



## Cedar Creek High School Counseling Department JUNIOR CHECKLIST

### **TSIA (Texas Success Initiative):**

- If you are an incoming college student in Texas (includes Dual Credit courses at the high school), you are **required** to take the **Texas Success Initiative Assessment (TSIA)** – unless you are already exempt - to determine your readiness for college-level work. To determine if you are exempt, in need of the TSI assessment, or for more information, stop by the College & Career Center.
- TSIA test dates for this year will be held on:
  - November 1st
  - December 10th
  - February 10th
  - March 25th

You will need to complete the TSIA pre-assessment prior to testing. To do so, sign up for one or the above test dates on the CCHS Website or scan the code below.



### **COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS:**

**SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test)/ACT (American College Testing)/**

SAT and ACT Prep is important. Below are links to register for the tests and practice websites.

[www.sat.collegeboard.org](http://www.sat.collegeboard.org)      [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)      [www.number2.com](http://www.number2.com)      [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org)

**PSAT** - All 11th grade students are registered to take the PSAT. Use the links above to practice.

### **TESTING: ACT/SAT/TSIA**

Take a college entrance exam: **\*ACT (American College Testing)** and/or **\*SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test)**

<b><u>ACT testing dates</u></b> Register on-line @ <a href="http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/registration.html">http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/registration.html</a>		
<u>Test Date</u>		<u>Registration deadline</u>
September 10, 2022		August 5, 2022
October 22, 2022		September 16, 2022
December 10, 2022		November 4, 2022
February 11, 2023		January 6, 2023
April 15, 2023		March 10, 2023
June 10, 2023		May 5, 2023
July 15, 2023		June 16, 2023
<b><u>SAT testing dates</u></b> Register on-line @ <a href="http://www.collegeboard.org">www.collegeboard.org</a> Register for the SAT Reasoning test. Subject tests are only required by specific colleges/universities & certain majors		
<u>Test Date</u>		<u>Registration deadline</u>
August 27, 2022		July 29, 2022
October 1, 2022		September 2, 2022
November 5, 2022		October 7, 2022
December 3, 2022		November 3, 2022
March 11, 2023		February 10, 2023
May 5, 2023		April 7, 2023
June 3, 2023		May 4, 2023

**FEE WAIVERS & SSD ACCOMMODATIONS:**

- If you receive free or reduced lunch, you qualify for a fee waiver for the SAT, ACT, TSIA, and college applications. Stop by the College and Career Center to obtain one.
- For students who are requesting testing accommodations, please see Mrs. Atkins in the counseling office.

**COLLEGE RESEARCH & COLLEGE VISITS**

- Research colleges and universities during your junior year and the summer before your senior year. 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:

<https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/>

<https://colleges.niche.com>

<http://www.collegeforalltexans.com/>

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>

<http://find.onlinecolleges.com/>

<https://myredkite.com>

- Juniors and Seniors are allowed 2 visits each year. To get absences excused, students must turn in a form letter from the institution or the CCHS College Visit form (obtained from the attendance office). Turn in the form to our attendance clerk, Mrs. Lum.

**COLLEGE APPLICATION WEBSITES:**

- Work on essays over the summer. Have them proofread.
- Apply to 3-4 institutions (Reach/Want/Assured)
- Be ready to submit your application on August 1.
- Below are the most common websites used for applications. Go to your college's website to find out which applications they will accept.

-APPLY TEXAS

<https://goapplytexas.org/>

-COMMON APP

<https://www.commonapp.org/>

-COALITION

<https://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/>

**LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:**

Always request your letter at least 2 weeks in advance. Pick up and fill out a template to give to your recommender. Templates are available in the College & Career Center.

**GRADES IN SCHOOL:**

- Sixth semester grades count. Colleges look at your ranking at the end of six semesters (last semester of Junior year).
- The summer rank does not include any summer, 2023 grades. It is also the rank that will be used for your college applications.
- If you are in the Top 10 Percent of your class at the end of the 6th semester, you qualify for automatic admittance to any Texas public university or college (except for UT Austin, which is top 6 percent).
- You can check grades on Skyward family access at: <https://www.bisdtx.org/Page/1339>

**NCAA: [NCAA Eligibility Center](#)**

- If you are considering participating in college athletics, you must register with the NCAA Clearinghouse.
- Complete the form and pay the fee by credit card, unless you qualify for a \*fee waiver.
- Be sure to request a transcript to be sent to them the following 4 times: when you register, at the end of your Junior year (6th semester), after the first semester of your Senior year, and a final transcript.
- For more information and how to get started, go to the following site: [NCAA CHECKLIST](#)