

A stack of several books with colorful covers (red, green, blue, yellow, orange) fanned out, showing their spines and pages. The books are stacked on top of each other, with the top ones slightly offset to the left.

College Preparation Process

*What should you be doing
in your Junior year?*

Join Remind

- To receive messages via text
 - Text @b73da **to 81010**
- To receive messages via email
 - Send email to rmd.at/b73da
 - To unsubscribe, reply with 'unsubscribe' in the subject line

Fall



WHERE TO START...

- Start your list of potential colleges that interest you
- Attend college events
 - College Day/Night
 - *October 3rd 8:30-11:00 Austin County Expo Center
 - Special events held on campus
- Schedule official visit

REQUIREMENTS

- Familiarize yourself with college entrance requirements.
- Are you taking the right courses to meet your college goals?
- How are your grades in those courses?

HS Classes That Colleges Look For

- Courses you take now do matter
- Colleges want to see a solid foundation of learning that you can build on in college
- Recommended that you take five solid academic classes each semester
- Start with basics, then move on to challenging yourself in advanced courses
- Always check with each college to learn their specific requirements

High School Classes

- Foundation Plus Endorsement
- English – 4 credits
- Math - 4 credits Required Algebra and Geometry
- Science - 4 credits Required Biology and IPC or Chemistry
- Social Studies - 3 credits Required World Geography or World History, US History, Government/Economics
- Additional Courses
 - Foreign Language – at least two years of same language
 - Fine Art Required 1 credit
 - P.E Required 1 credit
 - Electives 5 credits
 - Endorsement Electives 2 credits

INTERESTS

- Explore your interests
- Knowing what you like to do is the first step in determining a major and turning that into a viable career
 - Take a look at your favorite hobbies
 - Determine what classes in high school you like – and which ones you do not like
 - Take part in a career assessment
 - Volunteer or help out at places that interest you

RESUME

- Add to your college file
 - Electronic or real
 - Collect test scores and application forms
- Stay involved
 - Continue your extracurricular activities
 - Take on leadership roles when possible
 - Consider skills you are developing and how these will help you in college
 - Start a brag sheet (that can develop into a resume)

CHARACTER

- Create or clean up your online image
 - Set up a professional email address that can be used with all of your college-related correspondence
 - Use your name in the new email
 - Get in the habit of checking this new email regularly

HELPFUL WEBSITES

- Virtual Tours
 - www.collegeweeklive.com
 - www.youvisit.com
- College Matchmaker
 - www.collegesearch.collegeboard.org
- College Information
 - www.texasmonthly.com/collegeguide
 - www.collegeforalltexans.com

HELPFUL WEBSITES

- General College Information and Preparation
 - www.gentx.org
 - www.knowhow2go.com
 - www1.thecb.state.tx.us/ontrack/
 - www.ownyourownfuture.com
 - www.collegetoolkit.com
 - www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org

HELPFUL WEBSITES

- Career Assessment
 - www.mynextmove.org
 - www.mymajors.com
 - www.careerpath.com
- Career Exploration
 - www.careeronestop.org
 - www.texascaresonline.com
 - www.texasshotjobs.org
 - Jobs in the healthcare industry

HELPFUL WEBSITES

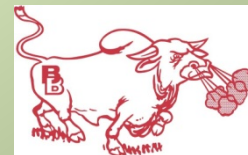
- Resumes
 - www.jobs.aol.com/hub/resumes
 - www.careeronestop.org/ResumeGuide.aspx



COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTING

- Sign up for college admissions testing in the **spring**
- Standardized, timed
- Determine readiness for college-level work
- Registration takes place online
 - Photo required
 - Included on admission ticket, testing roster, and score results
 - No changes allowed day of test
 - Must provide high school code

Bellville High School Code 440575



SAT



- www.sat.collegeboard.org
- Cost - \$45.00, SAT with Essay \$57.00
- Three subjects
 - Reading
 - 65 minutes, 52 questions
 - Writing and Language
 - 35 minutes, 44 questions
 - Math
 - No calculator 25 minutes, 20 questions
 - Calculator 55 minutes, 38 questions
 - Essay
 - 50 minutes **Optional**

SAT

- Scoring

- Total Score
 - Scaled score ranges from 400 to 1600 combining Reading and Writing score and the Math score.
- Two Section scores (200 to 800 scale)
 - Reading and Writing (not including essay)
 - Math
- Three Test Scores (10 to 40 scale)
 - Reading
 - Writing and Language (not including Essay)
 - Math
- Two cross-test scores (10 to 40 scale)
 - Analysis in Science
 - Analysis in History/Social Studies
- Seven Sub-scores (1 to 15 scale)
 - Expression of Ideas, Standard English Conventions, Heart of Algebra, Passport to Advanced Math, Problem Solving and Data Analysis, Words in Context, Command of Evidence
- Optional Essay Scores (2 to 8 scale)
 - Reading, Analysis and Writing

- Penalties - No penalties for guessing

SAT TESTING DATES

Test Date

- November 5, 2016
- December 3, 2016
- January 21, 2017
- March 11, 2017
- May 6, 2017
- June 3, 2017

Deadline

- October 7, 2016
- November 3, 2016
- December 21, 2016
- February 10, 2017
- April 7, 2017
- May 9, 2017

ACT



- www.actstudent.org
- Cost - \$42.50
 - With Writing \$58.50
- Four subjects
 - English
 - 45 minutes, 75 questions
 - Math
 - 60 minutes, 60 questions
 - Reading
 - 35 minutes, 40 questions
 - Science
 - 35 minutes, 40 questions
 - Writing (*OPTIONAL*)
 - 40 minutes

ACT

- Scoring
 - Each subject score ranges 1-36
 - Composite or Total score – Average of the four sections together
 - Optional Essay – scores from 1-12
- Penalties
 - No penalties for wrong answers
 - Since incorrect answers do not count against student, always attempt to make an educated guess
 - Always select an answer

ACT TESTING DATES

Test Date

- December 10, 2016
- February 11, 2017
- April 8, 2017
- June 10, 2017

Deadline

- November 4, 2016
- January 13, 2017
- March 3, 2017
- May 5, 2017

HELPFUL WEBSITES

- Test preparation
 - www.collegeboard.org
 - www.actstudent.org
 - www.march2success.com
 - www.majortests.com
 - www.sparknotes.com/testprep/newsat

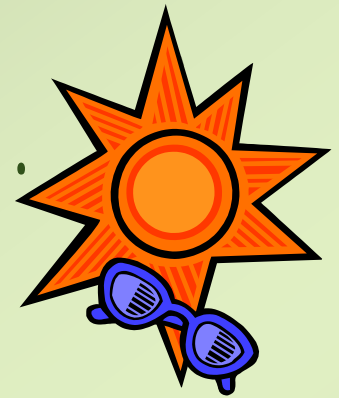
APPLICATIONS

- Preview applications
 - Research the college website to determine the appropriate application
 - Applications
 - Most colleges in Texas use ApplyTexas
 - www.applytexas.org
 - Common Application
 - www.commonapp.org
 - Take a look at essay topics
 - Begin draft copies and have them critiqued

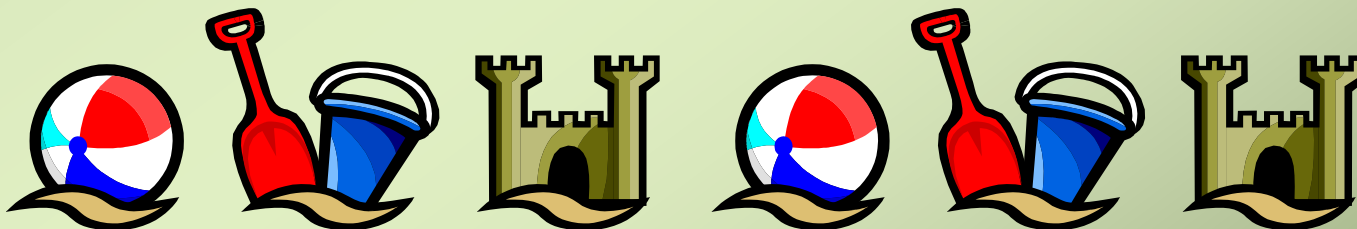




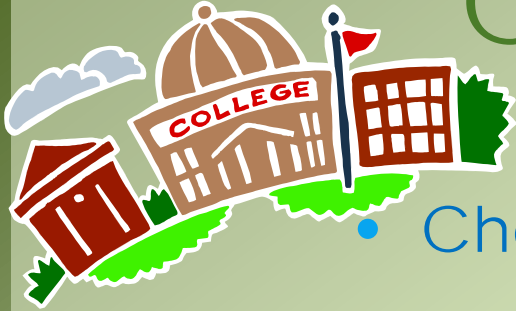
KEEP EXPLORING...



- Make the most of your summer
 - Sign up for enrichment programs offered on a college campus
 - Volunteer
 - Look for internships
 - Become involved in youth leadership events
 - Visit college campuses



CAMPUS EVENTS



- Check out the college website
- Look under the title of “Prospective Student”
- Or try “Scheduling a Visit” to look for special events that will be held on campus
- Usually on Saturdays
- Geared toward potential freshmen students

COLLEGE VISITS

- Walk on the campus
 - Checking out size, location, “feel”
- Make sure to visit
 - Admissions
 - Financial Aid
 - Housing
 - Departmental Office
 - Maybe even sit in on a class
- *Call ahead of time and schedule an admissions visit and tour.
 - Stay away from holidays & testing times

BELLVILLE HIGH SCHOOL COLLEGE VISIT POLICY

- Two absences allowed if proper procedure followed
 - Fall – prior to December 11th
 - Spring – prior to May 13th
- Form in attendance office – Mrs. Blezinger
- Must be signed and turned in prior to visit
 - Parent/Guardian
 - Student
 - Principal
- Student must present documentation upon return to high school
 - Letterhead of college
 - Signed by college official
 - Stamped with date of visit



COLLEGE APPLICATIONS REVIEWED FROM TWO PERSPECTIVES

- Quantitative

- Rank
- GPA/Grades
- SAT/ACT scores
- Strength of courses taken in high school

- Qualitative

- Organizational involvement
- Leadership roles
- Extracurricular activities
- Community service
- Awards, Honors
- Essays

PAYING FOR COLLEGE

- Study up on types of financial aid
 - Two types
 - Free – Not paid back
 - Scholarships, grants, waivers, exemptions
 - Self-help
 - Loans, work-study programs
 - Variety of sources
 - Federal
 - State
 - Institutional (college or university)
 - Private
- Talk with family about finances





FAFSA

- Download a sample FAFSA
 - Free Application for Federal Student Aid
 - www.fafsa.gov
 - You will use your 2016 tax return to apply
 - Become familiar with the questions asked that you will need to complete your senior year
 - As an incoming college freshman for 2018, the FAFSA that you will use will not be available until October 1, 2017

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Seek out scholarships
 - Local scholarships generally become available in December of the senior year
 - Check out BISD website
 - Fill out as many scholarship applications for which you are eligible
 - Always submit ahead of deadline

HELPFUL WEBSITES

- www.everychanceeverytexan.org
- www.aie.org
- www.studentaid.ed.gov
- www.finaid.org
- www.gentx.org/financialaid

HELPFUL WEBSITES

- www.bellvilleisd.org
 - Local scholarship opportunities
- www.finaid.org/scholarships
- www.fastweb.com
- www.cappex.com
- www.scholarships.com
- www.smartaboutmoney.org

