



PLEASANTON HIGH SCHOOL

JUNIOR/SENIOR
POST-GRADUATION
GUIDEBOOK

EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

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INTRODUCTION

The Junior/Senior Post Graduation Guidebook is prepared to assist you and your parents as you begin planning your transition from high school to a four-year college, a two-year college, enlisting in the military, apprenticeship program, or employment plans you may have after high school.

This guidebook is given to you during your junior year so that you can use it as a guide when you begin to explore the many opportunities that lay ahead of you. We hope that you will pay attention to the timeline that this guidebook outlines.

This is an important time in your life, so stay focused and organized as you begin planning for the next chapter in your life. See you at graduation!

PREPARE FOR YOUR FUTURE! HOW?

Listen to daily announcements for important dates, scholarships and tests.

Visit the College and Career Information Center for upcoming college representatives, military recruiter visits.

Consult with your counselor and your parents.

Take Advantage of all special programs and upcoming events throughout the year.

START PLANNING NOW!

GET ORGANIZED AS you plan!

Consult with Counselor and Parents!

PREPARE FOR YOUR FUTURE!

GATHER INFORMATION

ASK QUESTIONS

STAY ORGANIZED

CONSULT WITH COUNSELORS AND PARENTS

CONSIDER YOUR STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES

WHAT CAN I DO NOW?

- ☆ Meet with your counselor for guidance and clarification.
- ☆ Meet with college representatives who visit our campus for one-on-one questions.
- ☆ Visit the College and Career Information Center and find out about upcoming events.
- ☆ Attend the College Fair and meet with college representatives.
- ☆ Attend the Junior College Fair and meet with surrounding junior college reps.
- ☆ Attend Financial Aid Night and learn about paying for college.
- ☆ Attend the Elective Fair and find out about courses that might interest you.
- ☆ Search college web pages.
- ☆ Jot down important Deadlines. Remember, scholarships and colleges all have strict deadlines!
- ☆ Stay involved in extra-curricular -- this can be an enjoyable part of high school and help develop teamwork and leadership skills. Plus, colleges/military/employers will take note of your activities when you apply for admission or employment.
- ☆ Visit college campuses – Pick-up a college visit form at the front office.

A “Crate” Idea

Here is a “crate” idea to help you organize your college exploration process:

Find a plastic crate designed to hold hanging file folders. If you don’t have one around the house, they are available at every office supply store.

To begin, set up the following folders:

- ☆ Career planning
- ☆ Standardized Tests
- ☆ College Planning
- ☆ Activities Resume
- ☆ Campus Visits
- ☆ NCAA (if applicable)
- ☆ Interview
- ☆ Personal Statement/Essay
- ☆ Scholarships
- ☆ Financial Aid (if applicable)
- ☆ Military ROTC (if applicable)

Reserve another 15-20 folders to label for each college on your “long list.” As you begin to receive information from these colleges, you can set up a file for each school you are interested in. We suggest that you keep all the other college mail (i.e. schools you aren’t that interested in) in a “slush” box – don’t throw them out – you may come back to them later on.

As you weigh each college choice, move the college files around, arranging them in order of preference at that particular time. This order will most likely change as you progress through this process.

As you move through the selection process, you will want more folders available. We will add material and make changes in your files as you get ready for your freshman year in college.

It’s a challenging and exciting process, and it will flow much more smoothly if you’re organized!!

*** Special thanks to Evelyn Yeagle for the documentation of this “Crate” idea.

DO YOU HAVE WHAT YOU NEED TO GRADUATE?

DID YOU PASS YOUR EXIT LEVEL TAKS? EOC'S?

RECOMMENDED PLAN For Students Graduating 2014

SUBJECTS

ENGLISH: English 1, English 2, English 3, English 4

MATH: Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, 4TH advanced math

SCIENCE: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, 4th Advanced Science

SOCIAL STUDIES: World Geography, World History, US History, Gov/Eco

INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE: Spanish 1, Spanish 2

PHYSICAL EDUCATION: 1 credit from Athletics/ ROTC, or 2 yrs. of Band

TECHNOLOGY: Business Information Management (BIM)

FINES ARTS: 1 credit from Art, Band, Choir, Theatre Arts, or Tech Theatre

ELECTIVES: 4.5 credits from electives

Distinguished Program

Requirements are the same as Recommended with the following differences:

International Language 3 credits

Electives – 3.5 credits

Advanced Measures – 4 (AP/Dual credit classes)

MINIMUM TOTAL = 26 CREDITS

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JUNIOR PLANNING CALENDAR

AUGUST

- ★ Visit the counseling office if you need a schedule change.
Look for the registration dates for the PSAT, SAT/ACT.

NOTES:

SEPTEMBER

1. Remember to sign up for the PSAT test. This test is good preparation for the SAT. It also determines the selection of award recipients for the National Merit Scholarship Program. If you think you need help on standardized testing, consider a preparatory course or practice tests online.
2. Include your parents in college plans
3. Visit the College and Career Information Center and ask to take a career inventory survey.

NOTES:

OCTOBER

1. Note—PSAT in mid-October. In your junior year, you can qualify to be a Designated National Merit Scholar by taking this test.
2. Explore your post-high school choice(s) through computer searches by visiting college web pages. Visit the College and Career Information Center to view current catalogues, reference books, guides and other pamphlets, materials, and publications on colleges and careers for further exploration.
3. Attend PHS College Fair. If you are unable to attend, write to the admission offices of colleges you are interested in. Request copies of college catalogues, and brochures.
4. Create a list of colleges and careers that suit your interests, needs, preferences and abilities. Write down any deadline dates for that college.

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JUNIOR PLANNING CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

1. Consider signing up for the ASVAB. This is a great assessment tool to help you understand more about your strengths and weaknesses.
2. Continue your college search by visiting websites and other sources.

NOTES:

DECEMBER

1. Remember to register for the SAT or ACT. Sign up for a prep course if you feel you need to do so. Or take their practice test on line by visiting their website.
2. Inform your counselor if you wish to apply to a military academy and/or ROTC scholarship at the junior conference. The application process will start in March. Sign up in the College and Career Information Center if you want to visit with a military recruiter.

NOTES:

JANUARY

1. Examine and update your four-year plan to see if it can be changed to help you better accomplish your long-range goals. Visit with your counselor for help.
2. Begin finalizing your educational plans for your senior year. Again, include your parents as you begin to narrow your college and career choices.
3. Study for final exams. Your high school grades are an important part of your transcript. Transcripts are what colleges review to determine admissions.
4. Plan or rethink your courses and activities for next school year.

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JUNIOR PLANNING CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

1. Plan to register for the SAT or ACT in the spring semester of your Junior year. Test dates are posted in the counseling office as well as in this guidebook. The counseling department encourages you to take both tests. Registration deadlines to take these tests generally occur one month or more before the actual test date. Students are responsible for registering on line. If you think you might be eligible for a fee waiver stop by the counseling office.
2. Consider taking AP exams this spring. You may be able to get college credit by earning a certain score on an AP test. AP exams will be given in May.
3. Begin finalizing plans about how you and your family plan to pay for your post-secondary education/training. Consider attending Financial Aid night in the fall.

NOTES:

MARCH

1. Gain focus on your goals, interests and needs.
2. Take the SAT and ACT college entrance exams this spring.
3. Be present for EOC exams. THESE TESTS ARE REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION!

NOTES:

APRIL/MAY

1. If a college requests a letter or recommendation, identify sources; i.e. teachers, church leaders, or employers who can write a well-informed letter of recommendation.
2. If you have not signed up for the SAT and/or ACT, register now.
3. Be present for the EOC exams given in the Spring Semester.

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JUNIOR PLANNING CALENDAR

JUNE

1. Visit colleges, if possible. Find out when tour groups are given or visit the campus on your own with your family.
2. Consider finding a summer job that is related to your career interest. Most colleges expect students to help pay for college costs while in school.
3. Fine tune your college choices based on your interests and abilities; rank them in order of preference or importance to you.
4. For extra help, visit "Café College" during summer.
Funded by the City of San Antonio and managed by the San Antonio Education Partnership, café college serves as San Antonio and surrounding areas as a "one-stop-shop" for college access advice, guidance, and workshops. They are located at 131 El Paso Street, phone number 210-207-4528. All assistance is free and they are open on weekends too!

NOTES:

**QUESTIONS?
CONCERNS?
SEE YOUR
COUNSELOR!!!!!!**

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SENIOR PLANNING CALENDAR

AUGUST

1. Discuss your goals and plans with your parents. Visit your counselor and the College and Career Information Center for guidance. They can also provide valuable information. Consider your strengths, weaknesses, and Accomplishments to develop focus for clarification of goals.
2. Begin your "Apply Texas Application" for college. Go on line to www.applytexas.org. Decide on "safe", "probable", "reach", schools as well as your "dream" school. **CHECK DEADLINES FOR APPLICATION FORMS, TEST SCORES, AND FINANCIAL AID, ETC.**
3. Plan college visits/tours. Call colleges prior to visiting the campus.
4. Your college and scholarship application will often ask you to write an essay. If you are given a choice of topics, choose one you are interested in and want to write about. Consider getting assistance from your English teacher.
5. Visit our campus counseling web page for scholarship announcements. Ask your parents' employment, civic organizations, and religious affiliations about scholarship opportunities. Check your English 4 classroom for scholarship announcements as well.
6. Register for admission tests if you have not already done so. SAT and ACT tests dates are posted in the College and Career Information Center and on the counseling web site.

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Involve your parents in your application process. It is very important to keep them informed as you work on your goals. Your parents are a valuable resource and will provide support, suggestions and contacts.

SENIOR PLANNING CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- ★ When applying to colleges for admission, it is important that you understand a few terms used in the application process. You will have to determine which way you are going to apply.
- ★ **Regular Decision** This is how most students apply to college. Colleges set a deadline for all admission applications and will respond to a completed application by a certain date. Make sure you are aware of deadlines!
- ★ **Early decision (ED)** Early decision plans are binding — a student who is accepted as an ED applicant must attend the college.
- ★ **Early Action (EA)** plans are nonbinding — students receive an early response to their application but do not have to commit to the college until the normal reply date of May 1. You are not committed to attend and can apply to other colleges.
- ★ If you have graduated in the top 10% of your class you are eligible for automatic admission to any public college/university in Texas. UT of Austin is now top 7% for automatic decision. For more information on automatic admission visit the college website you are interested in.

1. If you have not already taken the SAT or ACT, register now for upcoming tests. You can go online for test dates and practice tests. See SAT at www.sat.org/register and ACT at www.actstudent.org/start
2. Visit the college website you are interested in to know all deadlines for college application, scholarships and financial aid. Not all colleges will have the same deadlines.
3. Remember to request your transcript. Your college application is not complete if the college has not received your transcript. It takes the college about two weeks to process your transcript.
4. Work on your essays. When filling out your college application you will be required to write an essay. If you need someone to look it over, ask one of your teachers.

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★ **REMINDER! College Fair is October 17, 2013**

SENIOR PLANNING CALENDAR



Reminder!

College Fair is October 17, 2014. Make sure you attend and bring your list of questions. Parents are welcome!

1. Have you taken your SAT/ACT? If not, locate the registration dates in this book and register now!
2. Once accepted to a 2-year or 4 year college, all students will need to take the THEA test PRIOR to enrolling in a college level course. You might be eligible for an exemption from the THEA, visit the testing or advising office of your college choice (s) before you register for the test so that your status for exemption can be determined.
3. If you are interested in the military, and did not already take the ASVAB or would like to take it again, visit the College and Career Information Center so that you can meet with a military recruiter and schedule the ASVAB test.
4. Know your deadlines! Have you completed your essays? You should be finalizing them by now.
5. Remember to visit the counseling office or website for scholarships and financial aid information. This site gets updated often as new scholarships arrive.
6. If you are applying for nonfederal aid go to www.collegeboard.com/cssprofile The CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE may be due earlier than the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Some colleges require the CSS Profile if you are applying for nonfederal aid.
7. College Fair is this month! Oct. 17, 2013. Bring your questions and bring your parents! Remember to scan your registration code so that colleges will have your mailing address.

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What do I major in???? If you haven't decided on an exact major yet, start thinking about what career fields you might want to pursue. Consider your strengths, abilities, interests and the courses required in career fields. Go online and start exploring. Come by the College and Career Information Center and start your search!

OCTOBER

SENIOR PLANNING CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

1. Take the SAT or ACT if you have not already done so. Remember to list the colleges you would like your scores be sent to. You will need to do this when taking the SAT/ACT test.
2. Sign up for the SAT subject tests if required in your major. If you are planning on enlisting in the military sign up for the ASVAB test.
3. Request your transcript in the counseling office. If you are not yet 18 years old it will require your parent's signature. Do this as you begin to fill out your "Apply Texas" college application. Request a transcript at least **one week** in advance. Know your college deadlines and postmark dates.
4. Keep looking at the scholarship web page or come by the counseling office. Scholarships have deadlines as well and you must know these. Once accepted to your college you can then inquire about financial aid with them.
5. Remember to attend Financial Aid Night with your parents.
6. Visit the College and Career Information Center for updates on college representative visits. If you need to update and check the status of your college application come by the College and Career Information Center to use one of the computers that are available.

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REMINDER!!!!

If you need help with your college application www.applytexas.org, financial aid application (FAFSA) www.fafsa.ed.gov, or preparing for your SAT/ACT exam, visit the College and Career Information Center. Café College in San Antonio is available during the weekend to provide you assistance. Assistance is free! Log onto Café College at www.cafecollege.org/home

SENIOR PLANNING CALENDAR

DECEMBER

1. Prepare to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Go to www.fafsa.ed.gov if you are applying for federal/state financial aid. You and your parent will need to obtain a personal identification number (PIN) to begin the process. Keep your PIN in a safe place. You will need these numbers every time you log back on. You cannot submit this form before January of your senior year.
2. Review your deadlines! Winter break is fast approaching and you want to submit all necessary paperwork on time. All paperwork with a deadline through January is due to the counselor and/or registrar (transcript) by December 1.
3. If you have already submitted all of your paperwork to colleges, check on the status of your application to make sure they have received everything. Don't forget that colleges and high schools are closed during the holidays!
4. Did you apply early? (early decision/early action) expect to receive a reply. If you have been accepted, CONGRATULATIONS!!! Send your deposit and withdraw your applications from other colleges. Denied? Stay hopeful. Wait on the other colleges you applied to.
5. If possible, plan to visit schools during the December break!
6. If accepted to a college already, you might have to take the THEA. Contact your college if you are not sure.
7. If you have not yet applied to college and you plan to do this over the winter break; go to www.applytexas.org to start your college application.

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One semester left of high school. Stay focused on your goals. If you need some help come by the counseling office or College and Career Information Center!

SENIOR PLANNING CALENDAR

JANUARY

1. Submit your FAFSA on line. Your parents' income tax return should be completed in order to submit your financial aid application (FAFSA).
2. Local scholarships begin arriving. Check the counseling webpage or come by the counseling office to check on the latest scholarships. You can still plan on college visits and not get counted absent for the visit. Pick up the college visit form in the front office.
3. You should be receiving some college admissions decision about this time.
4. Stay motivated! Your transcript is not complete until you take all exams this last semester so now is not the time to sit back and relax. Colleges will ask for a final transcript so AVOID SENIORITIS and do your very best! Your military recruiter will also ask for a final transcript!!!!
5. Are you still wondering what major or career to consider? Have you gone online and researched possible majors/careers that might interest you? Have you looked to see what academic fields these majors/careers require? Explore your interests so you can find out if this is a major you want to pursue. Be honest with yourself and reflect on your interests and skills.

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Are you ready for college life?


Ask yourself the following: How is my time management? Can I keep a budget and stick to it? Can I create a schedule for myself that includes studying, working, personal time, socializing? It is critical that you are aware how to manage your time so that you can survive your first year of college life. You can begin practicing now, include your parents as you create a schedule for yourself and see if you can stick to it for a week.

SENIOR PLANNING CALENDAR

1. Have you received a scholarship? Seniors must turn in a copy of the scholarship award letter to the counseling office so that we may announce it during graduation.
2. If you have not already done so, submit your FAFSA online.
3. Continue to look for scholarships on the counseling website or come by the counseling office.
4. If you submitted your FAFSA earlier, expect the Student Aid Report (SAR). The SAR will inform you of your "Expected Family Contribution". This information will also be forwarded to the colleges you listed on the FAFSA. Look over this carefully, check for any errors. Your SAR usually arrives about 4 weeks after submitting your FAFSA.

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FEBRUARY

 **Reminder!** Junior Colleges are a great way to save on tuition money! Many students attend a community college and then transfer to a four-year university. Junior colleges require the Accuplacer/THEA for admission. Junior Colleges have an open enrollment door policy for all students.

SENIOR PLANNING CALENDAR

1. Plan to take AP (Advanced Placement) exams if you have been taking AP courses. High AP scores can earn you college credits and measures needed for the Distinguished Graduation Plan.
2. If you are interested in applying to a junior college, plan on attending the Junior College Fair.
3. Continue to inform the counseling office of any scholarship awards you have received.
4. Check on the status of your college application to make sure your college application is complete.
5. Expect admissions decisions.
6. Keep looking financial aid opportunities.

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MARCH



Stay involved!

Staying involved in extra-curricular activities, getting a part time job, or volunteering your time in community service can help you in life after high school.

SENIOR PLANNING CALENDAR

1. Expect admission decisions.
2. Involve your parents as you decide which college you plan to attend. Create a list of pros and cons for the colleges/jobs you are considering. Besides tuition costs, consider dormitories, distance, your major and size of the campus if you have not made up your mind.
3. Once you decide on the college you plan to attend, pay the deposit and inform the other colleges you will not be attending. Now, inquire about financial aid at the college you have agreed to attend.
4. Make sure all deposits and fees have been paid.
5. All correspondence courses should be completed by April 1.

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APRIL



Reminder!

Turn in any scholarship award letters you have received and/or if you have completed a certification at CBC or have enlisted in the military let us know in the counseling office so that we can announce this during graduation!



YOU MADE IT!!!!

GRADUATION IS JUNE 6, 2014

**YOU MUST ATTEND GRADUATION PRACTICE IN ORDER
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GRADUATION CEREMONY!
SEE YOU THERE!**

J U N E

GRADUATION IS JUNE 6, 2014

CONGRATULATIONS!

**THIS IS YOUR DAY YOU HAVE EARNED IT!
NOW ON TO THE FUTURE...**

YOUR FUTURE OPTIONS – After High School!

	Four-Year College	Two-Year College	Technical School	Apprenticeship Program
What is this?	Public and Private universities provide you with a four year education that can help you secure a professional career.	You can earn a 2-year degree, or get certified in a vocation, or transfer to a four-year university afterwards.	Specializes in certain vocational areas. You will begin studying your desired career field right away. Programs vary from several months to years.	A business will take you in as a trainee. You will be trained in that craft or specialty by an experienced supervisor.
Cost?	You will need to apply for grants, scholarships, work-study and contribute some of your own money to get an education.	Considerably less than a four-year university.	Can range from inexpensive to very expensive. Some accept the FAFSA.	You might be required to purchase your own equipment and maybe pay union dues.
What do I get?	After completing your degree plan you will earn a Bachelor Degree.	An Associate's Degree or a Certificate that allows you to specialize in a vocational area.	Lots of hands on training in the field you study.	Once your apprenticeship is completed you can become a qualified journey-level worker. You'll receive a state-issued certificate valid anywhere in the United States that identifies you as a qualified professional in your field.
Advantage?	Get a well-rounded education, tends to earn more money and work in the profession you studied in while in college.	Open- enrollment. You will not have to take the SAT/ACT unless you want to. You will be required to take the Accuplacer if needed.	If you want to dive right into the career field you are interested in and receive great training you will get this. Usually Technical schools assist you in finding employment.	Real world training/experience usually right on the job site. Apprenticeships can include electricians, welders, plumbers; and more. Your certificate will be recognized throughout the United States.
Disadvantage?	You have to meet college entrance requirements, study hard for at least four years and you might not get a job right away upon graduating.	No dormitories. You will either have to commute or get an apartment nearby.	Since these schools have to do with latest technology, you will need to stay updated in the field by taking more classes. These are very competitive career fields.	Sometimes you are not paid or paid minimum wage as an apprentice. Not until you earn your license will you earn more pay. You may also be asked to take an aptitude test to see if you are suited for the trade.
Comments	Getting a degree will allow you to apply for a professional job in the field that you studied in.	Check out their entrance requirements. There are several junior colleges in the San Antonio area and Coastal Bend right here in Pleasanton.	Research the school well before you invest your time and money. Find out how many students complete the programs and actually find jobs in the field they studied in.	Check out the U.S. Dept. of Labor for a list of occupations that exist for this program.
Get more information	Minnie Piper Stevens Compendium, Peterson's Guide to Four Year Colleges, www.peterson.com Visit the counseling office	Visit Career Center for a complete listing of ACCD colleges and CBC campus. Go to www.peterson.com for guide to Two-Year campuses	Career College Association, 750 First Street NE, STE 900 Washington, DC 20002-41 202-236-6700	The National Apprenticeship Program, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, U.S. Dept. of Labor, 601 D Street NW, Washington, DC 20213 202-219-5921

OTHER FUTURE OPTIONS – Life After High School

	US Armed Forces	Go to Work	Missionary Work/Internship	Don't do anything!
What is this?	Enlist in the United States Army, Marines, Air Force, Navy or Coast Guard	Fill out job application and work for at least minimum wage	Work for free and gather experience.	Not working towards a personal goal. Staying home, not having an income.
Cost?	Serve at least 2-4 years of your life.	A pay raise comes slowly. You might not feel challenged in your job.	You might have to pay for your small expenses even if you are working for free or for a small wage.	Loss of valuable time. Self-defeating. Your opinions or physical labor are wasted.
You get?	You get paid, have medical coverage, get to travel. You also get the GI Bill which helps pay for your college education. You will learn a skill.	Immediate hands on experience in the world of work.	Real world experience. If you are helping others or working for free you are gaining knowledge and the positive feeling of helping others.	You get bored, more than likely gain weight, no money, not much of a social life without being able to pay your way and you get older.
Advantage?	You can have room and board. You will be expected to stay physically fit, learn about structure and discipline. Learn great leadership skills/ work as a unit/team. Pride in serving your country.	You will have pocket money, it gives you time to think about what else you can really want to do.	Include your experience in a resume or job application. The experience can help open other jobs and opportunities for you. The experience helps build character.	ZERO
Disadvantage?	You wear a uniform, take orders from others. Sign a contract for two years. Survive Boot Camp. Go to war if you have to.	You more than likely don't have paid vacation or other benefits and minimum wage is not often enough to survive on.	Lack of pay, or not attending college might stress you out. The time spent doing this might not be what you had hoped it would be.	You can become very disillusioned maybe even depressed. It is difficult to try and find a new direction in life without the help of others.
Comments	Speak with a recruiter and take the ASVAB. Speak with recruiters from all branches	Consider how you can improve your financial situation, skills, or rethink your goals.	Any type of service that helps people or helps you understand yourself and the world better is priceless.	Get some help. Make some changes and include some short term goals and long term goals for yourself.
More information	College and Career Information Center Recruiting Centers Online websites	Take a free career survey on line. Check out other jobs that might be more in line with your interests.	Search the web for organizations or social services that could use your newly acquired knowledge in another similar field or job. Perhaps for pay this time.	Get in touch with the Texas Workforce Commission www.twc.state.tx.us or visit a junior college admissions counselor www.coastalbend.edu or search the web for an apprenticeship program www.doleta.gov .

What does the College and Career Information Center do?

The College and Career Information Center is located next to the counseling office and can provide you with a wealth of information. Stop by for a visit.

- Career Information** ★ Books, Magazines, Videos, Reference Guides, Websites
- College Information** ★ College searches, college catalogs, Community College (Junior College) information, Public Universities, Technical Colleges, Scheduled College
- College Representatives** ★ The center can tell you when a college representative is schedule to visit your campus.
- Internet Access** ★ For research information. Use one of our computers to apply to college or obtain your FAFSA PIN.
- Military Information** ★ Brochure information and more on all of our Armed Forces. Schedule a visit if you would like to meet with a recruiter. Recruiters visit our campus throughout the year.
- Testing Dates** ★ SAT/ACT, ASVAB, and study guides.
- Career Interest Inventories** ★ Log on to BRIDGES to investigate your career options, or My College Quick Start.

DON'T WAIT TO START EXPLORING YOUR OPTIONS!
INVESTIGATE YOUR OPTIONS NOW!!!!

SAT and ACT

STANDARDIZED TESTING

To register for the SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) go to www.sat.org/register

To register for the ACT (American College Test) go to www.actstudent.org/start

You will need to take one of these tests when applying to a College or University. These exams are one way Colleges determine admissions. To find out which test you are required to take, visit the college website. Remember to have your scores sent directly to the colleges of your choice. School Districts will no longer be able to send your scores because of a new Texas Records Exchange system (TREX). Pleasanton is a Testing Center. You can register to take the test at Pleasanton High School.

We encourage you to take these tests in the spring semester of your junior year. If you have not taken them during your junior year, you need to have them completed during the fall of your senior year. Many colleges will not process your application without the test results.

If you are not satisfied with your scores, you may take the exams as many times as you wish. Each site has practiced test, just log on to their website! You can also contact Café College for dates on their SAT/ACT course.

For FREE online Test Preparation go to
www.collegeforalltexans.com
www.number2.com

***The following pages will give you the testing dates and testing tips!

The Ten SAT Commandments created by SPARKNOTES:

Our ten SAT commandments may seem obvious, but breaking any of them can undermine an otherwise perfect preparation and testing strategy. The Commandments are about the basics, the simple fundamental SAT laws that you need to get right before you learn all the test-preparation and strategy stuff that fills up the rest of this book. Here they are:

1. Thou shalt go to the correct test center.

When you register for the SAT, you'll register to take the test at a particular test center. Make sure you go to the correct center on test day. If you go to the wrong one, you'll be put on a standby list, just like at the airport. If any free seats remain, you'll be able to take the test. But if not, you won't. (Yes, people really do make this kind of error: Ben, co-author of this fine book, actually managed to go to the wrong test center for his SAT. There were two test centers in his hometown, and he went to the wrong one. He got lucky and got a standby seat.)

2. Thou shalt bring lots of no. 2 pencils.

Zero pencils is not enough. One pencil is not enough. Two pencils is not enough because pencils break easily, and you don't want to waste time sharpening. Three pencils, minimum, is enough. But why stop there? Bring five. Bring ten! You could always share them with your desperate, broken-penciled friends.

3. Thou shalt check your calculator batteries.

True, the chances are low that your calculator will give out on you during the test. But do you really want to take that chance? Think of the embarrassment. Think of your brutally lower math scores. Think of Justin's cousin Jeff, whose calculator died mid-SAT, forcing him to abandon his score sheet and to retake the test on the day of his sister's college graduation. This particular type of SAT tragedy can be avoided. Get a new calculator, or get new batteries.

4. Thou shalt be careful filling in your answers.

The SAT scoring computer is an unintelligent, merciless machine. It has no soul. If you answered a question correctly, but somehow made a mistake in marking your answer grid, the computer will mark that question wrong. If you manage to skip question 5, but put the answer to question 6 in row 5, and the answer to question 7 in row 6, and so on, thereby throwing off your answers for an entire section . . . well, that's why humans invented the word catastrophe.

It's amazing how often this happens under the time pressures of the SAT. But there's a foolproof method to ensure it doesn't happen to you: Talk to yourself. As you fill in the answer sheet, say to yourself: "number 23, B; number 24, E; number 25, A." But do it quietly. You don't want to give your answers to the entire room.

5. Thou shalt know the instructions for each section.

The SAT is a timed test, and every second counts. Why waste time reading the instructions when you can know them inside out before the test? Just know what they say and what you have to do for each type of question on the test. Then you can skip right over them on the real test.

6. Thou shalt use your test booklet as scratch paper.

For some reason, certain students seem to think they have to keep their test booklets clean and pretty. You don't. When you finish taking the SAT, your test booklet is thrown away, recycled, and used to make egg cartons. So write all over that thing. Cross out answer choices. Mark questions you want to skip and come back to. Underline important statements. Draw sketches. Write equations. Thinking through problems, especially math problems, is easier when you have something to look at.

But, because the SAT is a timed test, and since your work doesn't matter, there's no reason to do more work than necessary to solve a problem. Speed matters on the SAT, so don't try to impress the test with excellent work. Do only what you have to do to ensure that you get the right answer.

7. Thou shalt answer easy questions first.

You're allowed to skip around within any timed section on the test. So if you're in the first Critical Reading section of the test, you could skip between Sentence Completions, short Reading Comps, and long Reading Comps. And since all questions, easy or hard, are worth the same number of points regardless of difficulty, it makes sense to answer the questions you find easier first and save the more time-consuming, difficult questions for later. This way you'll be sure to accumulate as many points as possible. You'll also make sure that you've at least glanced at every question on the test and aren't giving away points.

While taking seven minutes to solve a particularly nasty Sentence Completion may feel like a moral victory, it's quite possible that you could have used that same time to answer three other short Reading Comp questions. Do not be scared to skip a question that's giving you a lot of trouble—just remember to mark it so you can come back to it if you have time at the end.

8. Thou shalt avoid carelessness.

There are actually two kinds of carelessness: The Fast and the Faithless. Both can cost you precious points on the SAT. Here's a bit more detail about each.

- **The Fast:** The first type of carelessness comes from moving too fast. In speeding through the test, you make yourself vulnerable to misinterpreting the question, overlooking one of the answer choices, or simply making a mathematical or logical mistake. The SAT is filled with traps that prey on the speedy.
- **The Faithless:** The second type of carelessness results from lack of confidence. Lots of students are so nervous about the SAT that they lose faith in themselves as soon as they encounter a tough question. They just assume they won't be able to get the correct answer. Never assume you won't be able to answer a question without looking at it and giving it a moment's thought.

9. Thou shalt bring bread and water.

The old SAT was a long, exhausting test, and the new SAT is even longer and probably more exhausting. You'll feel like a prisoner, stripped of your freedom for almost half a day, but that doesn't mean you can't bring something along to eat and drink. You definitely can't be swigging back Gatorade during the test itself, but you will have a few breaks in between sections so you can do stuff like go to the bathroom, eat an apple, and chug down some high-octane SAT protein powder or whatever concoction you create to give yourself energy. Just be sure to bring some fuel to power you throughout the test.

10. Thou shalt relax!

The SAT is almost always portrayed as a harrowing, life-ruining stress fest. Countless magazine articles depict helpless teenagers holding their heads in panic, sweat pouring down their foreheads as they take the test. That does not have to be you. That shouldn't be you. One of the best things you can do to chill out before the test is take the night before it off completely. That might sound crazy, but if you've spent weeks or even months in advance preparing for the test, you don't have to cram or panic. You've done all that you can do to ready yourself for the SAT and nothing you do the night before will likely make any difference. So take it easy. Go see a movie or get together with friends. Clearing your head before the test will put you in a strong position to take it on with confidence early the next morning.

SAT

SAT 2013-2014 Testing Dates

To register for exam go to: www.sat.org/register

TEST DATE	Test	U.S. Registration Deadlines (Expire at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time, U.S.A.)	
		Regular	Late (a fee applies)
October 5, 2013	SAT & Subject Tests	September 6, 2013	September 20, 2013
November 2, 2013	SAT & Subject Tests	October 3, 2013	October 18, 2013
December 7, 2013	SAT & Subject Tests	November 8, 2013	November 22, 2013
January 25, 2014	SAT & Subject Tests	December 27, 2013	January 10, 2014
March 8, 2014	SAT only	February 7, 2014	February 21, 2014
May 3, 2014	SAT & Subject Tests	April 4, 2014	April 18, 2014
June 7, 2014	SAT & Subject Tests	May 9, 2014	May 23, 2014

See the counseling office for more information, brochure, and testing fees.

Note: VISIT COLLEGE BOARD WEBSITE TO CONFIRM DATES



2013-2014 ACT TESTING DATES

To register for an ACT test, go to www.actstudent.org/start

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)	Photo Upload Deadline
September 21, 2013	August 23, 2013	August 24– September 6, 2013	September 13, 2013
October 26, 2013	September 27, 2013	September 28– October 11, 2013	October 18, 2013
December 14, 2013	November 8, 2013	November 9–22, 2013	December 6, 2013
February 8, 2014*	January 10, 2014	January 11–24, 2014	January 31, 2014
April 12, 2014	March 7, 2014	March 8–21, 2014	April 4, 2014
June 14, 2014	May 9, 2014	May 10–23, 2014	June 6, 2014

See the counseling office for more information, brochure, and testing fees.

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WHERE WILL YOUR SCORES TAKE YOU?

The following scores are from the middle 50% of first-year student attending these colleges/universities – data taken from the College Board. This chart is only a guide. These are not firm cut off scores for any of the colleges listed below. See the counselor for more information on all college scores.

SCHOOL NAME	SAT READING	SAT MATH	SAT WRITING	ACT
Abilene Christian University	500-610	510-620	*	22-28
Austin College	560-670	570-680	540-650	23-28
Baylor University	560-660	570-680	530-640	24-29
Dallas Baptist University	460-640	470-630	*	19-27
East Texas Baptist University	400-510	440-530	*	18-22
Howard Payne University	420-530	450-560	*	18-24
Houston Baptist University	480-580	490-600	460-570	21-26
Hardin-Simmons University	450-570	480-580	440-550	20-26
Our Lady Of The Lake University	400-500	410-510	*	17-21
Lamar University	410-520	430-530	400-500	17-22
Prairie View Texas A&M University	370-460	380-480	360-450	15-19
Rice University	650-670	690-790	660-760	30-34
Sam Houston State University	440-540	460-550	*	19-23
Southern Methodist University	560-660	580-680	560-660	25-30
Southwestern University	550-680	550-650	*	24-30
St. Edward's University	520-620	510-600	500-600	22-27
Stephen F. Austin State University	420-530	440-540	410-510	18-23
Texas A&M International University	380-470	410-510	380-470	15-20
Texas A&M University – College Station	530-650	570-670	510-620	23-30
Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi	420-530	430-540	410-510	17-22
Texas A&M University – Galveston	530-580	550-560	490-550	21-24
Texas A&M University – Kingsville	410-520	400-530	370-480	15-20
Texas Christian University	520-630	540-650	540-640	24-29
Texas Lutheran University	440-550	470-580	*	19-24
Texas Southern University	330-450	360-460	350-440	14-18
Texas State University	470-570	490-590	450-550	21-25
Texas Tech University	490-580	510-610	470-570	22-27
Trinity University	570-680	590-680	570-670	26-31
University of Dallas	550-700	530-650	540-680	24-30
University of Houston	470-580	510-620	*	20-25
University of Incarnate Word	430-530	430-540	420-520	18-23
University of Mary Hardin – Baylor	450-570	470-580	430-550	20-26
University of North Texas	490-600	500-610	*	21-26
University of Texas at Arlington	460-580	500-610	*	20-26
University of Texas at Austin	530-670	580-700	530-670	25-31
University of Texas at Dallas	540-670	590-700	530-650	25-30
University of Texas at El Paso	390-510	420-530	*	16-22
University of Texas-Pan American	420-520	450-550	410-500	18-22
University of Texas of the Permian Basin	430-540	460-580	*	19-24
University of Texas at San Antonio	450-560	470-580	430-530	19-24
University of Texas at Tyler	470-580	500-590	470-560	21-26
Harvard College, MA	690-790	690-780	690-780	31-34
Tulane University, LA	620-700	630-720	640-720	29-32
Yale University, CT	700-780	700-800	700-790	30-34
Princeton University, CT	700-790	690-790	700-780	31-35
Massachusetts Institute of Tech, MA	720-800	660-760	660-750	31-34
Duke University, NC	680-780	660-750	660-760	30-34
Vanderbilt University, TN	690-770	660-750	660-750	30-34
* This portion of the SAT score was not considered for admission				

How do I Apply to College?

Here is a step by step approach!

Colleges are going to accept or reject you based on some important factors! Here is what they will look at:

1. Your transcript.
2. Your test scores SAT and or ACT. When you sit for the exams write down the colleges you want your scores sent to.
3. Your extra-curricular activities
4. Your personal essay, subjective opinions about your personality, even how well you completed your college application!

Where do you apply? Go to www.applytexas.org

Apply Texas was created by the Texas Higher Education Board and Colleges and Universities. Their goal was to help Texas and non-Texas student have a centralized means to apply to post-secondary institutions in Texas.

Step 1. Apply early in the fall of your senior year.

Step 2. Read the instructions carefully. You might not finish filling out the application in one day, save it and come back to it. Make sure you pay attention to detail, and don't leave anything blank. If something does not pertain to you, write down "not applicable" or N/A. Write down the deadlines! If your counselor needs to fill something out, it will be sent automatically to them. If they ask for a letter of recommendation, give the person at least two weeks' notice and give them an updated resume so they can write a quality recommendation letter.

Step 3. Fill out a transcript request form in the counseling office. If you are not yet 18 years old you will need your parent's signature. REQUESTS MUST BE MADE AT LEAST 3-5 SCHOOL DAYS IN ADVANCE. If you attended CBC you will need to have them send your transcript as well. It is the responsibility of the student to mail all necessary documents to the college/university before the deadline.

Step 4. When you receive an acceptance letter from the college, you must then let the Office of Admission know you plan to attend. Follow their instructions as you finish the remaining process concerning payments, courses, housing, etc. If you received more than one letter of acceptance, it is only courteous to let the other colleges know you will not be attending.

Step 5. Request a final transcript in the counseling office. In late June, this transcript will be sent to the college you have chosen to attend. It is the student's responsibility to notify CBC of the Name and address of the college your transcript is to be sent.

If you need extra help visit the College and Career Information Center! If you would like to work on your application during the weekend and include your parents, you can also visit Café College in San Antonio for free assistance! Yes, they are opened during the weekend!!!!
Check out their website. www.cafecollege.org/home

COLLEGE APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Use this checklist to help you stay on top of your application tasks, paperwork, and deadlines.

Application Checklist	College 1	College 2	College 3
Campus Visit			
Regular application deadline			
Early Application deadline			
Begin College Application			
Request high school transcript			
Student Brag Sheet			
Name of individual providing a letter of recommendation if required by college	Name	Date Requested	Follow-up
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Find out if an admission test is required- THEA?			
Take other required or recommended test (e.g., SAT Subject Tests, AP Exams)			
Draft initial Essay			
Have English teacher proofread essay			
Complete College Application			
Inquire about available financial aid at colleges			
Make copies of materials			
Confirm receipt of application materials			
Letters of Acceptance/Denial or waiting list received			
Meet deadline to accept admission and send deposit			
Housing and other forms submitted to chosen college			
Orientation scheduled			
Notes:			

COLLEGE COMPARISON WORKSHEET

COLLEGE NAME			
LOCATION -Distance from home			
SIZE -Student Enrollment -Campus Size -Urban/Rural			
ENVIRONMENT -Type of School (2yr or 4yr) -Location & Size of nearest City -Co-ed, male, female -Transportation -Campus Safety -Religious affiliation			
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS -Deadline -Tests required -Average test scores -GPA/Rank -Notification			
ACADEMICS -Your Major offered -Accreditation -Student-Faculty Ratio -Typical Class Size			
COLLEGE EXPENSES -Tuition room and board -Estimated total budget -Application fee, deposits			
FINANCIAL AID -Deadline -Required Forms -% of Students receiving Aid -Scholarships			
HOUSING -Residence Hall Requirement -Types and Sizes -Meal Plans			
FACILITIES -Academic -Recreational -Other			
ACTIVITIES -Clubs, organizations -Athletics, intramurals -Other			
CAMPUS VISITS -When to visit/ campus tours -Special Opportunities			

How to Choose a Major?

If you haven't decided on a major don't worry. Most four year colleges don't expect you to decide on a major until the end of your sophomore year in college. There are a few exceptions to this rule, such as the field of engineering and science fields. You have to commit to these fields early so that you have plenty of time to finish all required courses. So how do you go about finding what a major is right for you?

There are a few things that you need to ask yourself in order to understand your interest. Here are a few suggestions: Remember to be **HONEST** when asking yourself the following questions.

1. What are my interests?
2. What are my abilities?
3. What are my values?
4. What are my motivations?
5. What are the realities?

The Strong Interest Inventory (SSI) test divides workers into 6 categories called the RIASEC scale.

- A. **REALISTIC** --These individuals are "doers". They have mechanical and or athletic abilities.
- B. **INVESTIGATIVE** --These individuals are "thinkers". These are individuals that love analyzing things: they observe, learn, evaluate, solve problems. Prefer working alone, are often inventive.
- C. **ARTISTIC** --These individuals are "creators" with innovative or intuitional abilities. Like unstructured situations, use their imagination, need to express themselves.
- D. **SOCIAL** --These individuals are the "helpers". They like to train, assist, inform & cure others. Like working in groups, have good communication skills.
- E. **ENTERPRISING** --These individuals are "persuaders" who enjoy influencing, managing and leading others, often for economic gain. They are energetic and ambitious.
- F. **CONVENTIONAL** --These individuals are "organizers" who like working with data and details; have clerical and numerical abilities and are efficient and dependable.

Also, think about the following REASONS for choosing a major

The Wrong Reasons

- ☆ "My parents want me to study this."
- ☆ "My friends are majoring in this."
- ☆ "I'll make lots of money in this major even if I don't like what I have to study."
- ☆ "Frankly, I'm too lazy to research this, so anything will really do for now".

The Right Reasons

- ☆ "I really love learning all I can about this field, I have always been interested in this even in my spare time."
- ☆ "Pursuing this major seems right for me, I feel it is a part of who I am".
- ☆ "I have many interests, but after doing my careful research, I think this is the best major for me."

Come by the College and Career Information Center and log onto www.bls.gov/oco this is an awesome site for information on hundreds of careers. Check out the highest paying jobs, the fast growing jobs and the newest jobs on the market today!!!!!!!

Questions to ask about a 4 year College

As you consider a four year college, here are some sample questions you can ask your college recruiter or admissions counselor.

- What are the requirements for my degree plan? Inquire about the number of hours needed per semester in order to finish your degree in four years.
- Do I need Minor? Some degree plans require a minor, so remember to ask your academic advisor.
- Does the college have the option of earning my Bachelor Degree, skipping my Master and going straight to my PhD? Some colleges offer this advantage, especially students majoring in the math and engineering fields. Ask your academic advisor.
- What are the dormitories like? Some colleges provide apartment style dorms which means you do not have to share a room or bathroom. Some colleges require that students live on campus. Compare your dormitory options.
- Will the college offer the courses that interest me in my major? Only the college course catalog will identify the courses required in your major along with pre-requisites. You will use the same course catalog from the year you entered college until you graduate. Colleges change their course catalog yearly but you refer to the same catalog the year you entered college.
- Consider campus size. Some students prefer smaller campuses; some students prefer a large campus. Some large campuses consist of 50,000 students. What are you comfortable with?
- If I attend a 2 yr. college first, will credits transfer to the 4 yr. college I am considering? You can save a considerable amount of money by attending a 2 yr. college first then transferring over. Make sure the courses you take at a 2 yr. college will transfer to a 4 yr. college by speaking with your college advisor.
- If I am interested in the military, does the college offer an ROTC program? Check with the admissions office if you are interested in becoming an officer for the US Military.
- What are the options for meal plans? Find out the cost of meal plans. Are dining facilities closed during weekends?
- Does the college offer a dual major program? Can I graduate with more than one degree? Some colleges offer dual majors which make students more marketable after college.
- Is there an internship in the field I am pursuing? Internships provide students with onsite experience and some internships include a small stipend.

WRITE DOWN SOME OF YOUR QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR COLLEGE RECRUITER.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

What about a Junior College?

A junior college, also called a community college, is a school that may offer a diverse number of subjects, certification programs and Associates in Arts. A junior college can function as the first two years of college study, with many students then transferring to a four-year college in their junior year.

Most public junior colleges are generally the least expensive way to either complete the first two years of education for college or to specialize in a particular field that does not require a four-year degree.

In the Pleasanton area you have Coastal Bend College and in the San Antonio area you have the Alamo Community Colleges District to choose from. Junior Colleges have open admission, which means you must have a high school diploma and be required to take the entrance exam called the THEA or Accuplacer.

Here is a list of Junior Colleges in your area.

COASTAL BEND COLLEGE

There are four CBC locations to choose from: Alice, Beeville, Kingsville and Pleasanton Texas.

PLEASANTON SITE

Advisor/Recruiter Katie Sherman
1411Bensdale Road
Pleasanton, Texas 78064
830-569-4222, ext. 1203

BEEVILLE

3800 Charco Road
Beeville, TX, 78102
866-722-2838

KINGSVILLE CBC

1814 Brahma Blvd.
Kingsville, TX 78363
866-262-1615

ALICE CBC

704 Coyote Trail
Alice, TX, 78332
866-891-2981



ALAMO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT IN SAN ANTONIO

There are five locations to choose from

PALO ALTO COLLEGE

1400 Villaret Blvd.
San Antonio TX. 78224
210-921-5000

ST. PHILLIP'S COLLEGE

1801 Martin Luther King Dr.
San Antonio, TX. 78203
210-531-3200

SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE (SAC)

1300 San Pedro Ave.
San Antonio, TX 78212-4299
210-733-2000

NORTHWEST VISTA COLLEGE

3535 N. Ellison Drive
San Antonio, TX. 78251
210-348-2020

NORTHEAST LAKEVIEW

8300 Pat Booker Road
Live Oak, TX 78233
210-590-5401

COASTAL BEND JUNIOR COLLEGE

Costal Bend College offers Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degrees. Also offered at the Pleasanton Site; academic-transfer courses and workforce education programs in accounting, child development, computer information technology, cosmetology, general office management, law enforcement, office automation technology, welding, auto mechanics and nursing.

When applying for CBC admissions go to www.applytexas.org The CBC website is www.coastalbend.edu

Contact CBC for courses offered on selected campuses!

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES DEGREES
Associate of Arts in Teaching Field of Study in Computer Science Field of Study in Teaching
ACCOUNTING
Associate of Applied Science Degree in Accounting Level I Certificate in Accounting Level II Certificate in Accounting
AIRFRAME/POWER TECHNOLOGY
Associate of Applied Science Degree in Airframe and Power Technology -- Airframe Level I Certificate in Airframe and Power Technology -- Powerplant Level I Certificate in Airframe and Power Technology -- Airframe Level I Certificate in Airframe and Power Technology -- Turbine Aircraft Training
AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY
Associate of Applied Science Degree in Automotive Technology Level I Certificate in Automotive Technology Level II Certificate in Automotive Technology
COMPUTER INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
Associate of Applied Science Degree in Computer Information Technology Level I Certificate in Computer Information Technology Level II Certificate in Computer Information Technology Level I Certificate in Computer Information Technology Network Specialization Associate of Applied Science Degree in CIT Web Design/Game Level I Certificate in Computer Information Technology Web Design/Game Level II Certificate in Computer Information Technology Web Design/Game
COSMETOLOGY
Associate of Applied Science Degree in Cosmetology Cosmetology Certificate Nail Technology Certificate Cosmetology Student Instructor Certificate
DENTAL HYGIENE
Associate of Applied Science Degree in Dental Hygiene
DRAFTING and DESIGN
Associate of Applied Science Degree in Drafting and Design Level I Certificate in Drafting and Design

EARLY DEVELOPMENT and EDUCATION

Associate of Applied Science Degree in Early Development and Education
Level I Certificate in Early Development and Education/ Child Care Provider Aide

FORENSIC SCIENCE

Associate of Applied Science Degree in Forensic Science

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MEDICAL RECORDS CODING

Associate of Applied Science Degree in HIT Medical Records Coding
Level I Certificate HIT Medical Records Coding

LAW ENFORCEMENT/CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Associate of Applied Science Degree in Law Enforcement
Criminal Justice Certificate
Enhanced Mastery Certificate Crime Scene Investigation
Enhanced Skills Certificate Counter Terrorism Education

MACHINIST

Associate of Applied Science Degree in Machinist
Level I Certificate in Machinist -- Basic
Level II Certificate in Machinist -- Intermediate

NURSING

Level I Certificate I Vocational Nursing
LVN -- RN Bridge Program
Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing (Generic)

OIL AND GAS TECHNOLOGY

Associate of Applied Science Degree in Oil and Gas Technology
Oil and Gas Technology Certificate

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN

Associate of Applied Science Degree in Pharmacy Technician
Level II Certificate Pharmacy Technician

PROFESSIONAL BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY

Associate of Applied Science Degree in Professional Business Technology
Level I Certificate Professional Business Technology
Level II Certificate in Professional Business Technology
Level I Certificate PBT Medical Administrative Assistant

RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY

Associate of Applied Science Degree in Radiologic Technology

WELDING TECHNOLOGY

Associate of Applied Science Degree in Welding Technology
Level II Certificate in Welding Technology
Level I Certificate in Basic Welding Technology

Alamo Community Junior Colleges in San Antonio

San Antonio College (SAC), Palo Alto, Northwest Vista, Northeast Lakeview, ST. Phillips

There are five colleges in this district and they offer over 325 degrees and programs. Each college offer Associate degrees, Certificates and licensures in occupational programs that prepare students for jobs, as well as arts and science courses that transfer to four-year colleges and universities.

Remember, tuition is considerably less than a four year college and Junior Colleges have an open door enrollment policy, which means you are only required to have a high school diploma, and you might have to take the THEA as their entrance test. To find out more information about each college visit their website below.

STEPS TO APPLY TO ANY OF THE ACCD JUNIOR COLLEGES

1. Go to www.applytexas.org
2. Go to www.aces.alamo.edu for your ACES PROFILE
You will be asked to create your User Name and Password. ACES will give you access to register for classes, financial aid information, email, library resources, and online courses. ACES will also provide you with the latest information of events and important news taking place within your college.
3. Go to www.alamo.edu
After being admitted to one of the ACCD colleges you will also receive individualized guidance through **MyMAP (My Monitoring Academic Progress)**. It is a comprehensive system that is designed to help you succeed in college. MyMAP will help you transition into college and monitor your progress till you earn your Associates Degree.

The next few pages will outline a series of certifications, degree plans and where they are being offered at ACCD.

The ACCD website is www.alamo.edu

Alamo Community Colleges ASSOCIATE Courses offered at following Colleges

ASOCIATE OF ARTS	San Antonio College	Palo Alto College	Northwest Vista College	St. Phillip's College
American Sign Language	SAC			
Architecture	SAC			
Art	SAC	PAC		SPC
Art 2D, 3D				SPC
Business Administration	SAC		NVC	SPC
Child Development	SAC			
Comic Book				SPC
Computer Science				SPC
Criminal Justice	SAC	PAC	NVC	SPC
Design				SPC
Digital Photography				SPC
Drama	SAC	PAC		
Economics				SPC
English		PAC		SPC
Foreign Languages		PAC		
Geographical Information Systems	SAC			
Government				SPC
History		PAC		SPC
Humanities				SPC
Integrated Arts				SPC
International Studies	SAC			
Journalism	SAC			
Kinesiology				SPC
Liberal Arts				SPC
Mathematics				SPC
Music	SAC	PAC		SPC
Music Technology			NVC	
New Media Communication			NVC	
Philosophy		PAC		SPC
Photography	SAC			
Political Science	SAC			
Pre-Engineering				SPC
Pre-Law				SPC
Pre- Social Work				SPC
Psychology	SAC	PAC		SPC
Sociology	SAC			SPC
Spanish				SPC
Speech	SAC	PAC		SPC
Stage Production & Technology				SPC
Teacher Education	SAC			SPC

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE	San Antonio College	Palo Alto College	Northwest Vista College	St. Phillip's College
Allied Health Transfer Degree		PAC		SPC
Biology		PAC		SPC
Chemistry		PAC		SPC
Civil & Construction Engineering		PAC		SPC
Communications		PAC		
Computer Information Systems		PAC		
Computer Science		PAC		
Electrical/Electronic Engineering Technology		PAC		
Engineering	SAC	PAC	NVC	
Environmental Science				SPC
Geology		PAC		
Health		PAC		
Kinesiology		PAC		
Manufacturing & Mechanical		PAC		
Mathematics	SAC	PAC		SPC
Physics		PAC		
Pre-Dentistry		PAC		SPC
Pre-Medicine		PAC		SPC
Pre-Nursing		PAC		SPC
Pre-Pharmacy		PAC		SPC

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE	San Antonio College	Palo Alto College	Northwest Vista College	St. Phillip's College
Accounting Technician/Accounting Technician Beginning				SPC
Accounting Technology	SAC			
Administrative Assistant	SAC			SPC
Administrative Computer Technology		PAC		
Advanced Water Treatment			NVC	
Agribusiness Management		PAC		
American Sign Language/Deaf Support Specialist	SAC			
Automotive Technology				SPC
Aviation Management		PAC		
Banking and Financial Services	SAC			
Biomedical Equipment Technology				SPC
Biotechnology			NVC	
Braille Textbook Transcriber			NVC	
Business Management	SAC			
Chemical Dependency Counseling	SAC			
Communications Equipment Technology				SPC
Community Health Advisor/Social and Human Services Assistant			NVC	
Computer Aided Drafting & Design Technology/AutoCAD	SAC			

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE continued	San Antonio College	Palo Alto College	Northwest Vista College	St. Phillip's College
Computer Aided Drafting (Architectural)				SPC
Computer Aided Drafting-Engineering	SAC			
Computer Database Specialist/Technician	SAC			
Computer Help Desk Specialist/Technician	SAC			
Computer Information Systems/Computer Maintenance Technology		PAC		SPC
Computer Network Administration	SAC			
Computer Programing	SAC		NVC	
Computer Security Administration	SAC			
Computer Support			NVC	
Construction Project Management				SPC
Court Reporting/Computer Aided Transcription Technology	SAC			
Criminal Justice – Correctional Science & Law Enforcement Options	SAC			
Culinary Arts				SPC
Dental Assisting	SAC			
Drug/Alcohol Abuse Counseling	SAC			
Early Childhood Studies				SPC
E-Business			SPC	
Education Aide		PAC		
Electro-Mechanical Technology		PAC		
Electronics Technology	SAC			
Emergency Management	SAC			
Emergency Medical Services	SAC			
Engineering Technology	SAC			
Environmental Technology		PAC		
Financial Management	SAC			
Fire and Arson Investigation	SAC			
Fire and Science	SAC			
Forensics	SAC			
Geographic Information Systems	SAC			
Gerontological Services	SAC			
Graphic Arts	SAC			
Health Information Technology				SPC
Hospitality Event Management				SPC
Hotel Management				SPC
Human Resources Management	SAC			
Information Security and Assurance			NVC	
Instructional Assistant			NVC	
Instrumentation and Electrical Technology				SPC
Interior Design				SPC

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE continued	San Antonio College	Palo Alto College	Northwest Vista College	St. Phillip's College
International Business	SAC			
Landscape and Horticulture Science		PAC		
Legal Administrative /Secretary	SAC			SPC
Logistics Management		PAC		
LVN to ADN Upward Mobility Management		PAC		
Marketing Management	SAC			
Medical Laboratory Technician				SPC
Medical Administrative Assistant				SPC
Medical Assisting	SAC		NVC	
Mortgage Banking	SAC			
Mortuary Science	SAC			
Multimedia Specialist			NVC	
Network Administration			NVC	
Network Administrator				SPC
Network Maintenance Specialization				SPC
Network Security Administrator				SPC
Non-Lawyer Advocacy	SAC			
Nursing (AAS)/ Career Mobility LVN to RN	SAC			
Occupational Safety & Health Technology/Technician	SAC			
Occupational Therapy Assistant				SPC
Paralegal Studies	SAC			
Physical Therapist Assistant				SPC
Professional Pilot		PAC		
Public Administration	SAC			
Radio/TV/Broadcasting	SAC			
Radiography Technologist				SPC
Real Estate Management	SAC			
Records Management				SPC
Respiratory Care				SPC
Restaurant Management				SPC
Teacher Assistant	SAC			
Theatre				SPC
Turfgrass and Golf Course Management		PAC		
Veterinary Technology		PAC		
Web/Database Programmer			NVC	
Webmaster				SPC

ACCD CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS	San Antonio College	Palo Alto College	Northwest Vista College	ST. Phillip's College
A+ Certification Preparation (Business Information Solutions, Electronic Systems Technology)				SPC
Accounting Computer Applications	SAC			
Accounting Technician/Accounting Technician Beginning	SAC			
Accounting Technology	SAC			
Administration		PAC		
Administrative Assistant		PAC		
Administrative Design Management	SAC			
Administrative Systems Technician	SAC			
Advanced Communications Equipment				SPC
Agribusiness Environmental Technologies		PAC		
Aircraft Turbine Mechanic		PAC		
American Sign Language/Sign Interpreter	SAC			
Animal Health Assistant		PAC		
Architectural Drafting				SPC
Auto CAD	SAC			
Automotive Performance Specialist				SPC
Automotive Technology				SPC
Avionics				SPC
Baking Principles				SPC
Banking and Financial Services	SAC			
Basic Electro-Mechanical Technology		PAC		
Basic Nursery and Landscape Operation		PAC		
Brake & Front End Specialist				SPC
Budgeting in the Public Sector	SAC			
Business Communications	SAC	PAC		
Business Management	SAC			
Child Care Administration	SAC			
Child Development	SAC			
Child Development Associate	SAC			
Coding Specialist				SPC
Communications		PAC		
Community Health Advisor/Social and Human Services Assistant			NVC	
Computer Aided Drafting & Design Technology/Auto CAD	SAC			
Computer Aided Drafting Technician (Architectural)				SPC
Computer Assistant	SAC			
Computer Data Entry Technician	SAC			
Computer Database Specialist/Technician	SAC			
Computer Desktop Support Technician	SAC			

ACCD CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS continued	San Antonio College	Palo Alto College	Northwest Vista College	ST. Phillip's College
Computer Help Desk Specialist/Technician	SAC			SPC
Computer Information Systems/Computer Maintenance Technology		PAC		SPC
Computer Network Administration	SAC			
Computer Programming	SAC		NVC	
Computer Support			NVC	
Computer Tomography				SPC
Computerized Accounting Administrator				SPC
Construction Technician	SAC			
Court Reporting	SAC			
Court Reporting/Computer Aided Transcription Technology	SAC			
Court Reporting: Rapid Text Entry	SAC			
Court Reporting: Realtime Medical Reporting	SAC			
Criminal Justice – Correctional Science & Law Enforcement Options	SAC			
Culinary Studies				SPC
Customer Service Specialist	SAC			
Customer Services Representative		PAC		
Data Entry Technician		PAC	NVC	SPC
Dental Assisting	SAC			
Diagnostic Medical Sonography				SPC
Diesel Brake and Front End Specialist				SPC
Diesel Transmission Specialist				SPC
Dietary Managers				SPC
Disaster Response	SAC			
Documentation Coding Specialist				SPC
Drug/Alcohol Abuse Counseling	SAC			
Early Childhood Studies				SPC
Education Aide		PAC		
Electro-Mechanical Assistant		PAC		
Electro-Mechanical Technician		PAC		
Electronics Assistant				SPC
Electronics Technology	SAC			
Emergency Medical Technician		PAC		
Engineering Technology	SAC			
Entrepreneurship		PAC		
Entry Level Supervision		PAC		
Environmental Compliance Management		PAC		
Environmental Project Management		PAC		
Environmental Regulations Management		PAC		
Facility Management	SAC			
Financial Analysis	SAC			

ACCD CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS continued	San Antonio College	Palo Alto College	Northwest Vista College	ST. Phillip's College
Financial Management	SAC			
Financial Services Industry	SAC			
Fire and Arson Investigation	SAC			
Fire Inspector	SAC			
Firefighter, Basic	SAC			
Forensics	SAC			
Funeral Directing	SAC			
General Medical Transcription				SPC
General Office Level I & II		PAC		
Geographic Information Systems	SAC			
Gerontological Services	SAC			
Health Information Specialist				SPC
Heating & Air Conditioning Specialist				SPC
Histologic Technician				SPC
Horticultural Business Management Specialist		PAC		
Hotel Limited Services Property Management				SPC
Human Resources Assistant	SAC			
Human Resources Management	SAC			
Human Resources Technician	SAC			
Industrial Electronics	SAC			
Infant and Toddler Care	SAC			
Information Technology Security				SPC
Instructional Assistant			NVC	
Interior Design				SPC
International Business	SAC	PAC		
International Environmental Management		PAC		
International Logistics Management		PAC		
International Studies	SAC			
Kinesiology/Coaching		PAC		
Labor Studies	SAC			
Landscape and Horticulture Science		PAC		
Law Enforcement	SAC			
Leadership		PAC		
Leadership in Public Service	SAC			
Legal Word Processing Specialist				SPC
Licensed Vocational Nurse				SPC
Logistics Management		PAC		
Manufacturing Management		PAC		
Marketing		PAC		
Marketing Management	SAC			
Medical Assisting	SAC		NVC	
Medical Office Administration Assistant	SAC			SPC
Medical Transcription Specialist	SAC			SPC
Microcomputer Application Specialist/Webmaster				SPC
Microsoft Certified Network System Technician Preparation		PAC		
Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer Preparation		PAC		

ACCD CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS continued	San Antonio College	Palo Alto College	Northwest Vista College	ST. Phillip's College
Microsoft Office Specialist				SPC
Mortgage Banking	SAC			
Multimedia Specialist			NVC	
Network Administration			NVC	
Network Professional/Server +				SPC
Network Systems Technician				SPC
Non-Lawyer Advocacy	SAC			
Occupational Safety and Health Technology/Technician	SAC			
Office Assistant				SPC
Operations Management	SAC			
Payroll Clerk				SPC
Personal Computer Skills		PAC		
Pharmacy Technology			NVC	
Private Pilot		PAC		
Product Marketing Specialist		PAC		
Railroad Operations				SPC
Railroad Operations – Mechanical				SPC
Real Estate Management	SAC			
Records Management	SAC			
Semiconductor Certificate Skills Upgrade		PAC		
Small Business	SAC			
Software Specialist	SAC			
Specialty Medical Transcriptions				SPC
Substance Abuse Counseling	SAC			
Surgical Technologist				SPC
Surveying Engineering Technology/Technician	SAC			
Teacher Assistant	SAC	PAC		
Telecommunications Technology		PAC		
Transmission Specialist				SPC
Transportation Management	PAC			
Turf and Landscape Irrigation		PAC		
Turfgrass and Golf Course Management		PAC		
Voice Recognition Systems Technician	SAC			
Warehouse Management		PAC		
Water Resources Management		PAC		
Web Publishing Skills		PAC		
Web/Database Programmer			NVC	
Webmaster				SPC

To get more detail information about each field above, visit their website at:

www.accd.edu

NCAA

Are you planning to play a sport in College?

If you are planning on playing a sport in a Division I, Division II or Division III College or a university then you must complete and submit a NCAA Clearinghouse form. You can submit this form on line at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net.

You will also have to submit your official transcript at the beginning of your senior year and again after the fall semester of your senior year.

NCAA, The National Collegiate Athletic Association was created in 1906 to help protect student-athletes. Member schools create rules and guidelines to ensure that the Association of 430,000 student-athletes compete on equal footing and a safe environment.

Visit the website above to get all the facts and detail information needed so you can participate your freshman year! If you are planning on playing a sport in college you must submit your NCAA form in order to compete on a college team, it is mandatory!



ATTENTION:

College-bound student-athletes entering an NCAA Division I, on or after August 1, 2016 guidelines and rules are changing. To view the new academic rules please go to the NCAA website.

TIPS for STUDENTS with DISABILITIES

Today, more and more high school students with disabilities are planning to continue their education in postsecondary schools, including vocational and career schools, two and four year colleges, and universities. Thinking about college is a realistic goal for any student who is willing to study, is motivated and is willing to invest time and effort. Careful planning and researching colleges can help you take advantage of all the benefits a post-secondary education can provide for you without confusion or delay.

You will apply to college using the same steps listed in this book but it is important to evaluate the college based on your special needs. Once you have decided on colleges you are considering, it is best to visit the campus specialist to inform them of your specific needs or you can attach a letter to your application.

*******Here are a few things to consider when preparing for college.*******

1. Make sure psychological testing is up to date. Colleges usually require that it be no more than three years old.
2. Make sure you understand the federal laws that apply to student with disabilities planning for college. Visit www.thinkcollege.net for information.
3. Decide when it is the best time during the admission process when to inform them of your special needs.
4. Visit college campuses. Ask yourself if you feel comfortable on this campus? Will there be a staff member that you can visit with when you are not feeling your best?
5. Find out the college's expectations for students with disabilities and the services available.
6. Ask if they offer individualized study plans, assistance, note taking, etc.
7. Ask to speak with students who have similar disabilities to hear about their experiences on campus.
8. Once you have decided on a campus ask for a campus map and become familiar with it.
9. Check out the physical layout of the campus. Are you able to have access to the buildings you will be using? The college might not be a good fit even if they offer other academic accommodations.
10. Ask to see if they offer any support/advocacy groups for students with disabilities on campus.

Visit "Think College" on the web. It will provide you with helpful information on colleges for students with intellectual disabilities! Their website is www.thinkcollege.net

To receive more information about the civil rights of students with disabilities in education institutions, please contact:

Customer Service Team Office for Civil Rights U.S. Department of Education Washington, D.C. 20202-1100 Phone: 1-800-421-3481 TDD: 1-877-521-2172 Email: ocr@ed.gov Web site: www.ed.gov/ocr The information in this pamphlet, provided by the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) in the U. S. Department of Education, explains the rights and responsibilities of students with disabilities who are preparing to attend postsecondary schools. This pamphlet also explains the obligations of a postsecondary school to provide academic adjustments, including auxiliary aids and services, to ensure the school does not discriminate on the basis of disability.

\$\$\$\$ FINANCIAL AID FOR COLLEGE \$\$\$\$

If you are planning on going to college and can demonstrate financial need, then you can complete the FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA).

These are the general eligibility requirements use must meet in order to receive financial help through FAFSA

- * Demonstrate financial need for most programs
- * Be a U.S. citizen or an eligible noncitizen
- * Have a valid Social Security number
- * Be registered with Selective Service, if you're a male (you must register between the ages of 18 and 25)
- * Be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a regular student in an eligible degree or certificate program
- * Be enrolled at least half-time to be eligible for Direct Loan Program funds
- * Maintain satisfactory academic progress in college or career school
- * Sign statements on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) stating that:
 - you are not in default on a federal student loan and do not owe money on a federal student grand
 - you will use federal student aid only for educational purposes

TYPES OF AID (FAFSA) provides

1. **Grants** – money you do not have to pay back, based on financial need.
2. **Work-Study** – receive pay working on campus
3. **Loans – Subsidized loans** based on financial need and the federal government pays the interest while you are in school. **Unsubsidized loans** are federally guaranteed loans which are not based on financial need. Interest begins to accrue from the time the loan is disbursed to the school.

You will need to begin applying in January of your senior year for FAFSA. Go on line to www.fafsa.ed.gov Income tax return for the parent(s) and student must be available when completing this application. Each year while in college you will have to update your information. You can also use last year's tax return if you have not yet filed.

After completing your FAFSA visit the following websites for additional financial aid opportunities!

www.amsa.com
American Student Assistance

www.estudentloan.com
Student Loan Information

www.nelliemae.org
Financial aid information

www.bphc..hrsa.dhhs.gov
Fed. Financial aid for health professionals

www.fedmone.org
Grants and scholarships

www.salliemae.com
Financial aid information

www.collegequest.com
Financial aid information

www.finaid.org
Student loans, Fed. Programs, scholarships

www.savetuition.com
Establishing residency

www.collegeparents.org
Nationwide programs

www.loanstar.com
Banking options

www.tgslc.org
Texas Guarantee Student Loan Corp.

www.ed.gov
U.S. Department of Education

www.mycollegeguide.org
Free financial aid information

www.theccb.state.tx.us
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

\$\$\$ SCHOLARSHIP \$\$\$

More Financial Aid!

SCHOLARSHIPS – this is money that does not have to be paid back and awarded to you based on academic achievement or other achievement. You can visit the counseling department (senior year) and check to see what new scholarships have arrived or visit PHS counseling website.

Deadlines for each scholarship application varies when applying for a scholarship through the college's financial aid department. Create a calendar of deadlines not only for scholarships but for all other important college deadlines!

Start looking early in your senior fall semester and look at the deadline for each scholarship! Many deadlines are dated December 1st. **Local Pleasanton scholarship begin coming in the Spring semester of your senior year.**

Visit the following web sites for more Scholarship opportunities!

www.collegeboard.com

www.scholarshipamerica.org

www.fastWeb.com

<http://bestbuymobile.com>

www.fastaid.com

www.hsf.net

www.go.salliemae.com

www.afsascholarship.org

www.ets.org

www.college-scholarship.com

www.vikkicarr.com/foundation

www.FinAid.org

www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org

www.collegenet.com

www.americanscholarship

www.freschinfo.com

www.axa-equitable.com

www.fastap.org

www.ensafoundation.org

www.visitcasanavarro.com

www.qmsp.org

www.nixfoundation.ort

Remember to visit the counseling website for scholarships that arrive throughout the year. You can also visit the counseling office to see a paper copy of all the scholarships posted on the counseling webpage.

It is your responsibility to know your scholarship deadlines. Remember to write down these DEADLINES!!!!!!!

WATCH OUT FOR MONEY SCAMS!

During your senior year you might receive mail at home or online on how to get “College Money” fast and easy! Make sure it is not a SCAM. Here are a few ways you can get scammed!!!!!!

1. “This scholarship is yours, we guarantee it or we will give you your money back”. No one can guarantee you a scholarship. Before you pay, get refund policies in writing!
2. “Only you have been selected to receive this award”, or you’re a finalist, and you have not even entered a contest. Scholarships lists are available to the general public freely. Before paying anyone for scholarship information visit your College and Career Information Center or counseling office.
3. “Just give us your credit card number and we will tell you which scholarship is waiting for you”. Don’t believe it. A scholarship is given to you based on academic talent or other criteria. Don’t give anyone your credit card or personal account number.
4. “You won’t have to do a thing; we do all the work for you”. Only you can apply for a scholarship and answer questions and fill out essays.
5. “We already have a scholarship waiting for you and will give it to you for a small fee”. Grant money and scholarships are FREE.



GET THE PICTURE?

If you receive something in the mail and aren't sure if it is a real scholarship, bring the letter by the counseling office and let us take a look at it!

COLLEGE ADMISSION ESSAY TIPS

1. **Before beginning your essay get a clear understanding of what you are being asked to write.**
2. **Be coherent.** Careful not to misuse big words, and express your point clearly. Make sure you are getting to the point quickly; admission committees are looking for the heart of your essay.
3. **Be interesting and don't bore your reader.** Stick to your content and don't go off on irrelevant tangents.
4. **Use some personal detail.** Don't tell the reader but provide some detail to help the reader see the setting.
5. **Be concise.** Let others review your essay. If you are too wordy then your ideas might get confusing and what you are trying to convey will be lost. Stay focused.
6. **Don't use slang.** Remember this is a college essay! No clichés or contractions. Demonstrate that you took the time to write the essay.
7. **Make sure your ideas flow from one to the next.** The reader should be able to follow your ideas or thoughts easily.
8. **Proofread and make corrections.** After revising several times it is easy to leave errors. Ask a teacher or parent to proofread it. Don't rely on spell check only. Spell check can miss some typos.

APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS?

What are they?

An Apprenticeship program is a Federal registered program that combines quality on-site- training with job related technical instruction to produce highly skilled, and highly paid workers. An apprentice is assigned a mentor that will provide him/her with on-the-job training. It is an “Earn and Learn” training model. Registered Apprenticeship programs stay up to date with the latest technologies and innovations so that apprentice and the employer both benefit from one another.

There are more than 37, 000 program sponsors and approximately 440,000 apprentices.

As an Apprentice you will:

- *Begin work immediately
- *Your wages increases as you become more proficient in your job.
- * Get trained anywhere from one to six years but the majority is fours years in length.
- *Receive a nationally recognized certificate after the successful completion of the apprenticeship program.
- *Journey-level workers can earn a salary that competes with college graduates.

Below is a list of some occupational fields with Apprenticeship programs. For a more complete list log on to www.exploreapprenticeship.wa.gov/what.htm for a list of available occupations, number of hours needed for this skill and type of training will be displayed on this site.

- * CONSTRUCTION
- * MANUFACTURING
- * TELECOMMUNICATIONS
- * INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY/NETWORKING
- * SERVICE AND RETAIL INDUSTRIES
- * HEALTH CARE
- * PUBLIC UTILITIES
- * PUBLIC SECTOR

Here are a few recognized apprenticeship programs available in the San Antonio area:

South Texas Electrical JATC www.sotxjatc.org Electrical Apprenticeship Program

Cox Manufacturing www.coxmanufacturing.com 3 year program as a professional machine technician

NJATC National Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee www.njatc.org Cable splicing, Solar PV certification

Texas Workforce Commission's Apprenticeship "Training Program
www.apprenticeship@twc.state.tx.us.

To learn more about Apprenticeship programs in the San Antonio area log onto www.indeed.com

IS THE MILITARY AN OPTION FOR ME?

Many students are interested in the military. The military provides many opportunities for those who enlist. You will learn a skill and you can continue using this skill in the work world after your tour is over. You can also go to college using the GI Bill, meet with the recruiter to discuss this in detail.

If you are not sure if the military is right for you, plan on the following:

1. **Talk to a military recruiter.** Consider speaking with recruiters from all branches of the military. Stop by the College and Career Information Center and ask to be placed on the recruiters list for a one on one conversation.
2. **Sign up to take the ASVAB.** The ASVAB stands for Armed Service Vocational Aptitude Battery. A military recruiter will use the results of your test in order to determine what job is best for you. We offer the test free of charge on our campus or you can take the test at the local recruiting office. Let the military recruiter know you would like to take the test and he will give you a preliminary test before taking you down to the local recruiting station for the actual ASVAB test. Taking the ASVAB test does not commit you into the military.
3. **If you are not already in the PHS ROTC program consider enrolling, see your counselor.**
4. **Consider the delayed-option program.** Enlisting early, senior year, will help reserve the training program of your choice.

The military also requires a physical examination. A recruiter will discuss physical requirements with recruits beforehand.

The exam includes:

- Height and weight measurements
- Hearing and vision examinations
- Urine and blood tests
- Drug and alcohol tests
- Muscle group and joint maneuvers
- Specialized test if required (pregnancy test for women, body fat percentage test for those who are overweight, tests relating to any unusual medical history)

Recruiting offices for PHS are:

US Navy Recruiting Office
3303 SE Military Drive
San Antonio, TX.
210-359-9714

US Air Force Recruiting Office
6915 S. Zarzamora
San Antonio, TX.
210-922-2719

US Army Recruiting Office
3303 SE Military Dr.
San Antonio, TX.
210-337-0081

US Marine Corps Recruiting
6915 S. Zarzamora
San Antonio, TX.
210-924-4326

More information for each branch of the military can be found at:

Army: www.goarmy.com

Navy: www.navy.com

Air Force: www.airforce.com

Coast Guard: www.useq.mil

Marine Corps: www.marine.com

THE SERVICE ACADEMIES

If you want a military experience while getting a first class education then you might want to consider the US Military Service Academies. There are five US Military Service Academies. **The admissions process is extensive and very competitive.** All service academies, except the US Coast Guard Academy are required to obtain a nomination to the schools. Nominations may be by Congressional Representatives, Senators, the Vice President and President (reserved for children of career military personnel).

Graduates of all four academies receive a Bachelor of Science degree and are commissioned as officers in their respective Service branch. There is a service obligation of a minimum of five years. The following page will give you a general guideline for entrance requirements. For more specifics, please visit the sites below or visit with a recruiter.

Here is how to contact the Armed Forces Service Academies:

United States Military Academy

ATTN: Public Affairs Office
Taylor Hall, Bldg 600
West Point, NY 10996-1788
(845) 938-2006

WEST POINT

United States Naval Academy

ATTN: Public Affairs Officer
121 Blake Road
Annapolis, MD 21402-5000
(410) 267-2291

NAVAL ACADEMY

United States Air Force Academy

ATTN: Public Affairs Officer
2304 Cadet Drive, Suite 320
U.S. Air Force Academy, CO 80840-5016
(719) 472-2990

AIR FORCE ACADEMY

United States Coast Guard Academy

ATTN: Public Affairs Officer
15 Mohegan Avenue
New London, CT 06320-4195
(203) 444-8270

COAST GUARD ACADEMY

United States Merchant Marine Academy

ATTN: Public Affairs Officer
300 Steamboat Rd
Kings Point, NY 11024
(516) 773-5000

MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ACADEMY ADMISSION

- Must be at least 17 years old
- Must be a US or Permanent Resident Alien
- Must pass a standard physical screening prior to entry. For specifics visit with recruiter.
- High School Diploma and met certain course requirements
- Must not be married, pregnant, or have obligations to support a child or children
- Must have good moral character, leadership potential, physical and medical fitness
- A strong Academic Record which includes – Transcript, SAT/ACT scores and class rank
- A commitment to a military lifestyle

High School Preparation should include:

- Four years of advanced math –Calculus is encouraged!
- One year of chemistry
- Four years of English
- Two years of Foreign Language
- One year of physics
- One year of US History
- Computer skills
- Geography, government and economics
- Extracurricular activities

TO ATTEND AN ACADEMY YOU MUST FOLLOW A TWO STEP PROCESS:

1. Obtain a nomination from an authorized source.
2. Receive an appointment from the academy. The nomination allows you to compete for the appointment but does not guarantee an appointment.

Bill Gates 11 Rules of Life for Success – Quotes



Bill Gates, founder of Microsoft and co-founder of Corbis, is currently one of the world's most influential philanthropist. **Bill Gates 11 rules of life** are acknowledged all over the world. Millions of people across the globe consider him and his rules of life as a source of inspiration. They want to know the secret to become successful; they want to know the Bill Gates Quotes on success. They want to be rich and powerful, run their own companies, and become CEOs.

There are so many real world challenges that we face as adults. Here are the 11 rules frequently termed as **Bill Gates 11 rules of life** from the inspirational commencement speech to high school graduates at the Mt. Whitney High School Graduating class in Visalia, CA about the things that they did not and will not learn in school. You can also consider them as the 11 rules of success.

- RULE 1:** Life is not fair — get used to it!
- RULE 2:** The world won't care about your self-esteem. The world will expect you to accomplish something Before you feel good about yourself.
- RULE 3:** You will NOT make \$60,000 a year right out of high school. You won't be a vice-president with a car phone until you earn both.
- RULE 4:** If you think your teacher is tough, wait till you get a boss.
- RULE 5:** Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your Grandparents had a different word for burger flipping — they called it opportunity.
- RULE 6:** If you mess up, it's not your parents' fault, so don't whine about your mistakes, learn from them.
- RULE 7:** Before you were born, your parents weren't as boring as they are now. They got that way from paying your bills, cleaning your clothes and listening to you talk about how cool you thought you are. So before you save the rain forest from the parasites of your parent's generation, try delousing the closet in your own room
- RULE 8:** Your school may have done away with winners and losers, but life HAS NOT. In some schools they have abolished failing grades and they'll give you as MANY TIMES as you want to get the right answer. This doesn't bear the slightest resemblance to *anything* in real life.
- RULE 9:** Life is not divided into semesters. You don't get summers off and very few employers are interested in helping you *find yourself*. Do that on your own time.
- RULE 10:** Television is Not real life. In real life people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to jobs.
- RULE 11:** Be nice to nerds. Chances are you'll end up working for one.



FORMS YOU WILL NEED!

- ☆ If you need a letter of Recommendation please use the following **STUDENT BRAG SHEET** and turn it in to your counselor or teacher.
- ☆ If you need a copy of your transcript or you need one sent to a college or university use the following **PISD TRANSCRIPT REQUEST** form and turn it in to the Registrar. Allow 3-5 business days for processing.) If you are not yet 18 years old it must be signed by your parent.

STUDENT BRAG SHEET

Complete and turn in to your counselor if you are being asked for a letter of recommendation. Use the back of this form if you need to.

STUDENT NAME _____ ID# _____

MAJOR _____ CHECK IF UNDECIDED _____

1. Which courses have you enjoyed the most? Why?
2. What do you choose to learn when on your own?
3. What are some of your proudest moments, academic and personal?
4. Are there any circumstances that you found challenging (positive or negative) that impacted your academic performance? If so, please describe.
5. Have you had summer jobs, or volunteered anywhere? If so, describe your job or place you volunteered.
6. Have you traveled or lived anywhere else other than Pleasanton? Comment on any significant experience.
7. What do you consider to be your greatest strength and weakness?
8. Do you play an instrument, sing, attend any programs outside of school? List anything we might not be aware about but you would like us to include in your recommendation letter.
9. On the back of this form list any awards, recognitions and extra-curricular activities while in high school. List by year or grade level.

List the college(s) where you need recommendation letter be sent to:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

PLEASANTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT TRANSCRIPT REQUEST
(Please allow 3-5 business days for processing)

Student Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Student ID# _____ Year of Graduation _____

Please indicate if this is an/a: _____ OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT _____ UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT _____ FINAL TRANSCRIPT

Transcript(s) is/are to be: _____ SENT ELECTRONICALLY BY SCHOOL _____ TO BE HAND CARRIED _____ TO BE MAILED

Number of transcripts requested: _____

Transcript(s) is/are being sent to: (Please check where applicable or use lines below for additional institutions)

_____ SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE	_____ TEXAS STATE	_____ INCARNATE WORD	_____ COASTAL BEND PLEASANTON
_____ TEXAS TECH	_____ UTSA	_____ TRININTY	_____ ST. PHILLIPS
_____ TX A&M at _____	_____ UNIV.OF TX at _____	_____ PALO ALTO	_____ NW VISTA

_____ OTHER (INSTITUTIONS, MILITARY, SCHOLARSHIPS, SUMMER PROGRAMS, EMPLOYMENT, ETC.): _____

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING

- If you are 17 years of age or younger, your parent or guardian must sign this form.
- Please allow 3-5 business days for all transcripts to be processed.
- Standardized test scores (ACT, SAT, PSAT and AP) will not be included with your transcript. It is the responsibility of the student/parent to submit test scores to the college or university you are applying to.
- All transcripts requested for admission to a Texas college or university must be sent electronically by the school. All other transcripts must be picked up from the office and mailed by the student/parent in a timely manner.
- If the student is 18 years of age or older and no longer in school, parents MAY NOT request transcripts for their child. Access to educational records transfer from parents to students once the student turns 18.

STUDENT/PARENT SIGNATURE

DATE

PISD EXCELLENCE FOR ALL

Ensuring a quality public education through learning, unity, and pride, fully preparing all students for the future.



ADMINISTRATION

Principal.....	Matthew Mann
Assistant Principal (A-H).....	Alberto Macias
Assistant Principal (I-P)	Twila Guajardo
Assistant Principal ((Q-Z)	Sarah Callahan
Academic Dean	Stacy Downs

COUNSELING

Counselor (9-10).....	Amanda Hardy
Counselor (11-12)	Yvonne Norman
Lead Counselor	Steve Brito
Registrar	Carolyn Phippen
Counseling Secretary	Debra Owen
College & Career Info. Center Tech	Deanna Higginbotham

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Es la política del district independiente de la escuela de Pleasanton a no discriminar sobre la base de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo o impedimento o edad, y para no tomar medidas para asegurar que la carencia de las habilidades de lengua inglesa no será una barrera en sus programas educativos y de la carrera y de la tecnología, los servicios, las actividades o el empleo según los requisitos, tal como lo requieren el Título VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964, según enmienda; el Título IX de las Enmeindas en la Educación, de 1972, la ley de Discriminación por Edad, de 1975, según enmienda, y la Sección 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitación de 1973, según enmienda



2013-2014 PLEASANTON CALENDAR

"YOU CAN COUNT ON US"

Semester Dates

1st - Aug 28- Jan 17 (87 days)

2nd - Jan 20- June 4 (90 days)

Total Instructional Days-177 days

Reporting Periods

Grades Pre K-6

Designated with blue brackets.

Aug 28- Oct 25 (41 days)

Oct 28- Jan 17 (46 days)

Jan 20- Mar 28 (44 days)

Mar 31- June 4 (46 days)

Grades 7-12

Designated with red brackets.

Aug 28- Oct 4 (27 days)

Oct 7- Nov 15 (29 days)

Nov 18- Jan 17 (31 days)

Jan 20- Feb 28 (29 days)

Mar 3- Apr 18 (29 days)

Apr 21-June 4 (32 days)

Student & Staff Holidays

Labor Day...Sep 2

Thanksgiving...Nov 27-29

Christmas...Dec 23- Jan 3

Spring Break...Mar 10-14

Good Friday...Apr 18

Memorial Day...May 26

Special Dates

New Teacher Orientation...Aug 19

Staff Dev...Aug 20-23, 26-27

First Day of School...Aug 28

Teacher Work Day... Oct 14, Jan 6, Feb 17, June 5

Graduation...June 6

STAAR/ TAKS Test

STAAR/ TAKS Retest

District Early Release

Oct 11 (Columbus Day is Oct. 14)

Nov 11 (Veteran's Day)

Bad Weather Days

Feb 17

May 26

July 2013

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August 2013

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September 2013

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November 2013

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December 2013

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March 2014

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April 2014

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May 2014

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June 2014

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District Contact Information

www.pisd.us

Pleasanton Administrative Services
569-1200 Supt. - Dr. Cynthia Clinesmith

Pleasanton Intermediate
569-1310 Prin. - Jennifer Garcia

Pleasanton Primary
569-1325 Prin. - Donna Kubena

Pleasanton High School
569-1250 Prin. - Dr. Matt Mann

Pleasanton Elementary
569-1340 Prin. - Keri Cooper

Pleasanton Transportation
569-1365 Dir. - David Zertuche

Pleasanton Junior High
569-1280 Prin. - Helen Osterman

Food Service
569-1367 Dir. - Christi Sanchez