

Class of 2025

SENIOR PACKET

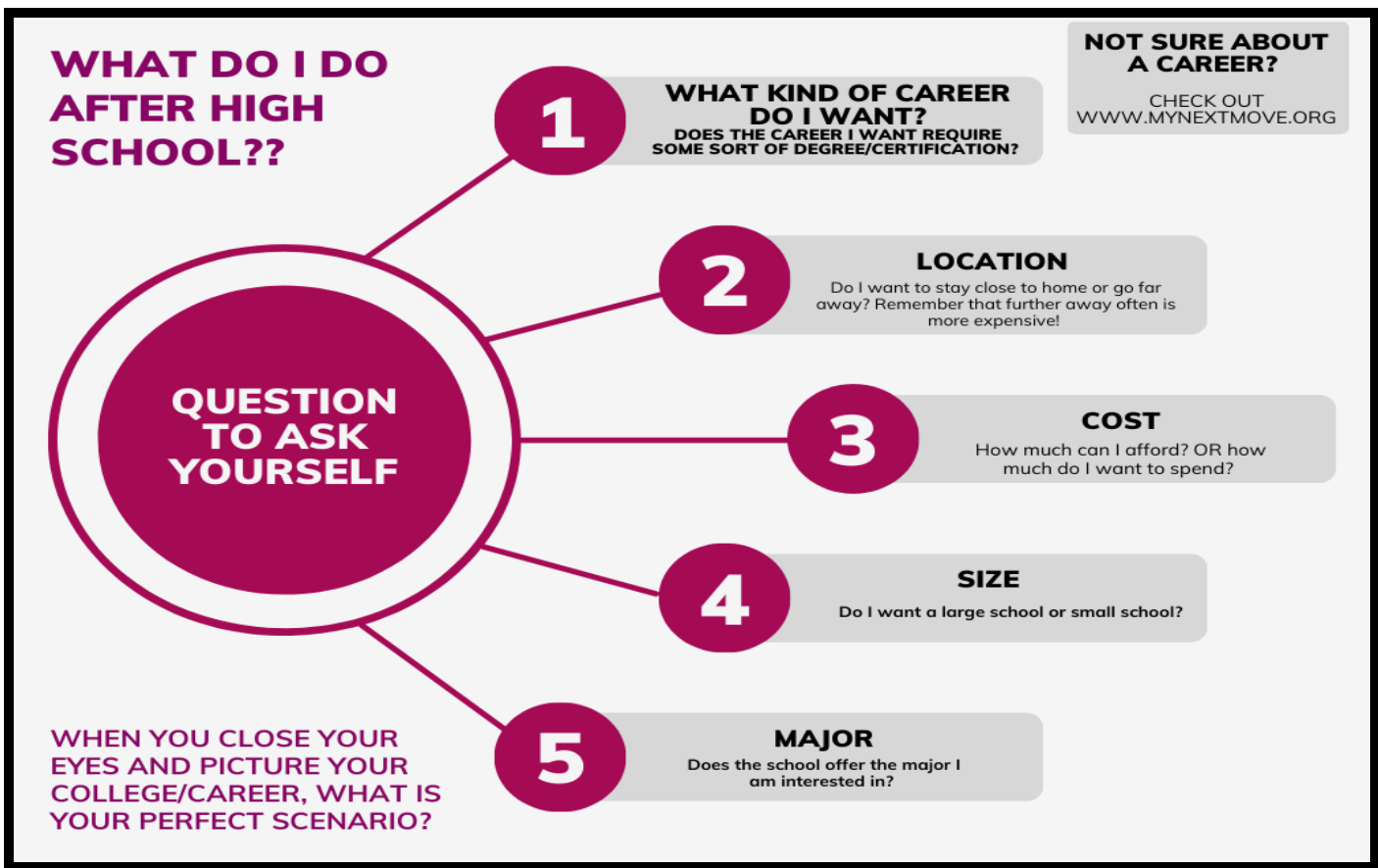
Please read through the information carefully

Whether you are planning on 2-year school, 4-year school, Career/Technical school, Military, or Workforce, there are things you need to start doing now to prepare for your future!

It is important that you have a plan!

CHECKLIST FOR ALL SENIORS:

- ☐ Finalize Post-Secondary Plans (**2-year school, 4-year school, Career/Technical school, Military, Workforce**)
- ☐ Complete Applications to Community College, University, or Trade School
- ☐ Complete either the FAFSA/TASFA **OR** Opt-out form in Skyward
- ☐ Keep up to date with Senior Activity announcements (which can be found at the bottom of the LHS website)



REMEMBER:

Trade/Technical School: These schools provide opportunities for students to learn skills and earn certifications in specific areas like Welding, Automotive Technology, Cosmetology, etc.

We will be hosting a College Fair for Trade/Technical Schools

October 30th from 11:30–2:00

Community College: These are typically 2 year programs. Either for a program that does not require a 4 year Bachelor's degree OR as a way to get your "basics" out of the way at a more affordable campus before transferring to a University.

4 year College/University: Typically a 4 year option that allows a student to earn a Bachelor's degree, Masters Degree, or PhD.

Your CAREER GOALS are what determine the type of school you need!

How do I Find a College/Tech School with my Major?

Internet search: "Schools in Texas that offer engineering" (or whatever your interest is). "Trade schools or community colleges near me that offer welding." "Schools in Florida that offer criminal justice."

Then make a list of the schools that interest you.

What do you do after you've narrowed down possible careers and schools?

✚MAKE A PLAN✚APPLICATIONS ✚FINANCIAL AID ✚SCHOLARSHIPS ✚

How do I Apply for Community College/University/Trade School?

Make a list of schools you are considering (4-year University/Junior College, In state/Out of State, big school/small school)

Visit each school's admissions website to see the requirements and admissions process. Some schools utilize their own program and/or common applications.

College Applications – Deadlines Must Be Met so Know Each School's Deadline!

Applications you might see:

- Texas Schools: <https://goapplytexas.org/>
- The Common Application (Private schools, out-of-state schools, alternative app for some Texas schools) <https://www.commonapp.org/>

—Your Application will require you to submit your transcript—

Transcripts: Order transcripts through this link: <https://lewisvilletx.scriborder.com/>

Your COUNSELORS cannot send transcripts

- **Official** transcripts have to come directly from Lewisville Records. Students receive 5 transcripts free, and each additional transcript is \$5. The final transcript is free—this one will go out AFTER graduation.
- You can access your **Unofficial** transcript at any time through Skyward. (Log into Skyward. Choose “Portfolio.”)

******Most students will only decide where they are going to school AFTER financial aid information comes back******

How do I Pay for Community College/ University/Trade School?

FILL OUT FAFSA/TASFA!! Applications open in DECEMBER!!

This application is based on your parent or guardian's previous year's taxes (2023).

FAFSA/TASFA Information: <https://www.lisd.net/Page/27755>

The State of Texas requires that every student MUST do one of the following:

- Complete and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) --OR--
- Complete and submit a Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) --OR--
- Submit a signed opt-out form

FAFSA or TASFA? Which do I fill out?

FAFSA

- I am a U.S Citizen
- I am a Permanent Resident with an Alien Registration Card (INS # I-551)
- I am an eligible noncitizen with an arrival/departure record (INS #I-94)

TASFA

- I do not meet one of the statuses above
- I have lived in Texas for at least 3 years and am graduating from a Texas High School

*****If you would like to opt-out of completing the FAFSA or TASFA for your senior, you can find the Opt-Out form in Skyward Family/Student Access under Online Forms.*****

Scholarships

In addition to completing your FAFSA/TASFA, you can also apply for private scholarships.

Get individualized help with searching for scholarships through this unique scholarship assistance program with the Scholarship Informer **Gabrielle McCormick**. Sign up today!

<https://lhs.scholarshiphelpnow.com/>

Scholarship Camp- Saturday, Sep 28, 2024 9am-11am, LHS Cafeteria

We also post scholarships that we receive on the LHS Scholarship SMORE:

<https://www.smores.com/th46z>

Are there tests I need to take for College?

IT DEPENDS ON THE SCHOOL!

Always refer to the admissions pages of the schools you are considering.

Tests you might need to take are the SAT/ACT/TSI

SAT:

- SAT School Day (Seniors Only): October 16, 2024
- Register for the SAT outside the school day: <https://www.collegeboard.org/>

ACT:

- ACT School Day: February 25, 2025
- Register for the ACT outside the school day: <https://www.actstudent.org>

The SAT or ACT fee waivers are available for students who qualify for the free or reduced lunch program. Before asking the Counselors for an SAT waiver, check your College Board account to see if one is already available.

TSI:

- TSI School Day (Seniors Only): March 24-28, 2025
- This is considered a 'placement' test. Once admitted to college in Texas, the TSI is administered to determine if a student is prepared to take college-level English and Math courses. SAT and ACT scores may be used in place of the TSI, if they are available. See the college admissions office for more info.
- TSI Info:
<http://www.collegeforalltexas.com/index.cfm?objectid=63176344-FFFA-217B-60C9A0E86629B3CA>

What if I am not planning on going to college?

Workforce:

Some students go straight into the workforce instead of a post-secondary program.

Texas Workforce Commission : <https://www.twc.texas.gov/services/job-search>

Texas Reality Check Career Planning Tool: <https://texasrealitycheck.com/>

Military:

Contact your local recruitment office for information on military branches, opportunities, and ASVAB testing. <https://usmilitary.com/military-recruiter-near-me/>

What if I need help?

College Visits: Seniors may participate in college visits for up to two (2) school days per academic year.

- LHS Counseling Dept CAMPS– See attached flier
- College Information Smore- <https://www.smores.com/6csrho>
- College Fairs:
 - Community College and Trade School (Oct 30),
 - Large College/University Fair (January 29, 2025),
 - HBCU Fair (February 13, 2025 @ Hebron High School)
- College and Career Room –Ms. Lewis– RM F207
- TRIO Program – located in the Library

**Trio can help with Academic Advising, Career Exploration,
Financial Aid, Applications, and more!

- College Lunch Visits- throughout the school year in the cafeteria

****CHECK YOUR EMAILS & LISTEN TO ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR
IMPORTANT INFORMATION****

LEWISVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

2024 COLLEGE WORKSHOPS/FAIRS

Join the LHS Counseling Department for our Fall College Workshop events.

SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOP

**Saturday, September 28th in the LHS Cafeteria
09:00am- 11:00am**

LHS Counselors invite you to come meet the "Scholarship Guru" Gabrielle McCormick!

FAFSA CAMP

**Saturday, December 7th in the LHS Cafeteria
9am-11am**

Join us for financial aid basics and updated information on completing FAFSA.

TRADE SCHOOL FAIR

**Wednesday, October 30th in the LHS Gym
During all lunches**

Come meet representatives from local trade schools and community colleges.

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY FAIR

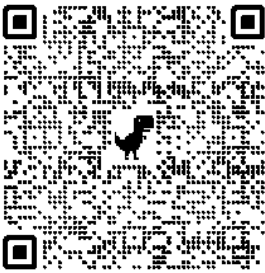
**Wednesday, January 29th in the LHS Gym
During all lunches and in the evening**

Come meet College and University representatives from all over the country!

No registration required
Please contact your LHS Counselor with any questions!

Important Links:

Senior Pics
Deadline: Oct. 14th



Senior Class Info



Testing Information
SAT/ACT/TSI



Free/Reduced Lunch Application



Scholarship Informer Gabrielle
McCormick



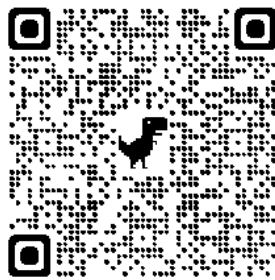
Scholarship Smore



Request Letter of
Recommendation

Email or stop by your counselor to
fill out their respective form

Schools With "Free Tuition"



College Information Smore



Create a FAFSA ID



Jostens- Cap & Gown



Senior Year Timeline



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