



Senior Year Info.

Class 2022

Senior year is a time to make memories, maximize your school experience and begin preparing for what lies ahead.

We have put together some resources to help you with this journey as you finish the last year of high school. The items mentioned in this presentation are linked to this slideshow, as well have been emailed to all seniors via school email. This presentation is also available on the Lubbock HS Counselor webpage.

SENIOR MONTHLY CHECKLIST

This checklist is to help you prioritize and stay on top of deadlines. There are dates included in this checklist that you should make note of in preparation for graduation. All items listed are important, but we will emphasize the highlighted items...

Senior 2022 Monthly Checklist		Status	Deadline
Month	Task		
All Year	Request recommendation letters from teachers, counselors and/or employers TWO WEEKS OR MORE IN ADVANCE . Download copy of the GOLD PACKET from LHS counselor webpage under Recommendation Letters for more information and turn in to your alpha counselor in advance.		
All Year	Take TSI Assessment if needed-see the LHS Counselor webpage for more information!		
All Year	Review college applications and their requirements/deadlines.		
All Year	Review transcripts, grades, credits, GPA, rank and test scores.		
All Year	Notify alpha counselor immediately if you discover a credit discrepancy- YOU ARE ULTIMATELY RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL OF THE COURSES YOU NEED FOR GRADUATION!		
All Year	Meet with college representatives virtually or in person - listen to announcements and check email for links.		
All Year	Student Athletes: File with NCAA Clearinghouse if pursuing college athletics & send transcripts. Speak with your coach and counselor for more information.		
All Year	File official documentation of college visits to attendance clerk for excused absences		
All Year	LEARN is on campus every Wed. & Thurs. Sign up in the counseling suite with LEARN advisors to receive help with FAFSA and college applications.		
September	LEARN & Counselors speak to seniors in English 4 classes		
September	Rank and GPA updates will be available late September/early October		
September	PASS/FAIL form available after GPA update late September and due by October 18th		
October	FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) opens October 1st. Register for a PIN# at https://fafsa.ed.gov ; LEARN Advisors can help with this new graduation requirement.		
October	In person College and Career Night Tuesday, October 18, 2021, 5:30pm-7:30pm at TTU USA; Register at https://falltacrao.swoogo.com/registration		
October	Transcript request the LHS registrar, Vanessa Maldonado, in the administration office and fill out request form. Please allow at least one week for requests to be processed. Counselors can help with transcripts to Common App. and Coalition only.		
October	Complete Early Decision or Early Action applications if applicable-make sure you understand your options if you apply either of these two ways!		
November	Date TBA for mandatory informational meeting with Balfour regarding caps & gown. Graduation reg. look different this year-more info. to come!		
	scholarship search and review deadlines.		

Items to think about all through the year..

College and Career Research: www.collegeforalltexans.com, www.texascareercheck.com, <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org> and <https://southplainscollege.emsicc.com>

Start applications on ApplyTexas (www.goapplytexas.org), Common Application (www.commonapp.org), MyCoaliton (<http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org>), etc. Check college admissions pages for preferred application process.

Follow LHS Counselors Twitter page [@BeAWesterner](https://twitter.com/BeAWesterner) and check LHS Counselor webpage for resources, scholarships and continual updates <http://bit.ly/LubbockHScounselors>

Items to think about all through the year..

Take SAT/ACT as needed: www.collegeboard.org or www.act.org ; Test fee waivers available from the counselors for qualifying students; see LEARN handouts for test dates. Check for the possibility of test optional info. for every college.

Request recommendation letters from teachers, counselors and/or employers *TWO WEEKS OR MORE IN ADVANCE*. Download copy of the “**GOLD PACKET**” from LHS counselor webpage under [Recommendation Letters](#) for more information and turn in to your alpha counselor in advance.

Meet with college representatives virtually or in person - listen to announcements and check LISD email for links.

Items to think about in the FALL...

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) opens October 1st. Register for a PIN# at <https://fafsa.ed.gov>; LEARN Advisors can help with this new graduation requirement for the Class of 2022!

LISD College and Career Night Tuesday, October 18, 2021, 5:30pm-7:30pm at the TTU USA. Register for in person event at <https://falltacrao.swoogo.com/registration>

Transcript requests: See LHS registrar, Vanessa Maldonado, in the administration office and fill out request form. Please allow at least one week for requests to be processed. *Counselors can upload transcripts to Common App & Coalition only.*

Items to think about in the FALL...

Date TBA for mandatory informational meeting with Balfour regarding caps & gown. Graduation regalia will look different this year-more info. to come!

Remember counselors and teachers are off duty during the holidays and will not be able to write letters of recommendation at that time. Be courteous and give them notice 2 weeks or more prior to holidays if you have an early January deadline!

Research the COVID policies of the colleges you're applying to, regarding their mask and vaccination requirements.

Items to think about in the SPRING..

Verify that financial aid forms have been completed and submitted in time to meet deadlines. January 15th is the priority deadline in Texas for FAFSA. Log into your FAFSA account and review your Student Aid Report if you have not already done so.

Late March, Senior GPA & ranks updated after 3rd nine weeks grades are submitted to determine final class ranking for graduation.

3.50-3.99 GPA = Honors; 4.0 or higher = High Honors.

Keep up academic momentum - 4th nine weeks grades are still live and needed for credit completion and final transcripts! Drop in academic performance can jeopardize scholarship and admissions offers!

Submit copies of all scholarship/financial awards to your alpha counselor.

Submit enlistment paperwork to your counselor if you are planning on military.

Items to think about in the SPRING..

Senior Final Exams May 23rd & 24th ; grades finalized these dates for graduation.

Senior Meetings May 25th & 26th. Order final official transcript from registrar, Vanessa Maldonado. Pay any fines/fees still owed and Chromebook check in.

May 27th: graduation rehearsal

May 27th: Graduation: TTU United Supermarkets Arena. 6:00pm.

TIPS FOR COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

This tips sheet is full of information, broken down into categories based on the multiple steps you will take in the college application process. Take time to review each section carefully and see your counselor if you have any questions!

TIPS FOR COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

Admission Decisions:

Top 10% in Texas - if you are in Top 10%, you are automatically admitted in the Texas Public institution to which you apply, except the University of Texas - Top 6%. You must meet the application deadline and complete the application as instructed.

Assured Admissions - Test scores and rank meet a required formula. SAT combines score is Critical Reading (CR) plus Math (M); writing score is used as separate evaluation tool.

Test Optional - Numerous colleges will be providing this option for admission applications this year due to COVID. See the explanation located on the document "What Does Test Optional Mean?"

Review - Application packets are reviewed in a holistic manner - courses, grades, rank, test scores, activities, letter of recommendations, essay, etc.

Provisional - Students are sometimes admitted on a probationary status. Summer school may be required and a set grade point will have to be earned; policies vary.

Items required for college application packet:

1. The application - apply online or with a paper application
2. Partial high school transcript - based on 6 completed semesters (Includes semester grades, GPA, rank, graduation plan)
3. SAT/ACT Scores - Scores MUST be sent from testing agency. Four scores sent for fee when you take the test.
4. Application Fee - Waiver from SAT/ACT can be used for application
5. Recommendation letters or forms.

The Application:

Texas Common Application - www.applytexas.org
2 and 4 year public colleges and universities in Texas
National Common Application - www.commonapp.org
Over 800 colleges
Coalition for College - www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org
140+ colleges
Institutional applications by individual basis, check website.

9. Dual credit transcripts - request that SPC mail a transcript to the college you are applying to attend. Also, mail a final dual credit transcript from South Plains College.

College Admissions Testing (SAT and ACT):

Counselors suggest taking both tests and retesting to improve scores.

SAT Reasoning Test to measure a student's aptitude (critical reading, math, and writing)
www.collegeboard.com
Test Fee: \$60.00 (with essay) \$46.00 (no essay)
***Admissions will look at combined reading and math score
LUSD pays to have all juniors take SAT in the spring.

ACT An achievement based test (English, Reading, Math, Science)
www.actstudent.org
Test fee: \$62.50 (with essay) \$46.50 (no essay)

Must register 4-5 weeks in advance to not pay late fee / stand by fee.

TSI Compliance:

Students must demonstrate TSI compliance by passing the TSI, SAT, or ACT prior to enrolling in any college level course.

Exemptions:

SAT - 480 EBRW and 530 Math
ACT - 23 composite with 19 minimum in Eng. and Math

TSI Compliance Scores:

Math - 350
Reading - 351
Writing - 363 + 4 on the Essay or 5 on the Essay

Register for the TSI at LHS with Ms. Brady in Room 2107 or call (806) 219-1731

Scholarships:

Available for academics, financial aid, community service, essay, etc.

WHAT DOES TEST OPTIONAL MEAN?

This sheet provides an explanation of what "TEST OPTIONAL" means. Due to COVID-19 causing testing sites to shut down, many students have not been able to test, thus do not have scores to submit. Many colleges are offering this option this year!

"What Does Test Optional Mean?"

What Is Test-Optional?

If a college or university has a test-optional admissions policy, that means they allow all or some applicants to decide whether to submit SAT or ACT® scores as part of their application. It doesn't mean that schools aren't interested in seeing all applicants' performance and potential—but if a student doesn't submit their scores, it won't be considered in the application review.

In a recent survey, representatives from test-optional colleges and universities reported that, on average, close to 80% of their applicants choose to submit test scores.

Understanding test-optional policies can help you make informed decisions about whether to take the SAT, the ACT, or both. The most important point is that policies vary widely. Be sure to read each college's policy carefully so you understand what you need to do to qualify for admission, scholarships, financial aid, etc.

Variations in Test-Optional Policies

Here are some possible variations in test score policies:

VIRTUAL LISD COLLEGE AND CAREER NIGHT

Lubbock ISD is holding their annual College and Career Fair. In order to participate, students must register the week prior to the event at:

<https://falltacrao.swoogo.com/registration>

Select the "In Person" and "October 18, 2021" event.

LISD students will also be able to register for door prizes.



COLLEGE AND CAREER NIGHT
2021

October 18th 2021

Meet with college representatives & explore career opportunities for the future!

TTU United Supermarkets Arena
5:30pm - 7:30pm
Sponsored by Lubbock ISD

Visit with more than 100 college, military, trade/technical school representatives and enter to win **door prizes**.
Register for the in-person college fair at <https://falltacrao.swoogo.com/>
Registration! Select week October 18, 2021.

Seminar

Guest Presenter: Texas Tech University Financial Aid Department
Financial Aid 101: Introduction to the New FAFSA information and more.
Located in the City Bank Room
SEMINAR WILL BE HELD AT 5:30PM & repeated at 6:30PM

Please be advised: TTU USA has a clear bag policy. For details go to <https://texastech.com/sports/2016/7/6/clear-bag-policy.aspx>.

WIN PRIZES

TUITION GUARANTEE PROGRAMS

There are financial aid programs that exist at many universities to assist with the cost of college, and also possibly cover the entire cost! This sheet lists the most popular programs in Texas. Check the financial aid offices of the colleges you apply to on what types of financial aid assistance is available.

YOU MUST COMPLETE AND SUBMIT A FAFSA IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED, ALONG WITH YOUR ADMISSIONS APPLICATION!!!

Tuition Guarantee Programs in Texas

Lamar University	Covers tuition/fees for students with family incomes of \$25,000 or less. (Lamar Promise)	Texas State University	Covers tuition/fees for students with family incomes of \$50,000 or less. (Bobcat Promise)
Sam Houston State University	Covers tuition/fees for students with family incomes of \$40,000 or less. (Bearkat Promise)	Texas Tech University	Covers tuition/fees for students with family incomes of \$65,000 or less. (Red Raider Guarantee)
Stephen F. Austin University	Covers tuition and fees for up to 4 years with income less \$30,000 or less. (Purple Promise Guarantee)	University of Houston	Covers tuition/fees for students with family incomes of \$65,000 or less. (Cougar Promise)
Tarleton State University	Covers tuition and fees for students with family incomes of \$30,000 or less. (Tarleton Grants)	University of Houston – Victoria	New freshmen outside Victoria area will be eligible to receive a \$1,200 scholarship for UHV Jaguar

NEW FINANCIAL AID GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

In accordance with Texas Education Code (TEC), §28.0256, beginning with students enrolled in 12th grade during the 2021-2022 school year, each student must do one of the following in order to graduate:

- Complete and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA);
- Complete and submit a Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA);
or
- Submit a signed opt-out form. See your counselor for this form if you are planning on going straight into the military or workforce instead of attending college right after high school.

FINANCIAL AID GRADUATION REQUIREMENT SURVEY

Go to <https://bit.ly/3AaKveq> in order to complete the survey on what your post graduation plans are and how you will be meeting the new graduation requirement for financial aid application or opt out.

All seniors need to complete this survey!

ADDITIONAL WEBSITES TO HELP YOU

Graduation Requirements:

<https://www.lubbockisd.org/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=33800&dataid=37690&FileName=2021%20COB%20High%20School%20updated%2008-31-2021%20posted.pdf>

Military: <http://www.collegeforalltexans.com/index.cfm?objectID=8F88F7F2-A11A-B69F-5E25D9D6F972DAE4&audience=military>

Career Exploration: <https://texascareercheck.com/> <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/>

College Exploration: <https://texascareercheck.com/> <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>

Fair Opportunity Project: <https://www.fairoppportunityproject.org/>

Financial Aid: <http://www.collegeforalltexans.com/index.cfm?objectid=699B6A67-A725-CF93-E4BE5B7F74474508>

<https://studentaid.gov/>

THE ULTIMATE GOAL...



ONCE A WESTERNER, ALWAYS A WESTERNER