Senior Information

**Lewisville High School Code for SAT, ACT, college applications and financial aid – 444135**

**TESTING**

**ACT and SAT** registration is available on line.

ACT registrationis available online: **actstudent.org.**

SAT registration is available online: **collegeboard.net**.

Check in this packet for ACT and SAT test dates and deadlines. **Pay close attention to deadlines.**

On your test date, remember-you must bring a picture I.D. (Fee waivers are available for students on free/reduced lunch-see your counselor.)

**Texas Success Initiative Assessment**

The Texas Success Initiative (TSI) states that all undergraduate students who enter a public university in TEXAS must be assessed prior to enrolling to determine readiness for college-level coursework. The TSI Assessment (formerly COMPASS, ACCUPLACER, THEA) is a basic skills test required of all students planning to attend a Texas public university, public community college or public technical college unless exempt. EXEMPTION INFORMATION MUST BE OBTAINED FROM THE COLLEGE OF YOUR CHOICE. The basic skills tested are reading, writing and mathematics. The writing component includes an essay. Students who fail a section of the TSI Assessment are required to enroll in developmental courses in that area. You will not be allowed to attend college orientation or register if you do not have TSI Assessment scores or exemptions on file.

**AP TEST DATES** – If you are enrolled in an AP course, check with your teacher if you are interested in taking the AP exam. All exams will be given the first two weeks in May.

**Additional Information**

**GPA and class rank** are important for college entrance requirements. **GPA AND CLASS RANK will be calculated through the third quarter for all students.**  (P.S. The only way to increase your GPA during your senior year is to make 90s + in all your core classes!)

**APPLICATIONS** – Once you determine which college you plan to attend, apply as early as possible. If you are applying to a Texas public university, you should complete the Texas common application Apply Texas (see back for additional information). If you are in the **top 10%\*** and plan to enter a Texas university, you need to apply immediately to your university. Also apply for scholarships and financial aid programs offered. \*(Top 8% applies to UT Austin)

**FINANCIAL AID** – The FAFSA is required if you plan to apply for federal funds. Also most colleges require the FAFSA form to be completed as well as their own financial aid application. Remember that each college has its own deadlines. FAFSA applications are only available online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). The FAFSA application needs to be completed as soon as possible **AFTER January 1**. Undocumented students should complete the TAFSA (Texas Application) and deliver to the college(s) in person.

**SCHOLARSHIPS** – Counselors encourage you to apply for any and all scholarships for which you qualify. You may view the most current and up to date newsletter on line at [**lhs.lisd.net**](http://lhs.lisd.net/). Click on Parents/Students, Guidance Counseling, Scholarships-scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the attachment. Pay attention to all deadlines. For scholarships needing a transcript, you must *bring your completed scholarship to the registrar’s office at least two weeks* in advance of the deadline. ***You may not pick up* an official copy of your transcript.** It can only be mailed from the registrar’s office. However, you may request an unofficial copy.

**TRANSCRIPTS** – Colleges require transcripts to be sent from the high school. Ms. Cope, LHS registrar, will prepare your transcript, and mail an official copy for you. Forms for requesting transcripts to be sent can be found on the table outside the registrar’s office or in the counselors’ suites. Please give the registrar’s office **two weeks** notice on transcript requests to colleges. Remember that the registrar’s office is closed during winter break. ***Students with January 1st deadlines should requests transcripts no later than December 1.***

**LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION** – Some applications require letters of recommendation from teachers and/or counselors. Please give those you ask to write a recommendation a minimum of **two weeks** notice before the recommendation is due.

**NCAA CLEARINGHOUSE** – If you are planning to participate in athletics at the college level, you need to register with the NCAA Clearinghouse at [**ncaa.org.**](https://www.ncaa.org)

**FEE WAIVERS** – If you are on free or reduced lunch, you should be able to take the ACT or SAT for free. Using fee waivers for ACT or SAT will also make you eligible for fee exemptions for college applications as well as NCAA registration. See your counselor for a fee waiver form.

**TEXAS GRANT** – The Texas Grant is available for those in financial need. However, you must complete the Recommended Program in order to qualify for this grant. It is your responsibility to make sure you have the courses needed for the Recommended Program (See the appendix in your Junior/Senior guide.)

**TEXAS COMMON APPLICATION/ Apply Texas**

The common application (ApplyTexas) for admission to Texas public universities (2 or 4 year) is available online and should be submitted online. Here are a few hints to remember:

* You should complete only one application (either paper or online)
* If you are applying to more than one university, you should make a copy of page one and two before completing Item 18.
* You should keep the original application and send copies to the admissions office of the universities along with the application fee (if any,) a transcript, and the essay (if required).

\*The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board has requested that you complete the electronic version if possible. It is available at [www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org).

**Entrance Exam Dates/Deadlines**

**2016-2018 SAT TEST DATES**

**https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat**

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| **Test Date** | **Normal Deadline** | **Late Registration** | **Online Score Release** |
| March 5, 2016 \* | February 5, 2016 | February 23, 2016 | March 24, 2016 |
| May 7, 2016 \* | April 8, 2016 | April 26, 2016 | May 26, 2016 |
| June 4, 2016 \* | May 5, 2016 | May 25, 2016 | June 23, 2016 |
| Aug 26, 2017 | Jul 28, 2017 | Aug 11, 2017 | Sept 14, 2017 |
| Oct 7, 2017 | Sep 8, 2017 | Sep 22, 2017 | Oct 27, 2017 |
| Nov 4, 2017 | Oct 6, 2017 | Oct 20, 2017 | Nov 23, 2017 |
| Dec 2, 2017 | Nov 3, 2017 | Nov 17, 2017 | Dec 21, 2017 |

Mar 10, 2018 Feb 9, 2018 Feb 23, 2018 Mar 29, 2017

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| May 5, 2018 | Apr 6, 2018 | Apr 20, 2018 | May 24, 2018 |

Jun 2, 2018 May 4, 2018 May 18, 2018 Jun 21, 2018

**2016-2017 ACT Test Dates & Registration Deadlines**

**http://www.act.org**

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| **Test Date** | **Registration Deadline** | **Late Registration Deadline** | **Online Score Release** |
| Feb 11, 2016 | January 8, 2016 | January 9-15, 2016 | February 16, 2016 |
| April 9, 2016 | March 4, 2016 | March 5-8, 2016 | April 19, 2016 |
| June 11, 2016 | May 6, 2016 | May 7-20, 2016 | June 21, 2016 |
| Sept 10, 2016 | Aug 5, 2016 | Aug 19, 2016 | Sept 19; Oct 3, 2016 |
| Oct 22, 2016 | Sept 16, 2016 | Sep 30, 2016 | Nov 8; Nov 15, 2016 |
| Dec 10, 2016 | Nov 4, 2016 | Nov 18, 2016 | Dec 21, 2016; Jan 4, 2017 |
| Feb 11, 2017\*\* | Jan 13, 2017 | Jan 20, 2017 | Feb 21; Feb 28, 2017 |
| Apr 8, 2017 | Mar 3, 2017 | Mar 17, 2017 | Apr 26; May 10, 2017 |
| June 10, 2017 | May 5, 2017 | May 19, 2017 | June 21; June 28, 2017 |
| September 9, 2017 | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| October 28, 2017 | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| December 9, 2017 | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| February 10, 2018 | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| April 14, 2018 | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| June 9, 2018 | TBD | TBD | TBD |