

Parent/Guardian

COLLEGE & CAREER

Info Night

A Guide to the Next Step

Junior

Hello! 

**We are HSI-Sugar Land College
& Counseling Guidance Team**

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The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

HSI-Sugar Land College & Career Counseling Department

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College Planning 11th Grade

TABLE 7. PERCENTAGE OF COLLEGES ATTRIBUTING DIFFERENT LEVELS OF IMPORTANCE TO FACTORS IN ADMISSION DECISIONS: FIRST-TIME FRESHMEN, FALL 2017

Factor	N	Considerable Importance	Moderate Importance	Limited Importance	No Importance
Grades in All Courses	173	80.9	10.4	5.8	2.9
Grades in College Prep Courses	171	70.8	17.5	8.8	2.9
Admission Test Scores (SAT, ACT)	172	52.3	30.8	14.5	2.3
Strength of Curriculum	170	51.2	29.4	12.9	6.5
Essay or Writing Sample	168	16.7	36.9	20.8	25.6
Counselor Recommendation	167	10.8	46.1	28.7	14.4
Student's Demonstrated Interest	168	15.5	21.4	34.5	28.6
Teacher Recommendation	168	7.1	46.4	29.2	17.3
Class Rank	172	9.3	27.9	36.0	26.7
Extracurricular Activities	169	3.6	34.9	40.8	20.7
Subject Test Scores (AP, IB)	166	4.2	28.9	28.3	38.6
Portfolio	167	5.4	7.2	27.5	59.9
Interview	168	3.6	14.3	29.2	53.0
Work	169	1.8	17.8	41.4	39.1
SAT II Scores	166	6.6	3.0	19.9	70.5
State Graduation Exam Scores	168	1.8	8.3	17.9	72.0

SOURCE: NACAC Admission Trends Survey, 2017–18.

College Planning: Fall

□ Start with you:

Make lists of your abilities, social/cultural preferences, and personal qualities. List things you may want to study and do in college.

□ Learn about colleges.

Look at their websites and find colleges at bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search. Talk to friends, family members, teachers, and recent grads of your school now in college. List the college features that interest you.

□ Resource check:

Visit the counseling office and meet the counselors there. Is there a college night for students and families? When will college representatives visit your school? (Put the dates in your calendar.) Examine catalogs and guides

Organizing your college options



- ❑ **Safety** – 90%+ chance of admission
- ❑ **Near Safety** – 70-90% chance of admission
- ❑ **Match** – 40-70% chance of admission
- ❑ **Reach** – 15-40% chance of admission
- ❑ **Huge Reach** – Less than 15% chance of admission

DEFINITIONS OF ADMISSION OPTIONS IN HIGHER EDUCATION



STUDENTS: WHICH COLLEGE ADMISSION PROCESS BEST SUITS YOU?

Non-Restrictive Application Plans

Regular Decision

DEFINITION:

Students submit an application by a specified date and receive a decision in a clearly stated period of time.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Rolling Admission

DEFINITION:

Institutions review applications as they are submitted and render admission decisions throughout the admission cycle.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Early Action (EA)

DEFINITION:

Students apply early and receive a decision well in advance of the institution's regular response date.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Restrictive Application Plans

Early Decision (ED)

DEFINITION:

Students make a commitment to a first-choice institution where, if admitted they definitely will enroll. The application deadline and decision deadline occur early.

COMMITMENT:

BINDING

Restrictive Early Action (REA)

DEFINITION:

Students apply to an institution of preference and receive a decision early. They may be restricted from applying ED or EA or REA to other institutions. If offered enrollment, they have until May 1 to confirm.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Students are not restricted from applying to other institutions and have until May 1 to consider their options and confirm enrollment.

Students are responsible for determining and following restrictions.

College Planning: Fall

- ❑ **At school, speak to your counselor about taking the PSAT/NMSQT®**, which is given in October. If you plan to ask for testing accommodations (because of a disability), be sure the College Board has approved your eligibility.
- ❑ **Make a file to manage your college search, testing, and application data.**
If appropriate (for example, if you're interested in drama, music, art, sports, etc.), start to gather material for a portfolio.
- ❑ **Estimate your financial aid need.**
Financial aid can help you afford college. Use the College Board's Getting Financial Aid and the financial aid calculator at bigfuture.org to estimate how much aid you might receive

College Planning: Winter

- ❑ **Sign up to take the SAT® in the spring.**

You can register online or through your school. SAT fee waivers are available to eligible students. To prepare for the SAT, you can access free, personalized SAT practice tools at satpractice.org, including thousands of interactive questions, video lessons, practice tests, and more.

- ❑ **Begin a search for financial aid sources.**

National sources include the College Board's Scholarship Search and electronic sources. Don't overlook local and state aid sources. (Ask a counselor for help or check your public library.)

- ❑ **With your family, make an appointment with your counselor**

To discuss ways to improve your college preparation and selection processes.

ACT & SAT Test Dates (2019-2020)

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ACT

ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Scores Available
September 14, 2019	Aug. 16	Sept. 24
October 26, 2019	Sept. 20	Nov. 12
December 14, 2019	Nov. 8	Dec. 26
February 8, 2020	Jan. 10	Feb. 25
April 4, 2020	Feb. 28	Apr. 14
June 13, 2020	May 8	June 23
July 18, 2020	June 19	July 28

Register to take the ACT @ act.org

SAT

SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Scores Available
August 24, 2019	July 26	Sept. 6
October 5, 2019	Sept. 6	Oct. 18
November 2, 2019	Oct. 3	Nov. 15
December 7, 2019	Nov. 8	Dec. 20
March 14, 2020	Feb. 14	Mar. 27
May 2, 2020	Apr. 3	May 15
June 6, 2020	May 8	July 15

Register to take the SAT @ sat.org

College Planning: Winter

- ❑ **Ask a counselor or teacher about taking the SAT Subject Tests™ in the spring.**

You should take them while course material is still fresh in your mind. You can download The SAT Subject Tests Student Guide, which offers testprep advice, from SATSubjectTests.org.

- ❑ **Explore AP® .**

The Advanced Placement® Program helps hundreds of thousands of high school students achieve their college dreams each year. Get the facts at apstudent.collegeboard.org/exploreap. If you're in AP classes, register for the AP Exams given in May.

- ❑ **Opt in to the College Board Opportunity Scholarships at cb.org/opportunity.**

You can earn scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$2,000 by completing individual college planning steps. Complete all six steps and you'll be eligible for the \$40,000 scholarship

College Planning: SPRING

- ❑ **Contact your counselor**

Before leaving school for the summer if you are considering military academies or ROTC scholarships. If you want a four-year ROTC scholarship, you should begin the application process the summer before your senior year. "

- ❑ **Develop a list of 15 or 20 colleges that are of interest to you.**

You can find many colleges at which you'll be happy and get a great education. The college search is about exploring who you are and what you want and then finding colleges that will meet your goals.

- ❑ **Stay open to all the possibilities—don't limit your search.**

To find the best college for you, you should apply to colleges of varying selectivity. Selective colleges admit a portion of students who apply. Some colleges are highly selective while others are less selective. Make sure to apply to public, private, in-state, and out-of-state schools so that you have plenty of options from which to choose.

College Planning: SPRING

- **Take the SAT.**

The test is typically offered in March, May, and June. Make sure you start preparing for the test several months in advance using the tools available at satpractice.org. And remember, if you're not happy with your scores when you get them, you might want to test again in the fall. Many students take the test a second time as seniors, and they usually do better.

- **Start to gather documents for financial aid:**

Be sure to keep a copy of your tax returns handy. You'll use these to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which opens on Oct. 1.

College Planning: SUMMER

- ❑ **Register with the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Eligibility Center**

If you are an athlete planning to continue playing a sport in college (ncaaclearinghouse.net).

- ❑ **Get your FSA ID:**

Before you can fill out your FAFSA, you need to get a username and password (also known as an FSA ID).

- ❑ **Find a full-time or part-time job, or**

Participate in a summer camp or summer college program.

- ❑ **Visit colleges**

When planning your campus visits, make sure to allow time to explore each college. While you're there, talk to as many people as possible. Take campus tours and, at colleges you're serious about, make appointments to have interviews with admission counselors.

College Planning: SUMMER

❑ Create a résumé

A record of your academic accomplishments, extracurricular activities, and work experiences since you started high school.

❑ Download applications.

Go to the website of each college's admission office and either complete the application online or request a paper application from colleges to which you'll apply.

❑ Visit some local colleges

Large, small, public, and private. A visit to a college campus can help you decide if that college is right for you. Make a plan ahead of time to get the most from your visit. Check out the campus checklist at bigfuture.org. Attend college fairs, too.

❑ Scan local newspapers

To see which civic, cultural, and service organizations in your area award financial aid to graduating seniors. Start a file.

Parent Action Plan

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Junior year usually marks a turning point.

This is because for most students and families, it's when college planning activities kick into high gear. Here are some things you can do this year to support your child and give him or her the best options.

Parent Action Plan: Fall

- ❑ **Make sure your child meets with the school counselor.**

This meeting is especially important this year as your 11th-grader starts to engage in the college application process. Learn more about the [counselor's role in applying to college](#).

- ❑ **Help your child stay organized.**

Work with your 11th-grader to make weekly or monthly to-do lists to keep on top of the tasks required to get ready for applying to colleges. For more time-management tips, see [8 Ways to Take Control of Your Time](#).

Parent Action Plan: Fall

- ❑ **Help your junior get ready for the PSAT/NMSQT in October.**

This is a preliminary test that helps students practice for the SAT and assess their academic skills. Juniors who score well on the test are also eligible for scholarship opportunities. Find out more about the [PSAT/NMSQT](#).

- ❑ **Encourage your child to set goals for the school year.**

Working toward specific goals helps your high school student stay motivated and focused.

Parent Action Plan: Winter

- ❑ **Review PSAT/NMSQT results together**

By logging in to the [student score reporting portal](#). Your child's score report shows what they should work on to get ready for college; lists Advanced Placement courses that might be a good match for them; and connects them to [free, personalized SAT practice on Khan Academy](#) based on their results.

- ❑ **Help your child prepare for the SAT.**

Many juniors take the SAT in the spring so they can get a head start on planning for college. See [which other tests](#) your high school junior may need to take.

Parent Action Plan: Winter

- ❑ **Discuss taking challenging courses next year.**
Taking honors courses or college-level courses like Advanced Placement as a senior can help your child prepare for college work — and these are also the courses that college admission officers like to see. Learn more about [advanced classes](#).
- ❑ **Encourage your junior to consider taking SAT Subject Tests.**
Many colleges require or recommend taking these tests to get a sense of your child's skills in a certain academic area. In general, it's best to take a Subject Test right after taking the relevant course. Learn more about [SAT Subject Tests](#).
- ❑ **Encourage your child to take AP Exams.**
If your 11th-grader takes AP or other advanced classes, have him or her talk with teachers now about taking these tests in May. Read more about the [AP Program](#).

What Indicates College Readiness?

Table 1: College Readiness Scores

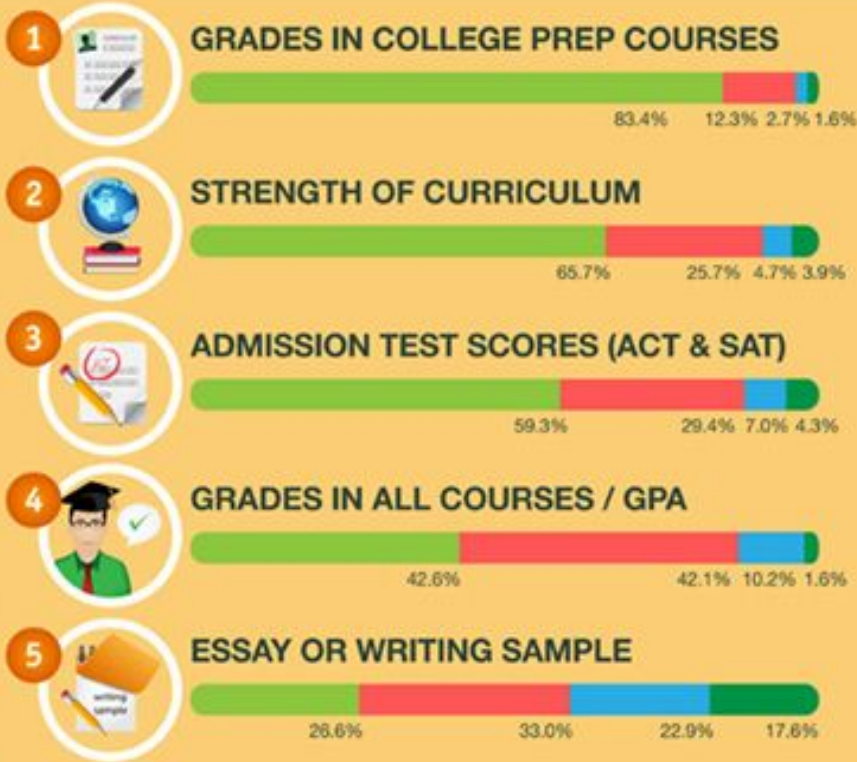
Test	Combined Score	Math	Reading	Writing
TSI	N/A	350-390	351-390	5 on essay or 4 on essay with 363-390 reading
SAT	1070 (Math & Reading)	Min. 500	Min. 500	N/A
New SAT*	N/A	Min. 530	Min. 480	N/A
ACT	23	Min. 19	Min. 19	N/A

*TSI Exemption scores

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS:

What Really Matters?

Here are the top 5 factors admissions officers look at on college applications:



Source: 2011 State of College Admission

College Admissions: What really matters?

College Entrance Exams

SAT

- ❑ Used by colleges for admissions and merit based scholarships
- ❑ Reading, Writing, and Mathematics component with an optional essay
- ❑ 3 hours and 50 minutes with the essay
- ❑ There is no science section
- ❑ The mathematics section covers
 - ❑ Arithmetic
 - ❑ Algebra I & II
 - ❑ Geometry, Trigonometry and Data Analysis
- ❑ On a scale of 400 - 1600

ACT

- ❑ Used by colleges for admission and merit based scholarships
- ❑ English, Reading, Math, Science Reasoning components with an option essay
- ❑ 3 hours and 40 minutes with the essay
- ❑ The science section test your critical thinking skills (not the specific science knowledge)
- ❑ The mathematics section covers
 - ❑ Arithmetic
 - ❑ Algebra I & II
 - ❑ Geometry & Trigonometry
- ❑ On a scale of 1-36

Choosing between the SAT and ACT

- ❑ Students should take a practice exam for both test to see which one is right for them
- ❑ Colleges accept both the ACT and SAT
- ❑ Some students may find the ACT a little less difficult than the SAT (usually it's because of the amount of vocabulary on the SAT)
- ❑ Students can still receive merit based scholarships through either test
- ❑ Students can opt to take both exams
- ❑ Colleges will not deny a student because they decided not to take the SAT

SAT Subject Test

- If you are applying to a selective college you'll probably need to submit scores from at least two SAT subject test.
- When making your college list be sure to check each school's admission requirements.
- Which test are available
 - English Literature,
 - History (U.S. or World),
 - Language (Chinese, French, Hebrew, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Latin, Spanish or German),
 - Math (Level 1 or Level 2),
 - Science (Biology-Ecological, Biology-Molecular, Chemistry or Physics)

FREE & REDUCED LUNCH Application



- Once approved in system, students can receive:
 - 2 *FREE SAT exams*
 - 2 *FREE SAT Subject test*
 - 2 *FREE ACT exams*
 - *Reduced fees on AP exams*
 - *NCAA Fee waiver*
 - *College application fee waivers*

Parent Action Plan: Spring

- ❑ **Search together for colleges that meet your child's needs.**
Once you have an idea of the qualities your child is looking for in a college, help him or her enter these criteria into [College Search](#) to create a list of colleges to consider applying to.
- ❑ **Help your child research scholarships.**
This form of financial aid provides money for college that doesn't need to be repaid. Learn more through College Board's [Scholarship Search](#).
- ❑ **Attend college fairs and financial aid events.**
These events allow you to meet with college representatives and get answers to questions. Your child can ask the school counselor how to find events in your area. Check out the [College Fair Checklist](#) for more information.

Parent Action Plan: Spring

- ❑ **Help your child make summer plans.**

Summer is a great time to explore interests and learn new skills — and colleges look for students who pursue meaningful summer activities. Help your high schooler look into [summer learning programs](#) or find a job or internship.

- ❑ **Visit colleges together.**

Make plans to check out the campuses of colleges your child is interested in. Use the [Campus Visit Checklist](#) to learn how to get the most out of these experiences.

Financial Aid - FAFSA&TASFA

- ❑ US Citizen
- ❑ Permanent US Resident
- ❑ Conditional Permanent US Resident with visa type I-551-C
- ❑ Eligible noncitizen with an arrival/departure record showing one of the following:refugee, asylum granted, parolee (min one year), or Cuban-Haitian entrant
- ❑ www.fafsa.edu.gov
- ❑ For all students who do not qualify for the FAFSA but who are Texas residents
- ❑ Different schools require additional documentation
- ❑ Make sure to check the school's website for more information
- ❑ Application must be mailed into the each institution separately.

TEXAS GRANT

Eligibility

Meet the basic initial year (IY) student eligibility requirements

Meet the state priority deadline of March 15; and

Meet the requirements in at least 2 of the following 4 areas:

AREA	REQUIREMENT(S)
Advanced Academic Program	12 hours of college credit (dual credit or AP courses), complete the Distinguished Achievement Program (DAP), or complete the International Baccalaureate Program (IB).
TSI Readiness	Meet the Texas Success Initiatives (TSI) assessment thresholds or qualify for an exemption.
Class Standing	Graduate in the top one-third of the HS graduating class or have a B average.
Advanced Math	Complete at least one math course beyond Algebra II as determined by the Texas Education Agency (TEA).

Scholarship Information

- ❑ [Fastweb.com](https://www.fastweb.com)
- ❑ [Collegescholarships.org](https://collegescholarships.org)
- ❑ Local stores (Target, Krogers, Walmart)
- ❑ Naviance: Scholarship Match



The College Board Opportunity Scholarships recognize students who take six key actions to prepare for college.

1. Build Your College List

Get started by exploring colleges you're interested in with BigFuture™.

\$500 (600 scholarships)

2. Practice for the SAT®

Get ready for test day with Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy®.

\$1,000 (1,500 scholarships)

3. Improve Your Score

Show how practice pays off by improving your SAT score.

\$2,000 (150 scholarships)

4. Strengthen Your College List

Make sure your college list has a mix of academic safety, fit, and reach schools.

\$500 (400 scholarships)

5. Complete the FAFSA

Fill out the free government form to apply for financial aid.

\$1,000 (800 scholarships)

6. Apply to Colleges

Apply to the schools you want to attend.

\$1,000 (500 scholarships)



Complete all six key actions to be eligible for the **Complete Your Journey Scholarship**
\$40,000
(25 scholarships)

How do we support students?



Course Selection Process & Timeline

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→ [HSI-Sugar Land College & Career Counseling Website](#)

→ Steps on the Course Selection

- ◆ **Step 1:** Students should talk to their teachers to find courses they would like to have or review the Course Offerings
- ◆ **Step 2:** [Schedule a meeting with the student's counselor.](#)
 - DEADLINE: January 27, 2020 - March 06, 2020
- ◆ **Step 3:** During the Meeting;
 - Select your courses and Do **NOT** forget to sign and copy of the following documents below for your records
 - Personal Graduation Plan (PGP for Newcomers & 8th Grade Students)
 - Dual Credit Documents if Applicable
 - Course Selection Form-Finalized

Course Selection Process & Timeline (Cont..)

→ **Step 4:** [Appeal Honors/AP/Dual Credit Courses if needed](#)

- ◆ If you need to appeal any Honors/AP/Dual Credit courses, please talk to your counselor and fill out the “[AP/Dual Credit/Honors Course \(s\) Appeal Form](#)” by **Friday, March 6, 2020 at 4:00 pm.**
- ◆ *No submissions will be accepted after the deadline.*

→ **Step 5:** Submit the “Schedule Request Change Form” by Monday, April 27, 2020 at 4:00 pm if the student needs to change their schedule.

Please note that anything submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

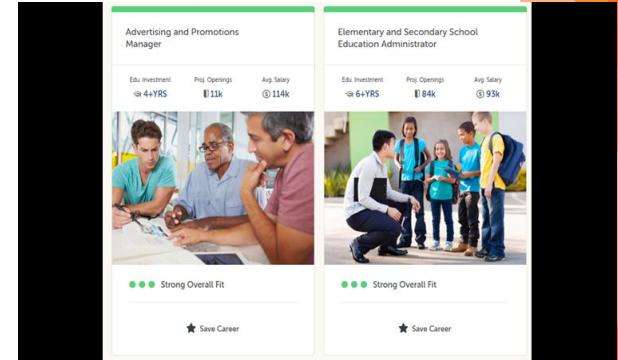
→ **Step 6:** Contact your assigned counselor if you ever need help.

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Career Planning: 11th Grade

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- ❑ Career Tests, YouScience
 - ❑ [Frequently asked Questions](#)
 - ❑ [Highschool Parents](#)
- ❑ Career Fairs
 - ❑ Planned twice a Semester
 - ❑ Bridgeyear - Career hands on test drive, on campus
- ❑ Career Talk Series
 - ❑ Working with Junior Achievement
- ❑ [Internship/Job Shadows](#)



Thanks!



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