

FAQ from Senior Parent Meeting

Q Should students fill out all application types, so they have the one ready that the university wants?

A Students choose only one application. Check the admissions page of the university website to determine which applications they accept, then choose just one. There is no admissions advantage to any of them.

Q Are students who didn't participate in campus tours (before Covid) at a disadvantage?

A Universities have all stated that they will be very flexible this year. If a student hasn't participated in a campus tour, that's ok. Even in times before COVID, that would be ok. However, demonstrated interest always helps. Send an email, do a virtual visit if the college is signed up with PVA, look for other ways to connect.

Q Not sure if he's already requested it, but what if a student has not yet requested a teacher recommendation? I assume it's still possible?

A Ask your student if they have requested a letter. If not, it is still possible but needs to be done ASAP. Teachers may not be able to commit to more letters on short notice.

Q Can students still opt to pass/fail classes?

A If a student hasn't used all their waivers, yes, they can still use a waiver. Mrs. Hines will be sending out the info soon. If you aren't sure how many have been used, please email Mrs. Hines.

Q Will the SAT be offered at school in October? Is the date still 10/13?

A Seniors will be taking the SAT on the HSPVA campus on October 27. If a student is learning Virtually they can still come on campus to take the test. We will communicate with the students as we get closer to that date.

Q What in your opinion are the best websites or resources for scholarships search?

A Naviance has hundreds of scholarships updated. There are also websites listed in the presentation that can be very helpful.

Q If a senior doesn't have an ACT yet, is that too late to get results for applications?

A Scores can take 2 – 4 weeks to get processed and then sent to the university. Sometimes it may come in earlier, but you never know. Please see your university deadlines and requirements regarding test scores. Schools have promised to be flexible, so I would hope each university addresses this.

Q In your opinion, how important will SAT/ACT scores be in the application process? My daughter's first SAT test will be in October.

A More and more schools are stating they are test optional for the class of 2021. The most up to date information comes directly from the university website. Test optional means you can submit scores, but they are not required. If the student has scores that enhance their application, then I would recommend submitting the scores. The more information for the schools to make an admissions decision the better, but we always want it to be the best information.

Q When are the SAT OR ACT test dates?

A Please visit [Collegeboard.org](https://collegeboard.org) and [ACT.org](https://act.org) for official testing dates and locations as well as cancelations

Q Can we please get a list of what exactly does the Senior Fees cover? Also if things are cancelled will there be refunds given on a prorated scale?

A You can visit the [Senior Page](#) for more information about Senior Fees:

<https://www.houstonisd.org/Page/85629> In the event of cancellations due to Covid-19, the Administration will work with vendors on refunds and disseminate that to the Seniors and Families.

Q Are students going over the college application process in Senior Capstone and having time to work on it in class?

A Yes! The Senior Capstone curriculum has been structured to incorporate the college application process into each Unit. Please see the Senior Capstone syllabus for more information. [SYLLABUS](#)