Junior Parent Meeting &

College Panel

March 27, 2025

The meeting will begin at 6:30 PM

CCMR-What is it?

- College, Career & Military Readiness
 - We want students to have a plan
 - Do you have ideas of things you want to learn after high school?
 - Are you applying to schools or training programs that can teach you those things?
 - Are you linked up with a recruiter?
 - Are you preparing to maximize your earning potential?
- Important component of how schools and districts are evaluated
- Credits, Endorsements and STAAR passage are "graduation requirements"
- Every student completing a CCMR indicator is a "graduation goal"
- Could impact your student during high school or immediately after depending on their goals

CCMR-How to meet it?

Students need to meet 1 of the following criteria by the time they graduate

- Score 3 on any AP Exam in grades 9-12
- Complete Dual Credit Courses
 - 3 hours of Dual Credit English or Math OR
 - 9 hours of Dual Credit across any subject
- Complete an aligned CTE Program of Study which includes...
 - Complete 3 or more courses for 4+ credits
 - Earn credit in 1+ Level 3 or Level 4 course
 - Earn the culminating Industry-Based Certification in the Program of Study
- Enlist in the US Armed Forces or the TX National Guard
- Students receiving Special Education services complete an endorsement

CCMR-How to meet it?

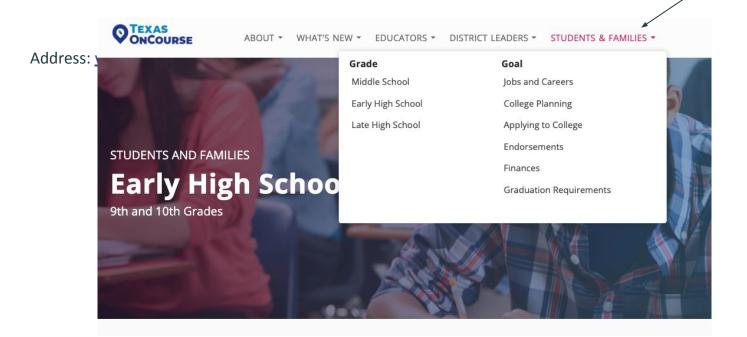
Meet 1 TSI Reading AND 1 TSI Math Indicator

Reading Indicator	Math Indicator
TSIA2 English Score: 945 AND Essay: 5	TSIA2 Math Score: 950
ACT English Score 40	
(English + Reading Combined)	ACT Math Score: 22
SAT English Score: 480	SAT Math Score: 530
	College Prep Math
	Course Credit

Phase 1: Exploration Now through 1st Day of School

- Goal by 1st day of Senior Year: Where are you going to apply to college?
- Collect Information
- Contact Colleges/Join Mailing Lists
 - Example—Admissions Counselor:
 https://www.unt.edu/admissions/contact-us/index.html
 - Example–Mailing List: https://apply.baylor.edu/register/mailinglist
- Tour Colleges
- Assemble Resume
- Take SAT/ACT Tests

Resource: Texas OnCourse



College Websites - What to look for?

- Admission requirements for freshmen and/or transfer students
- Does the college provide the degree you're wanting to pursue?
- Application and scholarship deadlines
- College representative get in contact with your admissions counselor.
- Check if school accepts Dual Credit and AP scores taken in high school
- Mailing list and social media links

College Visits

- Sign up for an official college visit/tour/information session
- 2 free excused absences during junior and senior year for college visits and job shadowing. Must bring back signed note/letter from admissions office with date of visit and school logo.

Many colleges visit Marcus during lunch

Resource: SAT and ACT

-We advise students to take one (or both) by end of the 11th grade or after Algebra 2.

SAT www.collegeboard.org

Evidence Based Reading & Writing and Math

SAT is now **DIGITAL**

- still in person
- taken on an ipad or chromebook
- Shorter test time: 2 hours 15 min

Marcus Counselors offer practice SAT at MHS in the Fall

ACT www.act.org

Critical Reading, Math, Science and English

Writing is optional, check with your college on requirements

Marcus Counselors offer practice ACT at MHS in the Spring

TSI (Texas Success Initiative)

- The Texas Success Initiative (TSI) measures the ability of students, as indicated by their skills in Reading, Writing and Math, to do college-level coursework.
- No matter what college or university students attend, TSI (or school equivalent) is required for students to take before registering for college courses.
- TSI can be taken at the college or university the student plans to attend, or any college that allows outside testers. UNT in Denton and NCTC are schools that allow students to take TSI regardless if student attends their school or not. Marcus hosts TSI testing for students in English 3, Algebra 2, and College Prep Math...and in the spring semester for Seniors who sign up.
- Exemptions: Students can be exempt from taking TSI based off of SAT or ACT scores. Check specific college or university websites for exemption qualifications.

Marcus offers School Day Testing (SAT, ACT, TSI)

- LISD pays for every student to take ONE School Day exam while at Marcus.
 - NOTE: If you use a free test, students can still pay and take the School Day tests offered at Marcus.
- Marcus offers SAT School Day during the Fall Semester to seniors only.
 - Students MUST register by the deadline.
- Marcus offers ACT School Day during the Spring semester for juniors and seniors.
 - Students MUST register by Deadline
- Marcus offers TSI test day in the Spring semester for seniors only.

SAT & ACT Dates for Rest of School Year

SAT Test Dates (www.collegeboard.org)

Test Dates	Registration Deadline	Late Registration (Late Fee Required)	Score Release Date
*May 3, 2025	April 18, 2025	April 22, 2025	Approx May 16, 2025
June 7, 2025	May 22, 2025	May 27, 2025	Approx June 20, 2025

ACT Test Dates (www.actstudent.org)

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration (Late Fee Required)	Score Release Window
June 14, 2025	May 9, 2025	May 26, 2025	June 24-Aug 8, 2025
July 12, 2025	June 6, 2025	June 20, 2025	July 22-Sept 5, 2025

Test Dates for 25-26 School Year

SAT Dates for 2025-2026

Test Date	Target Class
August 23,2025	Senior
September 13, 2025	Senior
October 4, 2025	Senior
Date TBD ▼ SAT School Day at MHS	Senior
November 8, 2025	Senior/Junior
December 6, 2025	Senior/Junior
March 14, 2026	Junior
May 2, 2026	Junior
June 6, 2026	Junior

Test Dates for 25-26 School Year

ACT Dates for 2025-2026

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration (Late Fee Required)	Target Class
September 6, 2025	August 1, 2025	August 19, 2025	Senior
October 18, 2025	September 12, 2025	September 30, 2025	Senior
December 13, 2025	November 7, 2025	November 24, 2025	Senior/Junior
February 14, 2026	January 7, 2026	January 21, 2026	Junior
April 11, 2026	March 6, 2026	March 24, 2026	Junior
June 13, 2026	May 8, 2026	May 27, 2026	Junior
July 11, 2026	June 5, 2026	June 24, 2026	Junior

Resource: College Board



Registration Deadline for December SAT®

Is Nov. 22



How and When Do I Get My PSAT/NMSQT Scores?



How to Pick AP Courses

SAT	>
PSAT/NMSQT	>
PSAT 10	>
PSAT 8/9	>

AP ⁻	>
AP Students	
AP Central	
Pre-AP	>
SpringBoard	>

BigFuture	>
College Search	
BigFuture Scholarships	
Scholarship Search	
Career Quiz	

ACCUPLACER	>
CLEP.	>
Higher Ed Search	>
CSS Profile	>
PowerFAIDS ⁻	>

Phase 2: Application to College

- Get organized (deadlines, requirements, etc)
- Set an family application goal
 - Could you submit all of your applications by Halloween (10/31)?
- Where you apply...
 - Have what you want to learn about (or the options you are still considering)
 - Could be happy at any of them
 - Have confidence you can be accepted to multiple
 - # of schools vary by student
- How you apply...
 - Apply Texas (applytexas.org)
 - Common Application (commonapp.org)
 - College Website
 - Coalition, Scoir, etc

Applications to College cont'd

- When you apply...
 - Schools may offer one/many options to apply
 - https://admissions.web.baylor.edu/apply-incoming-freshma
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 - Set a realistic expectation
- Important Vocab terms
 - Early vs early
 - Priority

College Application Requirements

- Check university website for application link and get organized first
- Application
- Essays and/or short answers
 - Opportunity for student to tell their story...stuff not already in the application
 - https://www.commonapp.org/blog/announcing-2025-2026-common-app-essay-prompt
- Send ACT/SAT Test Scores
 - Must be sent from the testing institution to the college
 - Community College can use scores to be exempt from the TSI
- Recommendation letters
 - Check to see if this is required
 - Provide teacher, or counselor senior brag sheet/resume 2 weeks before
- Resume (good to have but may not be required)
- Interview (more rare)
- Fee
- Official Transcript
 - Request official transcript through the Transcript Request Link on MHS website
 - Registrar in A103 if you have any questions
 - Send transcript <u>after</u> you submit your application

RANK Opt-Out on Transcript

Two window opportunities to have rank removed from transcript:

- May 15-30 (end of junior year)
- September 1-15(beginning senior year)

Once the rank is removed from the transcript, it CANNOT go back on.

This is done on the parent portal of Skyward ONLY.

*Note: if you are in the top 10%, rank cannot be removed from your transcript.

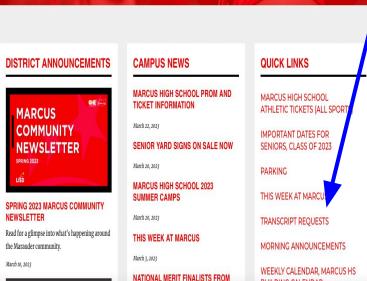
Requesting Official Transcripts



On Marcus Homepage, click the link "Transcript Requests".



Click here to start completing transcript request form

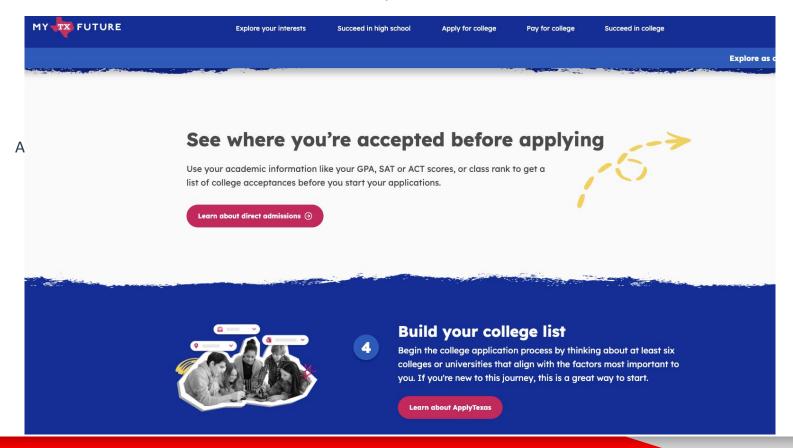




Types of Admission

- Automatic
 - Top 10% at all public state universities except UT Austin
 - Top 5% at UT Austin
 - Top 20% at UNT for Eagle Advantage program
- Academic Admission
 - Fit a GPA/SAT or ACT standard
 - Example:
 https://www.unt.edu/admissions/freshman/admission-requirements
 .html
- Holistic Admission
 - Review you whole application

Resource: My Texas Future



Phase 3: Applying for Financial Aid



Applying for Financial Aid-Step 1

- The first scholarship application you submit is probably your application for admission
 - Example:
 https://go.okstate.edu/scholarships-financial-aid/types-of-aid/scholarships-and-grants/freshman-scholarships/
- There are some schools that still require a separate scholarship application
 - Example: https://financialaid.unt.edu/how-apply-scholarships.html
- Make sure that you are aware of the freshman scholarship process at each school you apply to. Completing these steps should be step 1

Applying for Financial Aid-Step 2 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

There are four types of federal student aid:

- <u>Grants</u>—financial aid that doesn't have to be repaid (unless, for example, you withdraw from school and owe a refund)
- **Scholarships** Money that is given to students who apply based on academics and other criteria.
- Work-study

 —a work program through which you earn money to help you pay for school
- <u>Loans</u>—borrowed money for college or career school; you must repay your loans, with interest

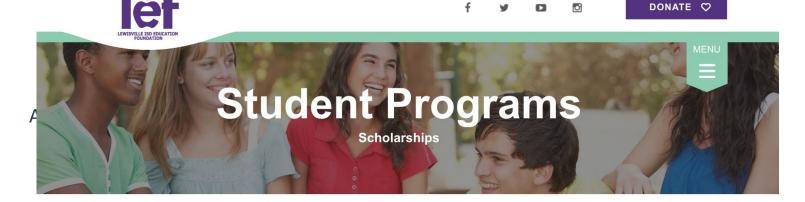
FAFSA application launches December of Senior Year

Each high school senior in a Texas public school district or open enrollment charter school **must complete and submit** a Free Application for Federal Student Aid **(FAFSA) or** a Texas Application for State Financial Aid **(TASFA)** as **a state requirement for graduation**. <u>Texas Education Code §28.0256</u> allows **a student to opt out** of the financial aid application graduation requirement **by submitting a signed form** that authorizes the student to decline. This opt out form is located in parent access of Skyward in Back to School forms.

Applying for Financial Aid-Step 3

- Search for individual scholarships
- This will go throughout the senior year
- Some good places to start
 - Lewisville Education Foundation Scholarships
 - Fastweb.com
 - Employment (student and parents)
 - Organizations throughout your "circles"
 - Raise.me

Resource: Lewisville Education Foundation



Student Programs

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Scholarships

List of Available Scholarships

Past Recipients

Teacher Programs

The 2024-2025 scholarship application will be open November 1, 2024 – January 10, 2025. All requested information must be received by LEF no later than 4:30 p.m. on January 10, 2025. For any questions, email Sherah Robinson at robinsonsl@lisd.net.

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What are LEF scholarships?

Lewisville ISD Education Foundation Scholarships are awarded to graduating seniors to help them in their continued educational journey. Scholarships are awarded based on specific criteria established by donors. These criteria range from academic achievement and community involvement to success outside of academic ranking and career

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Resource: Fastweb

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