





Getting Your Child Ready for College and Careers



Objectives

- Understand how you can support your child (elementary, middle, high) in terms of preparing them for college and/or careers upon graduation.
- Provide an overview of College and Career Readiness programming that exposes students to College and Career awareness and exposure.

Preparing Your Child for College and/or Careers – Elementary School

- Read aloud to your child and encourage independent reading.
- Make sure your child has a firm educational foundation.
- Encourage your child's curiosity.



College and Career Resources and Opportunities for Your Child – Elementary School

- Introduce children to the world around them and connect their likes and interests to their community.
- Engage in educational planning for your child.
- Encourage your child to participate in enrichment activities.
- To encourage independent reading, check with your local library.
- Find your Parent Guide today.
www.houstonisd.org/parentguides

GRADE-BY-GRADE

PARENT GUIDE

Get a detailed look at what your child should be learning and achieving in each grade level. Select a grade level below.

(You must have the [free Adobe Acrobat reader](#) to view or print them.)

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENT GUIDE

Select a grade level

Submit

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL PARENT GUIDE

Select a grade level

Submit

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Career Readiness Wagon - Elementary

2017-18 Highlights

The Career Ready Wagon is a traveling career exploration show; visiting elementary schools to bring an entertaining, interactive, and informative career experience to students in pre-kindergarten through 6th grade.

- Visited 34 elementary schools
- 10,500 students participated in career exploration activities
- 339 days spent at schools since the program's inception



Preparing Your Child for College and/or Careers – Middle School

- Begin to talk to your child about the future.
- Encourage your child to get involved in extracurricular activities.
- State law (TEC 28.016) requires HISD to provide college and career advising to students in Middle School.



College & Career Planning in HISD



College & Career Exploration Curriculum– Middle School

- Texas OnCourse – 7th
 - 7th Grade CCR Project
- My Personal Highway – 8th



TEXAS ONCOURSE

Lesson 1

MPH-Who Am I?

Lesson 2

Career Clusters & Programs of Study

Lesson 3

Investigating Career Clusters

Lessons 4-5

Exploring & Understanding the five high school endorsements

Achieve 180 Programming

- College & Career Readiness Advisor will facilitate classroom instruction, to ensure that the course is completed with fidelity.

Curriculum Additions

- Pre- and post- survey capture student growth

GROW YOUR FUTURE CCR PROJECT

The Grow your Future Project allows students to build on the research skills they have gained to explore educational options in HISD. Using all the CCR knowledge and skills gained they will take a close look at their interests, pick a career, examine HISD high schools, and even begin applying for a magnet program!



MY PERSONAL HIGHWAY [HUB COURSE]-8th

Module 1

Who Am I?

Module 2

School Choice

Module 3

High School Research

Module 4

Personal Graduation Plan

Achieve 180 Programming

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Curriculum Additions

- Pre- and post- survey to capture student growth
- Texas Reality Check Lesson Plan

Creating a High School PGP

- 1 Student builds a career portfolio.
- 2 Student chooses an endorsement area.
- 3 Counselor builds a list of core courses.
- 4 Counselor sets up an individual planning session.
- 5 Counselor builds student's course schedule.

What is a Personal Graduation Plan (PGP)?




Importance of The Personal Graduation Plan

Save

Print

Reset

HISD Distinguished Level of Achievement (DLA) Requirements for Personal Graduation Plan (PGP) For Students Entering 9th Grade in or after 2014-2015



Student ID: First Name: Last Name:
Campus: 9th Grade Entry Year: Date Initiated: Date Amended:

Endorsement selections include: Arts & Humanities (AH), Business & Industry (BI), STEM (S), Public Service (PS), and Multi-Disciplinary Studies.

Middle School
Requirement

How can
we find
out?

Naviance: →
7th grade:
Cluster
Finder
8th grade:
Career
Key

My Graduation Plan Type is:
☐ Foundation 22 ☐ Distinguished 26 ☐ See IEP

My Post High School plans are to:
(Select all that apply)
☐ Two Year College
☐ Four Year College
☐ Employment
☐ Military
☐ Other

Post-Secondary Testing:
(Select all that apply)
☐ PSAT
☐ TSI
☐ SAT
☐ ACT
☐ Other

My Career Interest:

Endorsement 1: 4 Whole Credits Select one: AH ☐ BI ☐ S ☐ PS ☐

Endorsement 2: 4 Whole Credits Select one: AH ☒ BI ☐ S ☐ PS ☐

Multi-Disciplinary Studies Endorsement: 4 Whole Credits ☐

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My Favorites



COLLEGES

I'm thinking about



COLLEGES

I'm applying to



COURSES

I'm thinking about

Middle School CTE Courses

Currently offered at **29** middle schools. **3,268** students are enrolled in a CTE course

Courses Offered

- Principles of Applied Engineering
- Principles of Information Technology
- Professional Communication
- Investigating Careers
- College & Career Readiness



Questions?





Building a High School Plan



Preparing Your Child for College and Careers in HISD – High School

Postsecondary Programs

Earn free college credit in High School!

- Advanced Placement
- International Baccalaureate
- Dual Credit, Dual Enrollment

Career and Technical Education (CTE)

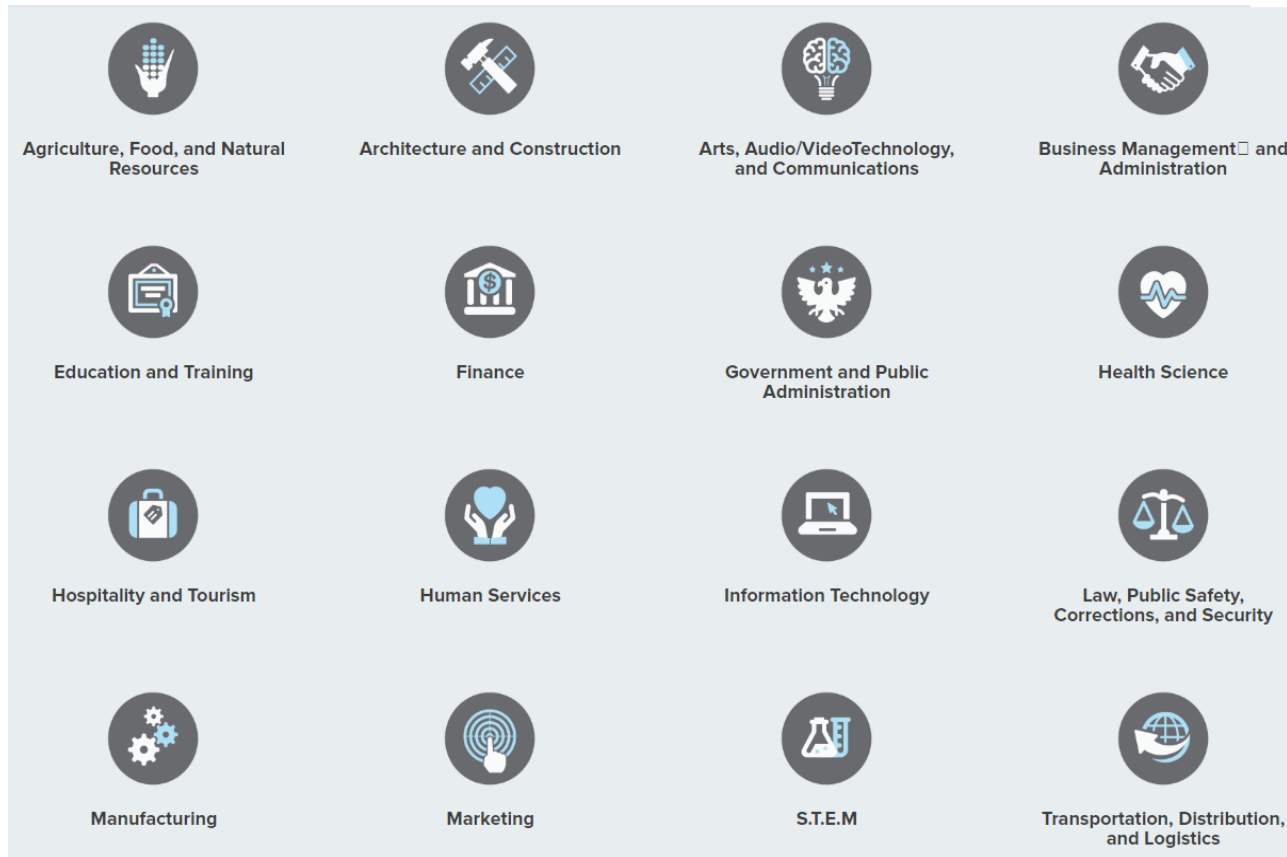
- Can graduate from High School with an Industry recognized certification!
- There are 190 pathways leading to credentials or certifications across HISD high schools.

Career Readiness as a Path to Success

- Students who participate in HISD CTE Programs graduate high school at a higher rate than those who do not. (**88%** vs. 86%)
- CTE Programs allow students to graduate with industry-recognized credentials and certifications.
- Students receive hands-on field experiences and training with tools, software, and technologies used by industry professionals.

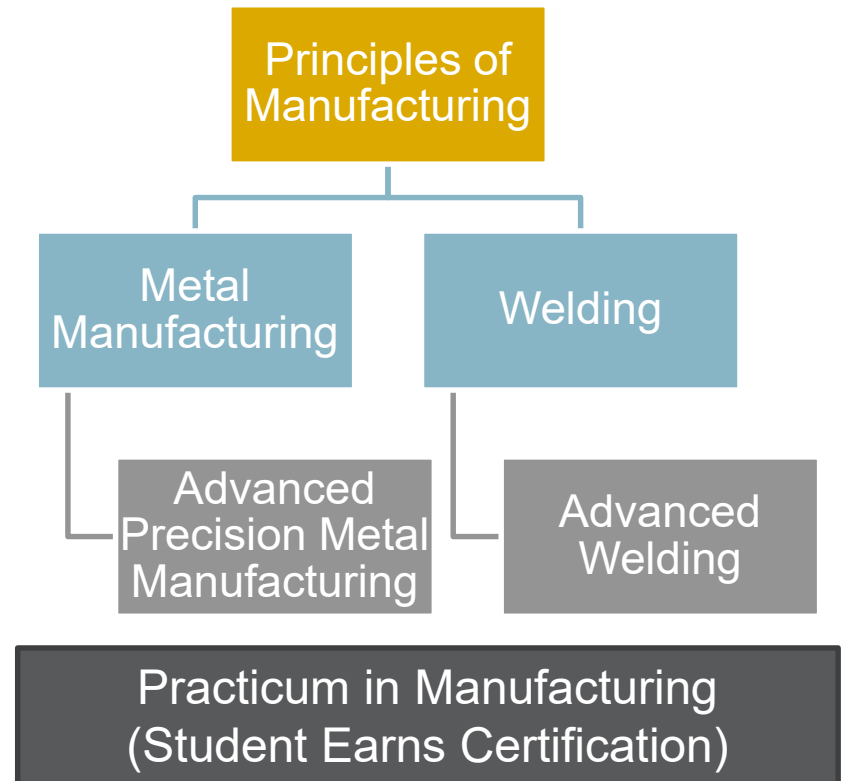


High School CTE Programs



HISD offers Career and Technical Education Courses in sixteen different CTE Programs, which have a total of 190 pathways to a certification or credential.

Examples of CTE Manufacturing Pathways



Postsecondary Programming

Opportunities for students to earn free college credit in high school:

- International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Advanced Placement (AP)
- Dual Credit
- Dual Enrollment (UT OnRamps)



High School 101



9th Grade Focus: Understanding GPA

CALCULATING MY GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)

GPA OVERVIEW

What is a GPA? Your GPA is an average of the grades you've earned, typically for classes you take during your high school career. Your GPA is calculated based on the following table:

Numeric Average	Letter Grade	Pre-AP/AP Grade Points	Non-Pre-AP/AP Grade Points
90-100	A	5	4
80-89	B	4	3
75-79	C	3	2
70-74	D	2	1
Below 70	F	0	0

As you see above, if you take challenging courses such as Pre-AP or AP courses, you can earn more points and increase your GPA as opposed to not taking Pre-AP or AP courses.

Students should calculate their fall semester GPA and reflect on changes they can make in the next semester.

After calculating GPA, students say...
They want to do better in the spring semester

They had no idea their GPA "counts" this early

REFLECTING

What did you do to earn this GPA? _____

What adjustments could you make to increase your GPA? _____

10th Grade Focus: Testing & Involvement

Priorities for this year:

- Monitor academic progress (grades)
- Review PSAT Scores
- Encourage involvement in an extracurricular activity (school or community)
- Begin looking at admission criteria for colleges of interest

YOUR SCORE TODAY

Your Total Score



You are in the **51st** percentile



You scored equal to or higher than 51% of students

11th Grade Focus: Testing & Postsecondary Planning

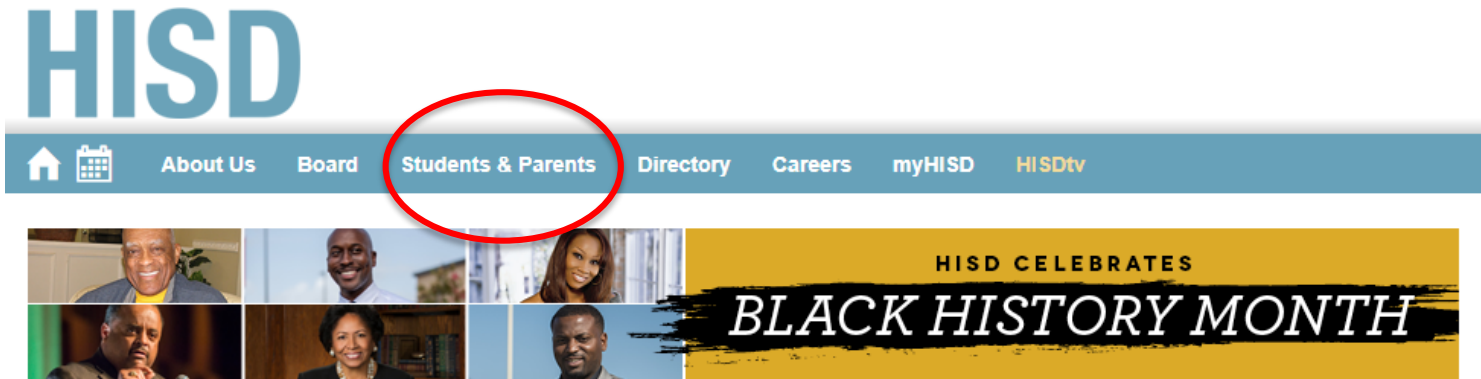
Priorities for this year:

- Compare their grades and PSAT scores to colleges of interest
- Create plan for Khan Academy Usage
- Begin discussing postsecondary pathway (i.e. certificate, 2 or 4 year degree, workforce, military)



Tip #1: Check Grades Regularly

Gradespeed allows you to check your student's grades and attendance regularly.



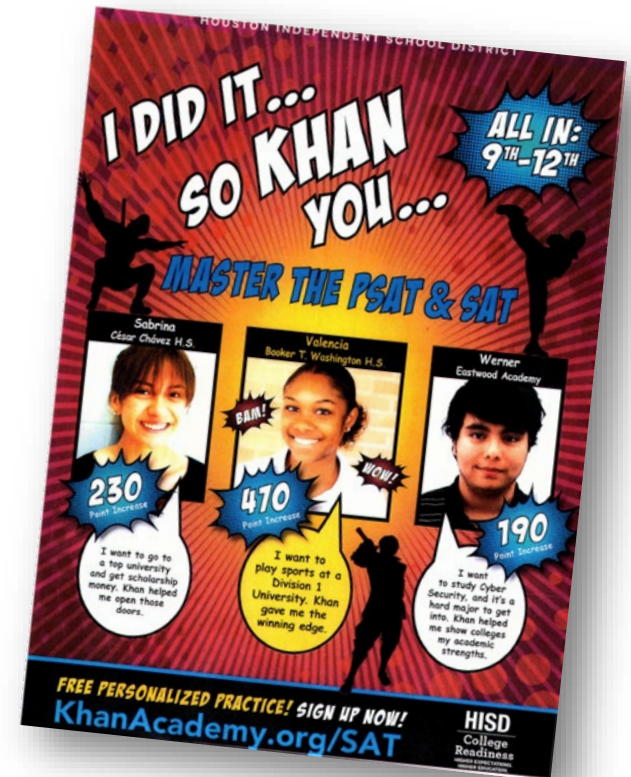
Scroll down to “Parent Student Connect” and sign in or register.

Tip #2: Encourage use of Khan Academy

Khan Academy is a FREE online platform that assists your student with skills needed to increase their scores on the PSAT and SAT exams.

Encourage your student to commit to just 20 minutes per day

20 hours of prep = 115 point increase (on average)
20 minutes/day (Mon – Fri) for 2 months = 20 hours



Tip #3: Consider Summer Enrichment

Discover U partners with HISD to connect our students to high quality, out of school, college and career preparatory exposure experiences.

Examples

- UHD Build Your Own Computer Summer Program
- St. Louis University Summer Engineering Program
- China Language Immersion Program

**DiscoverU Schools
2018-19**

EMERGE High Schools
Memorial High School
Northbrook High School
Spring Early College High School
Spring High School
Spring Woods High School
Stratford High School
Westchester Academy for International Studies
Westfield High School
Wuensche High School

FLO Standard High Schools
Cristo Rey Jesuit
Energy Institute High School
Yes Prep Eisenhower

FLO Plus High Schools
Eastwood Academy High School
Houston Academy for International Studies
Kashmere High School
Liberty High School
Madison High School
Milby High School
Mickey Leland College Preparatory Academy for Young Men
North Forest High School
Sharpstown High School
Washington High School
Westbury High School
Wheatley High School
Worthing High School
Yates High School

Project Explore Middle Schools
Attucks Middle School
Burbank Middle School
Deady Middle School
Fleming Middle School
Fondren Middle School
Navarro Middle School
Pilgrim Academy
Reagan K-8 Educational Center
Sugar Grove Academy
Thomas Middle School

Tip #4: Prepare for Scholarships

The bulk of scholarships are available in the senior year. Preparing now to meet these criteria is sure to set your student up for success!

Scholarship Name	Total Award Amount	Eligibility Criteria/Targeted Populations
Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo	\$20,000	SAT score: 950+
Marvy Finger	Full scholarship	2.0+ GPA seeking a 2 year technical degree program
Dream.US	Most of tuition and fees	DREAMers who have a 2.5+ GPA

Questions?





College Options



Options After High School

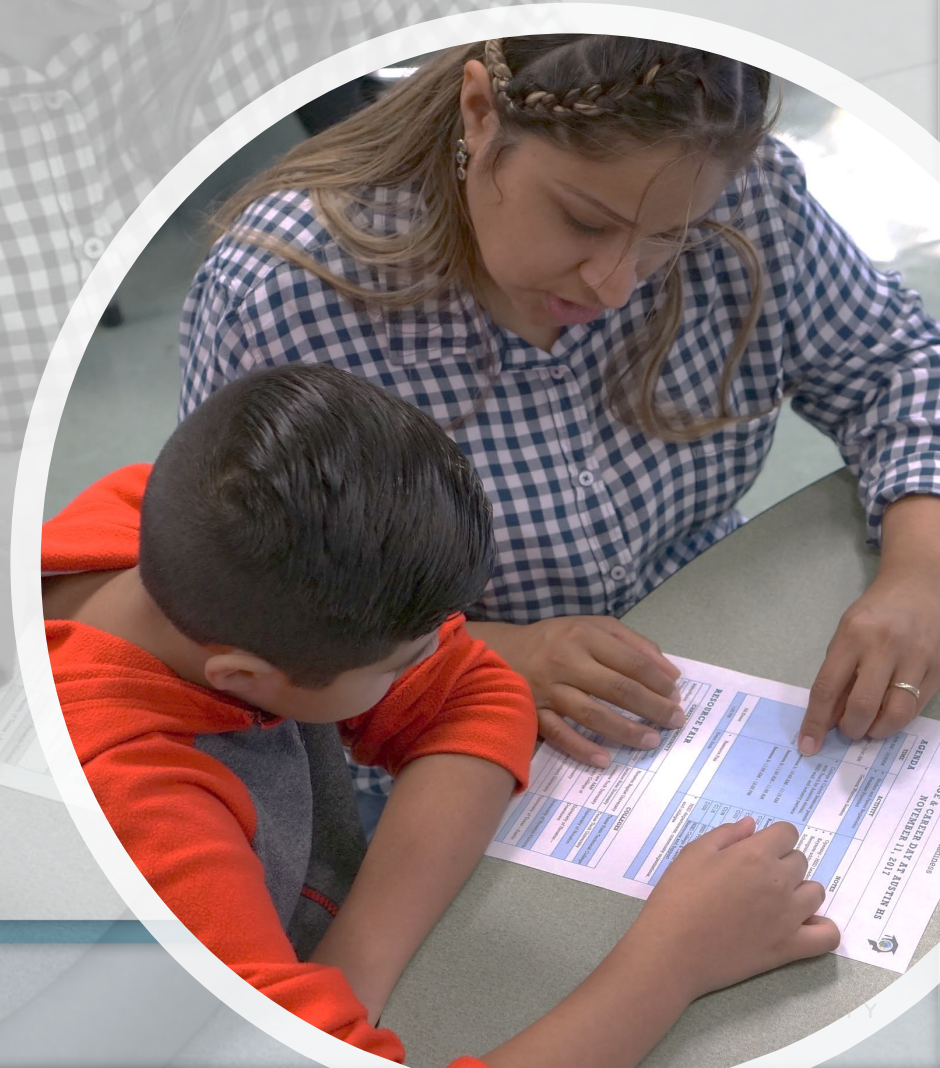
Technical Skills Training

2-Year Associates Degree

4-Year Bachelors Degree

Masters Degree

Doctorate Degree



Types of Colleges

2 Year Community Colleges

Certificates and Associate Degrees

Less Expensive

Shorter training options

“Basics” can be transferred to 4-year



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COLLEGE



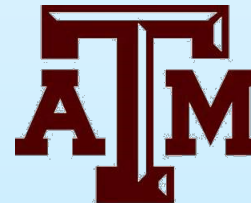
4 Year Colleges and Universities

Bachelor, Masters and Doctorate Degrees

More Expensive

4 years or more of education

Includes Division 1 Athletics





College Admissions



Getting into a Community College



Apply on www.applytexas.org



Submit transcript, TSI scores,
Meningitis Shot Record



Apply for Financial Aid



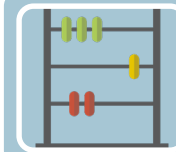
Speak to an Academic
Advisor to register for classes

Getting into a University



Challenging Courses

- Pre AP, AP, Dual Credit



Strong Grades



Community Service and Leadership



College Entrance Exams

- SAT/ACT/TSI

High School College Center

One on one Advising Meetings

College Application Workshops

Financial Aid Workshops

College Campus Visits

Scholarships Lists and Resources





College Affordability



Cost of Going to College



Tuition & Fees: The amount a student pays for college classes and any extra fees



Books & Supplies: Textbooks needed for each class and any additional supplies or required materials

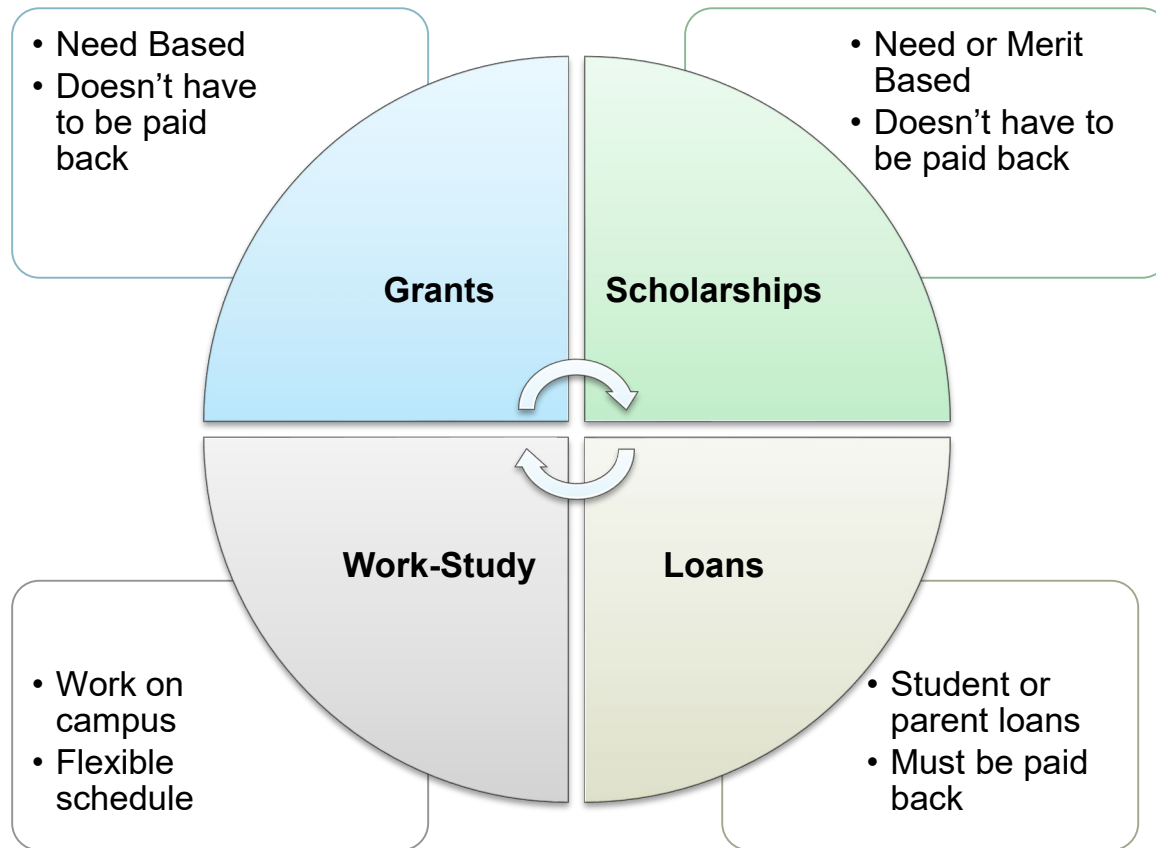


Room & Board: The cost for living on campus and eating meals on campus.



Personal & Transportation: Any additional expenses such as laundry, cell phone service, going out money, and flights home throughout the year.

Types of Financial Aid



Grants to Pay for College

FAFSA

Citizen or Naturalized Citizen
Graduated from HS or have GED
Permanent Resident
Refugee or Asylum Granted
Child of T-Visa or Battered Immigrant

[FAFSA.gov](https://fafsa.gov)

TASFA

Immigrant students
Texas resident for at least 3 years
Graduated from HS or have GED
Temporary Residents (DACA or work permit)

Collegeforalltexans.com

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

The screenshot shows the FAFSA website homepage. At the top, it says "Federal Student Aid" and "PROUD SPONSOR of the AMERICAN MIND". Below this is a navigation bar with links: "Prepare for College", "Types of Aid", "Who Gets Aid", "FAFSA: Apply for Aid", and "How to Repay Your Loans". The main heading is "FAFSA®: Apply for Aid". Below this, it says "Use the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form to apply for financial aid for college or grad school." There are two main sections: "NEW TO THE FAFSA® PROCESS?" and "RETURNING USER?". The "NEW TO THE FAFSA® PROCESS?" section says "Completing the FAFSA form is free. Fill it out now." and has a "START HERE" button. The "RETURNING USER?" section says "Correct info • Add a school" and "View your Student Aid Report (SAR)" and has a "LOG IN" button. Below these sections is a "FAFSA® Announcements" box with three bullet points: 1. Customers who are using an Apple device (mobile and/or desktop) may encounter errors on some FAFSA fields if the "smart punctuation" feature is enabled. This feature changes apostrophes and quotation marks to invalid characters that the FAFSA form cannot recognize. Learn about solutions for this error. 2. Check out the new myStudentAid app for iOS and Android. 3. To get the best experience, make sure your browser's pop-up blocker allows pop-ups from fafsa.ed.gov before logging in to the FAFSA form. At the bottom of the box, it says "The FAFSA form will be unavailable due to scheduled maintenance every Sunday from 3–11 a.m. Eastern time."

What is needed to fill out the FAFSA?

Parent(s)/Student's social security number

Permanent resident card (If applicable)

Parent(s)/Student's date of birth

Parent/Legal Guardian tax information

Student's tax information

Opens October 1st each year

Priority deadline: January 15

Selective Service is **MANDATORY** for male students completing the FAFSA

www.fafsa.gov

TEXAS APPLICATION FOR STATE FINANCIAL AID

Student requirements

- Paper Application - collegeforalltexans.com
- Available **October 1ST**
- Priority deadline March 15th
- Date of birth
- Tax Information (*if applicable*)
- IRS Non-Filer Letter (*if applicable*)
- SB 1528 Affidavit
- Student university ID # for each college
- Selective Service Registration Card (*male students*)

A copy of application and supplemental documents should be sent to **EACH** college applied to.

2018-19 TASFA

Texas Application for State Financial Aid

July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

The Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) is used to collect information to help determine eligibility for state financial aid programs that are administered by institutions of higher education in the state of Texas. Students that are classified as a Texas Resident who cannot apply for federal financial aid using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) are encouraged to complete the TASFA. To review the FAFSA filing requirements, visit www.fafsa.ed.gov or visit the financial aid office at the institution you plan to attend for the 2018-19 award year. Please note that Texas Residency can only be determined by the institution that you plan to attend. This application cannot be used to determine your state residency status or final eligibility for state aid.

To complete this application, each item within the applicable sections must be answered. **For clarification on specific items, please reference the Notes section. If you have further questions, contact the financial aid office at your institution.**

Texas state priority deadline for many institutions of higher education is **March 15, 2018** for the 2018-19 award year. It is recommended that applicants complete and submit this application and any other required documentation to the financial aid office prior to the state priority deadline date.

STEP ONE: STUDENT INFORMATION (See Notes for questions 5-6)

1. Last Name		2. First Name		3. M.I.	
4. Date of Birth		5. Social Security Number or DACA # or Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>		6. College Student ID	
7. Permanent Mailing Address					

Parent Requirements

- Date of birth
- Marriage Date (*if applicable*)
- Income Tax Return & Tax Transcript
- IRS Non-Filer Letter (*if applicable*)

Parent information is **required** unless student is classified as independent.



Resources



Helpful resources

HISD College Readiness
www.houstonisd.org/collegereadiness

HISD FAFSA Website
<http://hisd-fafsa.org>

Naviance
www.houstonisd.org/Naviance

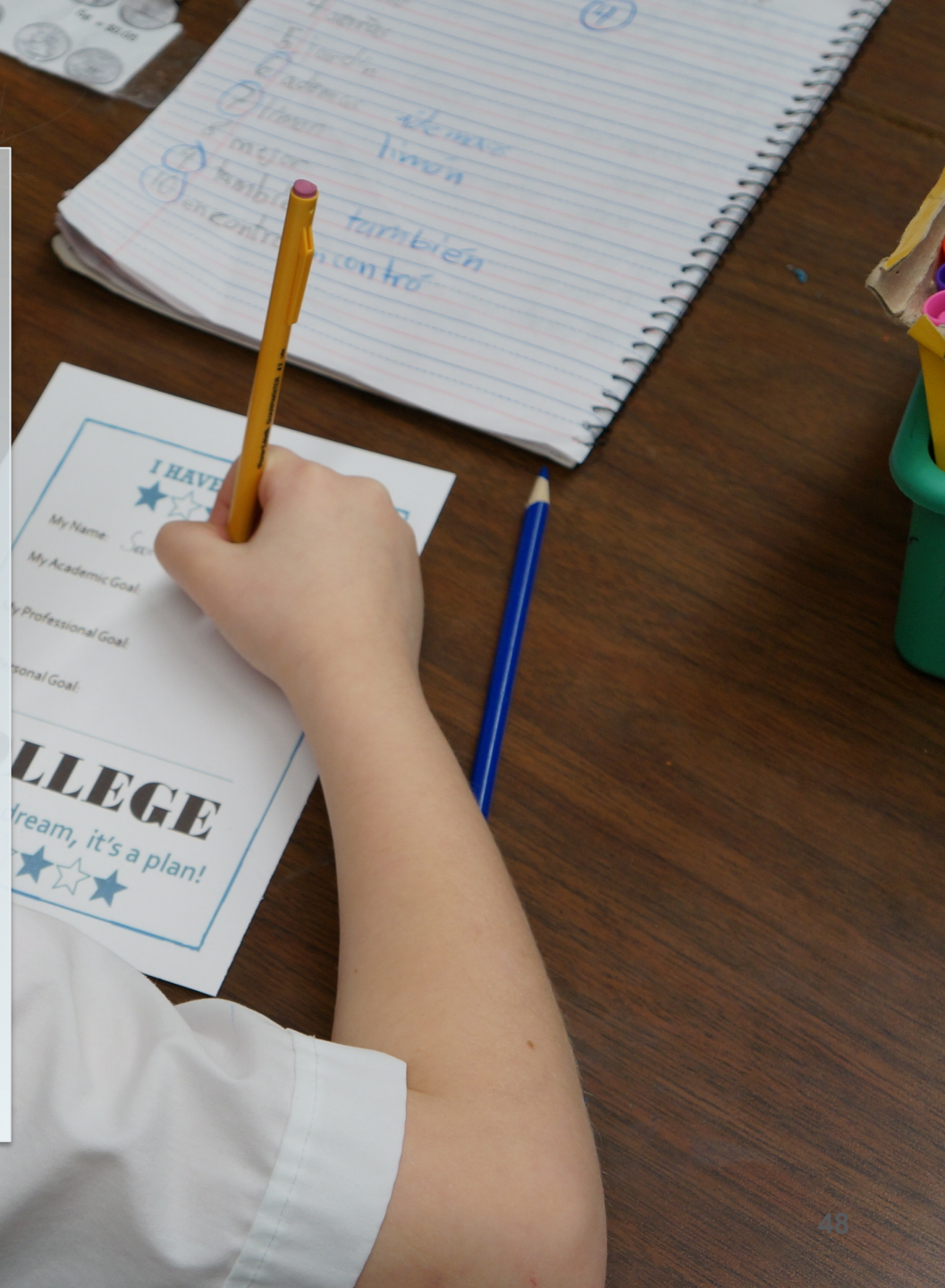
College for All Texans
www.collegeforalltexans.com

Federal Student Aid
www.studentaid.ed.gov

College Board
www.collegeboard.org

ApplyTX Application
www.applytexas.org

The CommonApp
www.commonapp.org



Questions?



Additional Questions/Preguntas adicionales

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(*Centro para Padres y la Comunidad*)

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Español: Padres@HoustonISD.org



Thank You!