



# Austin Independent School District

Committed to Preparing All Students to Graduate College, Career and Life Ready!

## SENIOR CHECKLIST for College Readiness

CLASS of 2019

- College Entrance exams.** Take college entrance exams in spring of junior year and early senior year.

Test Dates	Registration Deadlines	Test Type
September 8, 2018	August 12, 2018	ACT
October 6, 2018	September 7, 2018	SAT & Subject Tests
October 27, 2018	September 28, 2018	ACT
November 3, 2018	October 5, 2018	SAT & Subject Tests
December 1, 2018	November 2, 2018	SAT & Subject Tests
December 8, 2018	November 2, 2018	ACT
February 9, 2019	January 11, 2019	ACT
March 9, 2019	February 8, 2019	SAT

SAT [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) \*Test Fee: SAT Reasoning Test (with Writing) - \$64.50  
 ACT [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) \*Test Fee: ACT assessment plus Writing - \$67

### \*Need help paying for the SAT and/or ACT?

See the College Advisor/College Center at your school, you may qualify for a FEE WAIVER.

- Ensure you are enrolled in the most **rigorous courses** possible. Investigate about **dual credit and advanced course options** with your counselor.
- SAT and ACT Prep is important.** See your counselor or visit the College & Career Center for SAT Prep classes in the area. Practice SAT and ACT questions on-line at [www.number2.com](http://www.number2.com). Other free websites that offer SAT/ACT Prep online are [www.sat.collegeboard.org](http://www.sat.collegeboard.org), ACT [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org), or <https://www.khanacademy.org/test-prep/sats>. Sign up for the SAT question of the day at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org).
- Get to know your counselor and college advisor well as they will be a great resource during the college application process. Make an appointment to go over your transcript and your college plans. **Visit the College & Career Center often** to connect with college representatives and get help in the college process.
- Research colleges and universities.** Try to visit colleges and have a solid list of your top four choices by the start of your senior year. Good websites for college searches are: [www.collegeforalltexas.com](http://www.collegeforalltexas.com), <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org>, [www.student.naviance.com](http://www.student.naviance.com)
- Apply to colleges early before the deadlines:** for most colleges in Texas apply through [applytexas.org](http://applytexas.org), private and/or out of state colleges through [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)  
 Some Application Deadlines: Oct 15, 2018 – Early deadline for many competitive schools  
 Oct 15, Nov 15, or Dec 1 – Priority deadlines for many TX colleges/universities  
*(Visit each college website, as it is all dependent on what program you are seeking, etc.)*
- Continue working on Community Service Projects throughout your senior year to boost your resume.** Get involved in school and join a club or activity. Polish up and update your resume.
- Get close to your teachers. You will need them for **Letters of Recommendation**. Ask them ahead of time for a recommendation. Provide them with a resume and even a Brag Sheet to write your letter.
- Visit possible colleges** and ask lots of questions. **Seniors may use two school days for college visits provided they submit a College Visit form and verification** of attendance (ask your college advisor about the process). Also attend FALL College Fairs (eg., TACRAO in Sept 26<sup>th</sup>)
- Show Me The Money!!** Yes, there is money to pay for college, but you must **apply for scholarships** by completing applications, essays and submitting all requested paperwork by the DEADLINES. You also need to complete the **FAFSA** (FAFSA for 2019-2020 goes live **Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>**)  
**\*New Change ~earlier state aid priority deadline: Jan 15<sup>th</sup>!** Make sure to submit your FAFSA by Winter break to access the highest amount of financial aid.  
 Many Scholarship opportunities are posted in Naviance ([www.student.naviance.com](http://www.student.naviance.com))

