




## College Readiness

**College Readiness** is committed to providing college and workforce training options to all HISD students, and works closely with campuses and district departments to create and maintain a college-bound culture throughout the district. Starting in elementary school, students and parents are highly encouraged to:

- Take charge of their learning.
  - Connect with counselors, advisors, and industry professionals about postsecondary education.
  - Dive deeply into early college preparation.
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### What does College Readiness support?

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#### AVID

**Advancement via Individual Determination (AVID)** is a global nonprofit dedicated to closing the achievement gap by preparing all students for college, career, and other postsecondary opportunities.

#### College & Career Advising

**Launch IGNITE** empowers students grades 9-11 to take ownership of their futures proactively, building a stronger foundation for college and career through: one-on-one advising, college and industry visits, PSAT/SAT preparation, and life-changing summer learning opportunities.

**Launch SENIOR** is a comprehensive college advising program for HISD students in grade 12. High school seniors receive support with their college applications, financial aid applications (FAFSA/TASFA/Scholarships), internship applications, and more!

**Launch ORBIT** supports HISD alumni in the transition from high school to college. Students receive the resources and guidance necessary to persist, graduating from college with a two-year, four-year, or technical degree or certification.

#### College Tours

On-campus **college tours** expand students' horizons in a way that cannot be overstated. By walking on a college campus, sitting in real classes, eating in the school's dining hall, and more, students gain a sense of the college experience.

#### Naviance

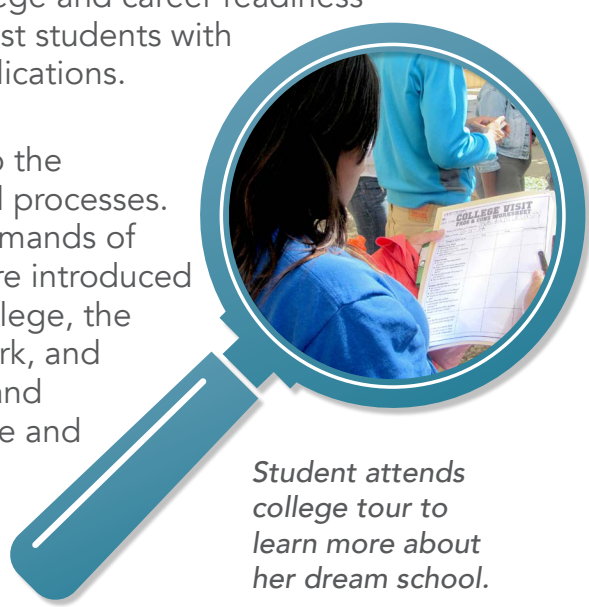
**Naviance** is a college and career tool available to all HISD parents and students grades 6-12. With Naviance, students can find colleges and careers via the platform's research tools, take career and personality assessments, and even use College SuperMatch, the nation's leading online college research tool!

#### Scholarships & Financial Aid

College and career **scholarships and financial aid** opportunities are widely available to HISD students to aid in the pursuit of a postsecondary credential. In addition to supporting all 12th-grade students with the completion of their FAFSA/TASFA financial aid applications, HISD college and career readiness advisors regularly advertise and assist students with outside, third-party scholarship applications.

#### Summer Bridge

**Summer Bridge** is a "jump start" to the college application and financial aid processes. Rising seniors are eased into the demands of these processes; in addition, they are introduced to the academic expectations of college, the importance of balancing school, work, and extracurriculars during senior year, and ultimately, not losing sight of college and career goals in the "home stretch" of high school.



*Student attends college tour to learn more about her dream school.*