

# College Admission

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You are in the driver's seat!



# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Subject Selection

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- Speak with Current Teachers – Realistic Placement**
  - Speak with Current Counselor – Basic 4 Year Plan**
  - Choose courses carefully**
  - Continue to do your best academically**
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# 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

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- Pick challenging courses
  - Remain in challenging courses
  - 'Learn how to learn' in this 'safe' place
  - Understand Rank and GPA - Both matter and begin the first day of school
  - Visit the Career Center
  - Take an Interest Inventory
  - Be involved – clubs, sports, community (log)
  - Begin your resume
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# 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

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- Pick some college choices
  - Obtain admission requirements
  - Check your courses
  - Know your 4-year plan
  - Take the PSAT - valuable practice in October
  - Monitor your grades – do your best
  - Take a SAT/ACT – later administration
  - Register accurately & completely for Dual Credit courses!!!!!!**
  - Update your resume
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# 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

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- Check your credits and 4-year plan
  - PSAT – scholarship opportunity
  - Attend college presentations at your campus
  - Monitor grades & course choices
  - Take SAT or ACT !!!
  - Fill out Apply Texas form – get ready
  - Write your essays – teacher will check
  - Begin to get letters of recommendation
  - Update your resume
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# 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

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- ❑ Complete ApplyTexas & send in– August 1 (online)
  - ❑ Request transcript be sent – on time
  - ❑ Pay registration fee – on time
  - ❑ CHECK YOUR 4-PLAN
  - ❑ Take SAT or ACT if necessary
  - ❑ Earn the highest grades you can
  - ❑ Collect letters of Recommendation (Send on time)
  - ❑ Career Center & Counselor – ask for help if necessary
  - ❑ **FAFSA – Free Application for Federal Student Aid – Jan 1 (online)**
  - ❑ Apply for local scholarships – thru the Counseling Office
  - ❑ Finish High School strong!!!!!!
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# Scenario 1 – Race Car Driver

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- ❑ Qualities – Organized, Works to potential, Asks questions, Keeps up with tasks, Tests well w/o much apparent effort, Listens
  - ❑ Goal - 1 specific university
  - ❑ Rank - in the top 10%, takes the most challenging courses available, Meets all deadlines for application
  - ❑ Destination - Receives early admission into the chosen university
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# Scenario 2 – Family Sedan

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- ❑ Qualities - Usually organized, Usually works up to potential, Tests well if well prepared, Prepares, Balances work and fun, Takes 'most' of the challenging courses
  - ❑ Goal - May have a favorite university but is more open to other options
  - ❑ Rank - Top half to even the top 10%, Meets deadlines for admissions
  - ❑ Destination – May opt to begin closer to home at Jr College or University, Makes high grades, Transfers to a larger University of choice or remains in the closer University
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# Scenario 3 – Sunday Driver

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- ❑ Qualities - Laid back, Organized when it matters to them, Occasionally works up to potential, Passes exams usually if of interest
  - ❑ Goal - OK with work first, Junior college or university
  - ❑ Rank - Could be anywhere from the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter to the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter
  - ❑ Destination – May work first, May be late with applications so Spring may be the first college semester, May be taking remedial courses because of lower entrance exam grades
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# SAT VS ACT

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**SAT – Reading and Math, Writing  
Writing**

**ACT – English, Math, Reading, Science,**

**SAT – Math to Algebra 2**

**ACT – Math to Trigonometry**

**SAT - -1/4 point for wrong answer**

**ACT – No penalty for wrong answer**

**Sat – 200-800 per section  
added for 600 – 2400  
Essay – 2 – 12**

**ACT - 1-36 for each subject  
averaged for composite score  
Writing - 1 – 12**

**Scores can be sent to your home campus IF you put you school code in. Scores can be sent to colleges IF you select this option as well. Scores can be solely for you and then you can opt to send them where you would like. Online registration offers you the most flexibility.**

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# Websites

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- ❑ SAT - collegeboard.com / 1-609-771-7600
  - ❑ ACT - ACTstudent.org / 1-319-337-1270
  - ❑ Accuplacer - Central Texas Technology Center (CTTC)
  - ❑ Texas Higher Education Assessment-[www.thea.nesinc.com](http://www.thea.nesinc.com)
  - ❑ Free test prep – [www.CollegeForTexans.com](http://www.CollegeForTexans.com)
  
  - ❑ Apply Texas Application for Admission – [www.ApplyTexas.org](http://www.ApplyTexas.org)
  
  - ❑ FAFSA - [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) or 1-888-311-8881 (free instructions)
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