

# 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Orientation



**Colorado River Collegiate Academy**

*Creating Ability Through Effort*

# Agenda

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# Introductions

- Martin Conrardy – Principal
- Linda Autrey – Assistant Principal
- Rick Longoria – Counselor
- Maggie McBride – College Access Specialist

# **Welcome to Another Year at CRCA!**

- **My student is a student at ACC. What are the implications?**
  - **Creating a College Transcript – impacts future financial aid considerations**
  - **Nine hours in the Fall – English 1301, US History 1301 and Math 1314, or HUMA 1302, or SPANISH 2311**
  - **Nine hours in the Spring – English 1302, US History 1302, and Sociology 1301**
  - **Add the 17 credit hours from the past two years at ACC and every CRCA 11<sup>th</sup> grader should finish this year with 35 college hours.**
  - **Travel to and from ACC @ Elgin on Monday and Wednesdays**
  - **Lunch on travel days**
  - **College Prep Advisory class on Fridays**
  - **No RTI tutorial period built into schedule**
  - **Time to attend the Learning Lab and instructors' office hours at ACC in the Morning.**

# Attendance

1. Students must attend school 90% of the time to receive credit for their courses. At CRCA, we strive for 95% .
2. Students will have truancy charges filed on them if they miss three days of school within a four week period and these absences are unexcused.

# Attendance

## 3. There are very limited reasons for excused absences.

- A school district shall excuse a student from attending school for:

- (1) the following purposes, including travel for those purposes:
  - (A) observing religious holy days;
  - (B) attending a required court appearance;
  - (C) appearing at a governmental office to complete paperwork required in connection with the student's application for United States citizenship;
  - (D) taking part in a United States naturalization oath ceremony; or
  - (E) serving as an election clerk; or
- (2) a temporary absence resulting from health care professionals if that student commences classes or returns to school on the same day of the appointment.
- (3) a school district may excuse students for absences that result from illness.

# **Your Student's Attendance at Austin Community College**

## **PLEASE REMEMBER!!!!**

- \*ACC does not have a college wide attendance policy.**
- \*Some departments automatically withdraw a student on the 4<sup>th</sup> absence.**
- \*Some departments withdraw a student after they have missed 10% of the class meetings.**

**CRCRA has no control or any discretion  
over the actions of an ACC instructor.**

# So, What Does That Mean?

## STUDENTS MUST MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND ALL OF THEIR CLASSES AT ACC.

- a. If a student is going to miss a class at ACC, they **MUST CONTACT THEIR ACC PROFESSOR** prior to class and make every effort to submit their assigned work prior to that class date.
- b. Professors may or may **NOT** excuse the absence and the student's grade may be penalized.
- c. **STUDENTS MUST FOLLOW THE ACC CALENDAR.** So, that means Students still have class on **BISD student holidays** (October 10th, November 21<sup>st</sup> and November 23<sup>rd</sup>)



**It is Important to know that your  
Student's Attendance Matters!**

**They must come to school!**

**97.3% ADA Last Year**

# **SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS (SAP)**

**A student must have SAP in order to qualify for FUTURE State and Federal financial aid...this includes student loans**

**SAP has three (3) components:**

- 1. GPA Requirement**
- 2. Completion Rate Requirement (Dropping Class)**
- 3. Maximum Time Frame Requirement**

# **SAP: GPA Requirement**

**Students must maintain a MINIMUM of a 2.0 cumulative GPA on all course work at ACC to have and maintain SAP.**

**A 2.0 GPA is a  
C average (MINIMUM)**

**Cumulative means over all THREE AND A HALF YEARS CRCA students attend classes at ACC.**

# **SAP: Completion Rate** **Requirement**

**CRCA students must complete a minimum of 67% of all college hours attempted at ACC in order to have SAP.**

**Dropped courses count against the completion rate requirement.**

**That Means No Drops!**

# SAP: Maximum Time Frame

Students must complete their degree program in a *reasonable time frame*.

Reasonable time frame is currently defined as *150% of the published length of the academic program*.

The published length of the academic program is the total number of college hours for the degree. For most Bachelor's Degrees the total number of hours is

120. 150% of 120 is **180 college hours.**

# **CRCA Students that Make SAP**

- 1. Maintain good grades (B Average)**
- 2. Don't drop their courses**
- 3. Take the courses their counselor advises them to take**

# Testing

**This year, your student will take three (3) different and very important tests.**

- 1. TSI – Texas Success Initiative (Saturday schedule)**
  - Math (If the student has not already passed the exam)
  
- 2. PSAT – Pre SAT for 11<sup>th</sup> grade students (October 19<sup>th</sup>)**
  - 1. STAAR EOC –State of Texas End of Course exams**
    - US HISTORY (May 1-5)

# **Testing: Texas Success Initiative (TSI)**

**The TSI is the state mandated exam students must take and pass in order to enroll in college courses.**

**CRCA 11th grade students began taking the TSI in mathematics during their sophomore year.**

**CRCA students must pass the TSI in mathematics in order to take an ACC math course.**

**CRCA students must take an ACC math course in order to complete their associate degree.**

**TSI math test is the 'gatekeeper' for the Associate Degree**



# **Testing: Texas Success Initiative (TSI)**

**CRCA students will take the TSI in Math September 30th. All CRCA 11th graders must pass the Math portion of the TSI by the end of their junior year in order to take a college math course in their senior year to earn their associates degree with ACC.**

Cut score: Passing score

**MATH - 350**

# **Testing: Texas Success Initiative (TSI)**

**Students will have multiple times to retest after their September 30th testing.**

**Retesting will be on Saturdays @ 9:00 in the morning.**

**Parents must provide transportation to the retests and students must sign up in advance.**

**20 spots for Saturday retesting.**

# **PSAT**

**The PSAT/NMSQT (or Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) is, as the title suggests, a preliminary version of the SAT.**

**Not only does the PSAT help prepare students to take the SAT or ACT, the great thing about the PSAT is that a high score can also open the door to National Merit Scholarships and other awards.**

**With \$180 million dollars in scholarships awarded to students who achieve high scores on the PSAT, how you perform on this exam can help you earn scholarship dollars that change the direction of your college planning.**

**So, what is the PSAT? Much more than a practice test.**

# Testing – STAAR EOC

- Students must pass 5 EOC exams to graduate from HS in Texas.
- Juniors will be taking the last STAAR EOC in US History on the week of May 1st - 5th.
- CRCA Students must pass this test the 1<sup>st</sup> time they take it.

# Testing – STAAR EOC

*It matters. Your student must work hard to excel on the EOC exams!*

***96% of all EOCs Passed***

***76% of all EOCs @ College Readiness***

# ACC Summer Schedule

CRCA students use the summer for acceleration to ACC courses.

Opportunity to take SOCI 1301 or SPAN 2311.

Issues with not passing or dropping an ACC course.

# Tutorials

Mandatory tutorials are triggered when a grade drops below 80.

Mandatory tutorials are after school from 4:10 to 6:00, Monday through Friday.

Students may take the BTB late bus home, if they stay for tutorials and are registered with Beyond the Bell.

**YOU MUST REGISTER YOUR STUDENT WITH BEYOND THE BELL  
IF THEY NEED TO TAKE THE BUS HOME!!!**

# **Transitioning to Your Student's Senior Year**

**Meet Mrs. McBride, YOUR College Access Specialist!**

What is my job?

And, how to best serve your student as they begin the process of transitioning to their senior year and beyond?

**My Website:**

<http://goo.gl/SzpaBk>



# Transitioning to Your Student's Senior Year

**By the end of THIS school year, your Junior student should:**

\*Sign up to take the SAT and/or ACT

\*Commit to make good grades...PERIOD. Colleges tend to keep a running track of ranking and transcripts.

\*Begin exploring their college(s) of interest, create a list of 6-10 possibilities, and look at their admission requirements, cost of attendances,

\*Scholarships

**MOST OF ALL, It is imperative that your student is an active participant in their GO Center Class Period on Fridays. Why? I am helping your child develop their student portfolio that will make college admissions process, financial aid, and the scholarship process much easier throughout the duration of their senior year.**

# Transitioning to Your Student's Senior Year

**By the end of the year, your student's portfolio will consist of:**

**\*Job/Internship Resume and Cover Letter**

**\*College Resume and Cover Letter**

**\*Samples of Pre-written College Entrance and Scholarship Application Essays**

**\*College Interest Explorations (their running list of 6-10 colleges)**

**\*Running Log of Volunteer/Service Hours**

**\*Copies of Letters of Recommendations for Colleges and Scholarships**

**Please Remember: This is to help ease the admissions and applications process for their College(s) of Choice and Scholarships during their senior year.**

**Any Questions?**

**Thank you for attending.**

