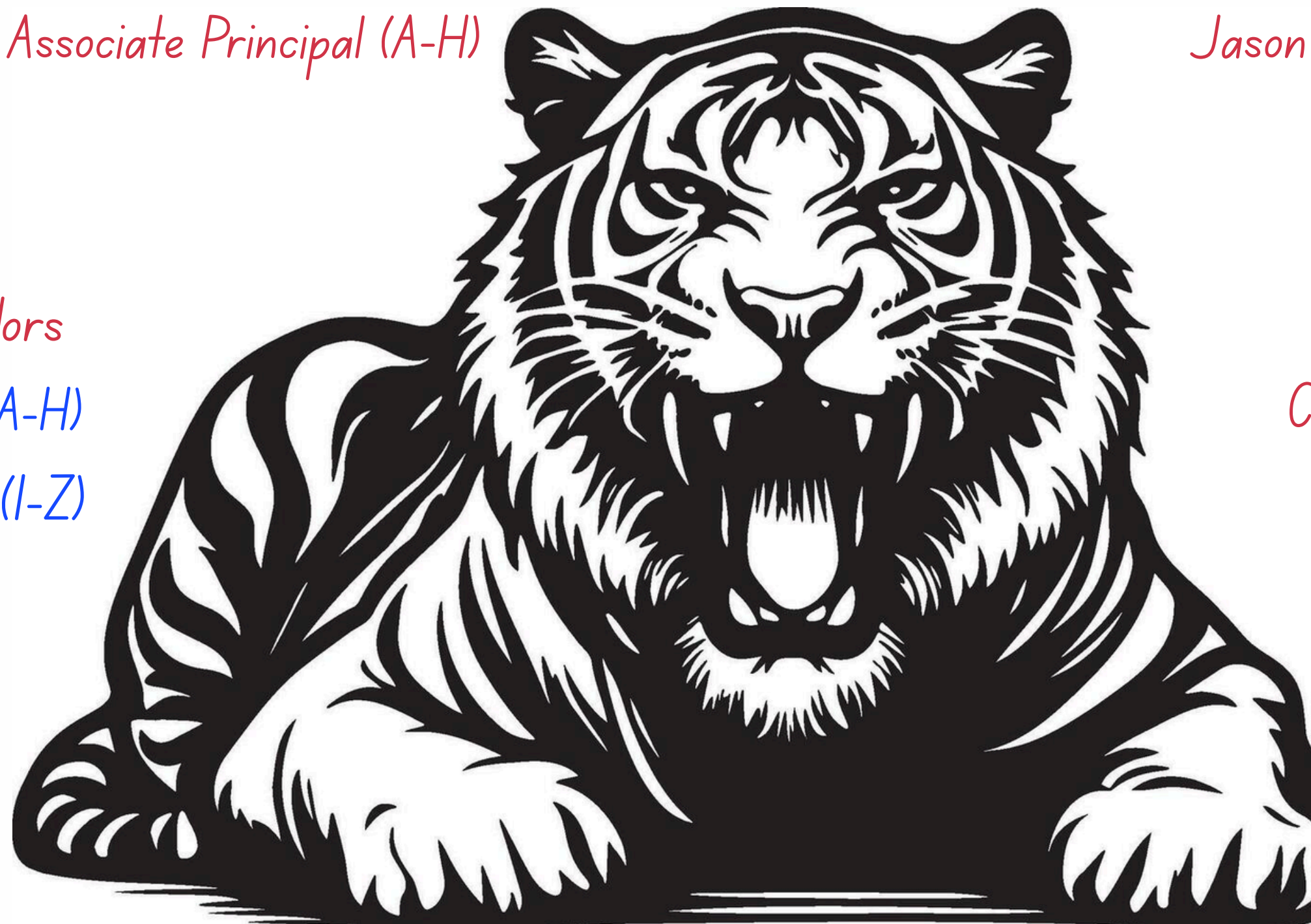
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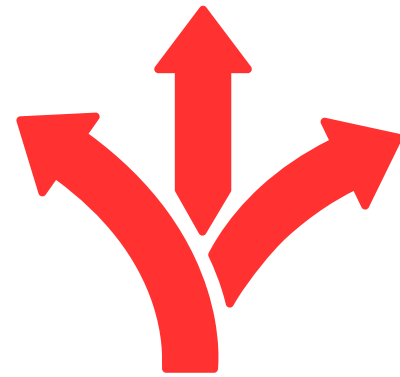
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Topics for Today

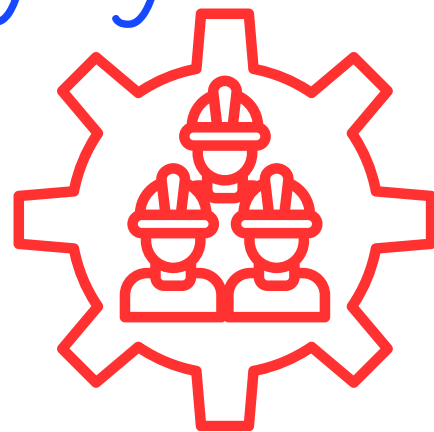
Post-Secondary Plans

Things to consider when making decisions



Trade Programs

Steps to applying to a trade program



College-Bound Students

Steps to applying for college



Military

Steps to joining the military





Students must meet the following requirements:

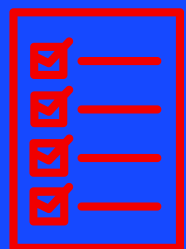
Graduation Requirements Complete the
required **26 credits** for the **Distinguished
Achievement Diploma (*Including Algebra 2
and an Endorsement)**

Pass all sections of EOC Assessments (**English
I, English II, Algebra I, Biology, US History**)

Distinguished Achievement Plan

ENGLISH (4credits)	MATH (4 credits)	SCIENCE (4 credits)	SOCIAL STUDIES (3 credits)
- English 1 - English 2 - English 3 - English 4	- Algebra 1 - Geometry - Algebra 2 4th Adv. Math	- Biology - Chemistry 2 Adv. Sciences	- W Geo or W History - US History - Govt/Eco
LOTE (2 credits)	Physical Education (1 credit)	Fine Arts (1 credit)	Electives (7 credits)
26 credits for Distinguished Achievement Plan			

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS



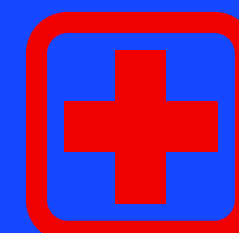
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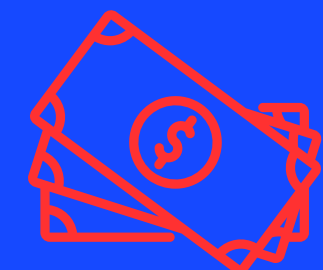
Speech



Peace Officer Training



CPR



FAFSA

POST-SECONDARY PLANNING

What can you work on right now?

Interest Inventories



Campus/Career Visits



Log In

Roadtrip Nation



roadtripnation.com



COLLEGE BOUND STUDENTS

COLLEGE VISITS

- Students receive **TWO** college visit days their junior and senior years.
- Students must schedule their visits with the College Visitor Center on the campus they are visiting.
- See Mrs. Quinn in the College and Career Center BEFORE you take your visit.
- Return completed form to Ms. Hudson

COLLEGE PREVIEW DAYS

	BaylorUniversity BaylorPremiere	October 25	Baylor Premiere
	BlinnCollege Bryan Brenham	February 27 April10	Preview Day
	LamarUniversity Cardinal View	October 25	Cardinal View
	PrairieView University		Tours & Events
	SamHoustonState University Saturdays @Sam	October 11	Saturday @Sam
	Stephen F.AustinUniversity ShowcaseSaturday	November 1	Showcase Saturday
	Texas A&MUniversity		Explore Aggieland
	Texas A&M--CorpusChristi IslandDay	October 18 November 8	Island Day
	Texas A&MUniversity-- Victoria Jaguar Day	December 6 March 7 April 18	Jaguar Day
	Texas A&M -- Kingsville Javelina Preview Days	October 11 November 8	Javelina Preview Day
	Texas SouthernUniversity		TSU Tours
	Texas StateUniversity BobcatDay	October 25 November22 February 21 April25	Bobcat Days
	TexasTechUniversity		Visit Texas Tech
	UniversityofHouston CougarPreview	October 11 November 8	Cougar Preview
	UniversityofTexas		Visit Texas
	UniversityofTexas at SanAntonio RoadrunnerPreview	October 25	Roadrunner Preview

Juniors and seniors have **(2)** days each year to use for college campus visits. There is a request form that you must obtain prior to your visit and return it to the attendance clerk upon returning to school.

POINTS TO CONSIDER WHEN CHOOSING A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY



Size



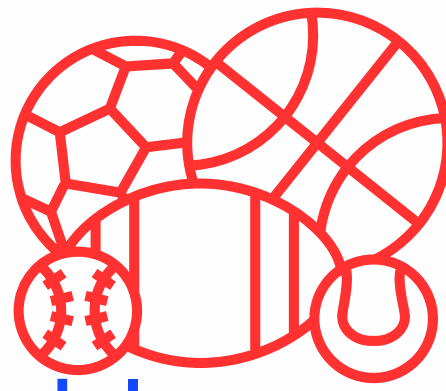
Cost of Attendance



Location



Admission
Requirements



Athletics &
Extracurriculars



Religious
Affiliation



APPLICATION PLATFORMS

[ApplyTexas](#)

Free application week is October 12th–18th

[Common App](#)

Applications are not complete until your transcripts, test scores, and all required documents are submitted.

Congratulations!

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

- Brag Sheets
- Choose recommenders that know you well.
- Don't send more than the requested amount.
- Give recommenders a two-week minimum to write a letter.
- Consider a recommender outside of school.

FINANCIAL AID

- State graduation requirement
- Opt-Out Forms available tonight
- FREE Application for Federal Student Aid
- Complete the application if you do not think you will qualify
- Requirement for some merit-based aid Use 2025 Tax Return
- Males that are 18 years old must register for the Selective Service to be eligible Grants, loans, work-study
- Opens October 1, 2026



SCHOLARSHIPS

**Local scholarships available in
College Financial Aid Office
Class of 2027 Google Classroom**

Other resources:

Going Merry.

Fast Web

Bold

TEXAS SUCCESS INITIATIVE (TSI 2.0)

The TSI is a statute that requires all Texas public institutions of higher education to determine the readiness of all non-exempt, entering undergraduate students to enroll in freshman-level academic courses (see TEC, 51.336).

TEXAS SUCCESS INITIATIVE (TSI 2.0)

- **TSIA2 → Assessment instrument used to determine college readiness in math, reading, and writing**
- **Must be considered “College Ready” in order to take college credit bearing courses**
- **TSIA2 is not an entrance/admissions exam**
- **Required by Texas public colleges and universities (2 and 4 year schools; must check requirements for out-of-state schools)**

SAT / ACT

- **Official test scores must come from the test company**

SAT

ACT

- **If you are planning to retest, do so SOON!**
- **Fee waivers are located in College & Career Center**



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SAT & ACT Exams

2026-2027

Register for the SAT exam at collegeboard.org

Test Date	Registration Date Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
September 12, 2026	August 28, 2026	September 1, 2026
October 3, 2026	September 18, 2026	September 22, 2026
November 7, 2026	October 23, 2026	October 27, 2026
December 5, 2026	November 20, 2026	November 24, 2026
March 6, 2027	February 19, 2027	February 23, 2027
May 1, 2027	April 16, 2027	April 20, 2027
June 5, 2027	May 21, 2027	May 25, 2027

Register for the ACT exam at act.org

Test Date	Registration Date Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
September 19, 2026	August 14, 2026	September 1, 2026
October 17, 2026	September 11, 2026	September 29, 2026
December 12, 2026	November 6, 2026	November 29, 2026
February 27, 2027	January 22, 2027	February 9, 2027
April 10, 2027	March 5, 2027	March 23, 2027
June 12, 2027	May 7, 2027	May 25, 2027
July 10, 2027	June 4, 2027	June 22, 2027

Online Test Prep
Khanacademy.org (SAT)
Kaplanquizzes.com (SAT or ACT)
Quantumactprep.com (ACT tests)
4tests.com (for practice tests)

SCHOOLINFO

School CEEB code: **447492**

Address: **#1TigerAvenue**

Wharton, Texas 77488

AUTOMATIC ADMISSIONS

- Students in Top 10% are eligible for automatic admission to any Texas public college or university.
Exception: UT Austin → Top 5%
- Must graduate with Distinguished Level of Achievement to be eligible for automatic admission.

PROSPECTIVE COLLEGE ATHLETES

- Must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center before the recruitment process can begin.
- Have official transcript sent.
- Have test scores sent.

RESUMES

- Great way of collecting and organizing academic, extracurricular, and job-related experiences.
- Designed to keep your information organized and in one place.
- This information is used for applications for colleges, scholarships, and employment.

MILITARY

- Enlistment– Direct military commitment out of high school.
- ROTC Scholarship– Participate in a ROTC program at a college campus and enlist upon completion of university degree.
- Academy Appointments– Must be nominated by state representative.
- Reservist– smaller commitment, same benefits Military Options
- Take ASVAB – Offered on campus or anytime at a recruiting office
- Meet with a recruiter

TRADE / TECHNICAL SCHOOL

- Offer intensive training in a particular areas
Ex. Automotive Tech, Welding, Cosmetology
- The length of time needed to complete these programs can vary from several months to two years



RESOURCES

[My Texas Future](#)

[CCMR with Ms. Thrash](#)



COLLEGE WEAR

WEDNESDAY



Volunteer Opportunity

Wharton Wine Fair

Gundermann Acres