

Hebron High School



Juniors: Preparing for Your Future

Presented by the Hebron High School
Counseling Department

To Do List for Juniors

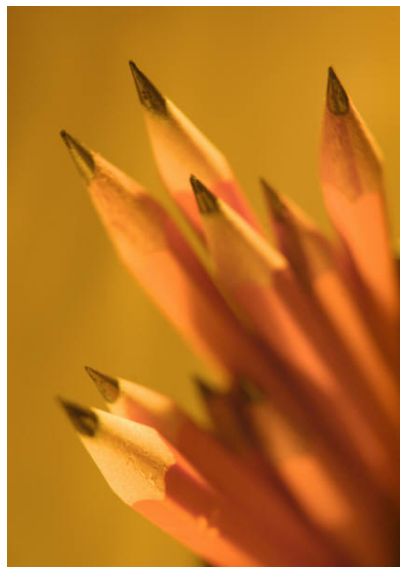
- ❖ Testing: PSAT, EOC, SAT, ACT, TSI
- ❖ Senior Coursework and Registration Information
- ❖ Begin the College Search
- ❖ College Applications
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PSAT Results

- Scores
 - Use College Board to [Understand your Scores](#)
 - View Online Score Report
 - Personalized SAT Study Practice through Khan Academy
 - See the new score structure
 - [View Sample Score Report](#)
- National Merit Scholarship
 - www.nationalmerit.org
 - Pgs. 27-28 in the Jr./Sr. Handbook

STAAR/EOC Testing

- Students must successfully pass ELA I, ELA II, Algebra I, Biology, and US History EOC exams.
- Students must pass all EOCs to graduate.
 - Spring US History Students will test the first week of May
 - Students will be contacted for any retake exams.



Senior Schedule

- Take the most challenging courses possible but be realistic
- **Dale Jackson/Career Center East** course offerings give students the opportunity to get experience in specific fields they may be interested in studying in college
- Dual Credit/Concurrent Enrollment through Collin College

Colleges will see the courses you chose for your senior year!

Senior Off Option

- Students that have acquired enough credits may take senior off.
- Students may elect to have either 1st or 4th period off all year of for 1 semester.
- Reliable transportation is a requirement. Students do not have to option of waiting in the Library/Cafeteria or anywhere else on campus during their off period
- A signed parent consent form is required

Early Graduation Option

- Accelerated Block allows students the opportunity to graduate at mid-year.
- Students must have at least 22 credits at the end of their junior year and be able to meet all course requirements for their graduation plan.
- Early graduates are not eligible to be valedictorian or salutatorian
- Students must check with the college they wish to attend to determine if early graduation will affect enrollment status.

College Admission Tests

SAT

- The SAT tests students' knowledge of subjects that are necessary for college success: reading, mathematics, and writing (optional on new SAT). The SAT also assesses the critical thinking skills students need for academic success in college—skills that students learned in high school.
- Each section of the SAT is scored on a scale of 200-800, with two writing sub-scores for multiple-choice questions and the essay.
- Register at: sat.collegeboard.org/register

College Admission Tests

ACT

- The ACT test assesses high school students' general educational development and their ability to complete college-level work.
- The multiple-choice tests cover four skill areas: English, mathematics, reading, and science.
- The Writing Test, which is optional, measures skill in planning and writing a short essay.
- Register at: actstudent.org

***We recommend taking either the SAT or the ACT by the end of the junior year.**

College Admissions Test Dates

SAT Test Dates: Register at sat.collegeboard.org

March 11, 2017

February 10- Registration Deadline

May 6, 2017

April 7- Registration Deadline

June 3, 2017

May 9- Registration Deadline

ACT Test Dates: Register at <http://www.actstudent.org/>

April 8, 2017

March 3 - Registration Deadline

June 10, 2017

May 5 - Registration Deadline

**Ask for results to be sent to Hebron so that counselors have your scores on file.*

Hebron High School CEEB code: 441-146

Tests for Possible College Credit

SAT Subject Tests

- The SAT Subject Tests measure a student's knowledge and skills in particular subject areas, and his or her ability to apply that knowledge.
- Many colleges use the SAT Subject Tests for admission, for course placement, and to advise students about course selection.
- Most students take SAT Subject Tests as soon as possible after the course is completed in that subject.

Advanced Placement Exams

- Examinations are given in May.
- Student may receive college credit or placement based on exam score.
- Each college sets its own standards for awarding credit or placement. [Check a college's AP Credit Policy](#)
- **AP Test Dates: May 1st -12th**

Dual Credit

www.collin.edu/dualcredit

- **Dual Credit**
 - Enrolled in High School and College
 - Earning High School and College credit at the same time for the same course
- **Concurrent**
 - Enrolled in High School and College
 - Earn only college credit

Start with your Counselor!

1. Admission

- Apply online
- Official Transcript
- Testing or exemptions

2. Registration

- Completed Concurrent Permission Form

FERPA- You will be a college student



Destination College

- *Free Workshops* presented by Collin College, require RSVP:
 - Building Your Depth: The Top 10 Things Colleges Want in an Applicant
 - The Parent Workshop
 - Pre-admission Partnerships: Transferring to Universities
 - How to Apply for Financial Aid
 - How to Write a Successful College Essay
 - Getting Started at Collin College
 - From High School to College: Your Successful Transition
 - Much more online!!!! [Destination College Link](#)

TSI-Texas Success Initiative

The TSI must be taken prior to enrollment in a Texas public college, university or technical school including students wanting to take dual credit classes.

This test helps colleges determine if you need to take remedial courses prior to your regular coursework.

Exemptions:

- ACT composite of **23** with a minimum of 19 on both the English and Math tests.
- SAT combined verbal and math score of **1070** with a minimum of 500 on both the verbal and math sections.

Beginning the College Search

- College Access at Hebron
 - Check the calendar for colleges visiting Hebron HS
 - Attend College Fair at Hebron during Spring Open House
 - February 6, 2017, 6:30-8:00 pm
 - Check the Hebron Counselor website
 - Check with your counselor
- Internet
 - www.sat.org/register
 - www.actstudent.org/start
 - www.careercruising.com
 - Visit specific college websites
- Schedule a college visit.
- Plan on attending the NORTEX College Fair at UNT in the fall of 2017.

College Visits

- Students are allowed 2 days for college visits during their junior year and 2 days their senior year. Unused days do not carry over.
- College visits are a great way to get a feel for the college atmosphere and colleges want you to come visit.
- Good times to go:
 - Spring Break
 - Summer Break
 - College Hosted Preview Days
- Attendance will need the following:
 - A letter from the college on their letterhead stating that your student was on campus for a visit on the date of the absence. It must be signed by a college official.

Local admissions offices

Several schools have offices or dedicated Admissions Counselors in the D/FW area

- University of Texas - 214-526-2386
- Texas A&M University - 817-375-0960
- Texas Tech University - 214-630-8324
- Oklahoma State University - 405-334-6994
- Louisiana State University - 214-354-4119
- Texas State University - 512-245-2364

College Admission Plans

- Non-Restrictive Application Plans
 - Regular Decision
 - Rolling Admission
 - Early Action
- Restrictive Application Plans
 - Early Decision
 - Restrictive Early Action
 - With a restrictive indication, you are committing to attend this school if you are accepted

No matter the plan, you must meet the deadlines!

Application Process

Apply Texas

(The Texas Common Application)

www.applytexas.org

This application is used to apply for admission to any Texas public college, as well as to participating community and private colleges. It also includes an application for **scholarships** from participating schools.

(You must apply even if you are in the top 10%!)

The Common Application*

www.commonapp.org

This application is accepted by over 500 institutions in the United States: public and private, large and small, highly selective and modestly selective.

***Requires teacher and counselor recommendations**

- Applications will be available as early as July 1, 2017
- Check specific college websites for additional instructions.

Senate Bill 588 - Top 10% Rule

Students who are in the top 10% of their graduating class are eligible for automatic admission to any public university in Texas.

To be eligible, students must:

- Graduate from a public or private high school in Texas
- Graduate on the Recommended or Distinguished plan
- Enroll in college no more than two years after graduating from high school
- Submit an application to a Texas public university for admission before the institution's application deadline

**Students are required to provide SAT or ACT scores.*

**Students must also take the TSI test unless exempt.*

Senate Bill 175

- Senate Bill 175, passed by the 81st Texas Legislature, allows The University of Texas at Austin to limit automatic admission to 75 percent of the university's enrollment capacity designated for first-time resident undergraduate students beginning with admissions for the 2011-12 academic year.
- The University has determined that they will automatically admit all eligible 2017 summer/fall freshman applicants who rank within the top 7% of their high school graduating classes, with remaining spaces to be filled through holistic review.

The Professional Application

Your application is a reflection of yourself.

It is important that you make your application look professional.

- Have someone proofread for spelling - if you're not sure, look it up!
- If you don't already have one, create an appropriate email address
- Come in during a block lunch lab with the counselors if you need help

Essays

- Answer the prompt.
- Write and re-write.
- Have someone else proofread.
- Can be compared to SAT writing sample.

Your essay is a reflection of you. It is a way to “sell” yourself to the college admissions committee.



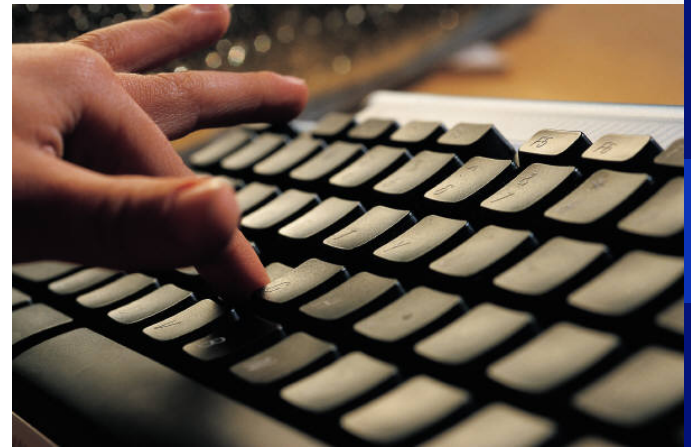
Recommendations

Recommendation Procedures

- ❖ Pick up the Senior Request for Recommendation packet in the counseling office.
- ❖ Provide information about you that your counselor or teacher would not already know about you.
- ❖ Return the completed packet and résumé along with **all requests at least 2 school weeks** before the recommendations are due. **It is very important that you keep this in mind during the holidays.** Late submissions to the counselor may result in late submissions to the college.
- ❖ Include a stamped envelope with the address of the college and the return address listed as Hebron HS.
- ❖ Recommendations are sent directly to the college from Hebron.

Résumés

- Many colleges and scholarships will require a résumé
- Keep track of extracurricular activities, awards, clubs, organizations and community service
- Leadership positions should also be included
- Include activities from high school



Transcripts

Ordering Transcripts

- ❖ Complete a pink “Request for Transcript” form. A parent signature is required on the initial request.
- ❖ Turn the request into the registrar. Requests are processed on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Many transcripts can be submitted online, but some may require a stamped addressed envelope.
- ❖ Each student receives 5 free transcripts. Each additional transcript is \$3.
- ❖ Unofficial transcripts are available in Skyward under the Portfolio tab.

Counselors Do Not Handle Transcripts

Financial Aid

Parents may apply for financial aid beginning October 1st of the **senior** year using this year's income tax return statement. Applications are on the FAFSA website at: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>

Both the student and one parent must have an FSA ID number. Apply for the FSA ID at:
<http://fsaid.ed.gov>

Talk directly to the college/university financial aid office to discuss financial aid questions.

Scholarships

Finding the right scholarship is the responsibility of the student and parent.

Resources:

- Hebron Counselor website
 - Scholarship List updated throughout the year
- Career Cruising scholarship listings
- www.fastweb.com
- Announcements at school
- Lewisville Education Foundation Scholarships
 - *available in November
- The counselors offer many Block Lunch labs throughout the year to assist with scholarship searches and applications.

NCAA Eligibility Center

National Collegiate Athletic Association

NCAA Eligibility: The Eligibility Center processes academic qualifications for all prospective Division I and Division II athletes and determines whether they are eligible to compete.

If you plan to play sports in college you should be on track to graduate on the recommended high school plan with the required amount(16) of NCAA-approved courses.

Colleges prefer that you apply at the end of your sophomore year. Submit your transcript and SAT or ACT scores.

www.eligibilitycenter.org

Military Academies

Students should contact the Academy of their choice soon after January 31st of their junior year and send a written request for an application to your State Senator or Representative in April of their junior year to allow adequate time to meet all requirements.

(More detailed information is available in the [Jr./Sr. Handbook](#) on pgs. 37-40 and 66)

Also check out www.serviceacademyforums.com

Military Options

- Air Force
- Army
- Marines
- National Guard
- Navy

Recruiters visit campus frequently!

Be Prepared

With consistent effort you will find yourself ready for college. We are here to support you and provide you with resources, but ultimately the responsibility of preparing for your future is yours!



Resources

- [Junior/Senior Handbook](#)
- [HHS Counselor Website](#)
- [LISD College website](#)
- Counselor conferences

*This presentation will be posted on the HHS Counselor Page