

# Tiger Transition Night '18

## Timeline for Success: Stay on track

### Seniors:

- You should be researching and visiting colleges of your choice. Keep a folder for each college, so you can compare them side by side. You get 2 visits during your Senior year.
- Take/ Retake the ACT/SAT to improve your score.
- Begin requesting recommendation letters from teachers, counselors, and community leaders. Don't forget to provide recommenders with a list of your accomplishments, academic achievements and your career goals.
- Q: When can I apply for the FAFSA?
- You can now apply as early as October 1. Some colleges have very early deadlines. Do not wait until you've filed your income tax returns or have been admitted to colleges.
- Q: When should I begin applying at colleges?
- **NOW!** Many applications are due in late December and before early January. Check with your prospective schools about financial aid forms, deadlines, and requirements.



### What do Scholarship judges look for?

1. Correct grammar and no spelling errors-check and double check your essays!
2. First Impression is Everything- Place your application, essay and other contents in a large folder for mailing. Do not fold any of the

May High School Code is 444575

### Graduation Toolkit

The [2016 Graduation Toolkit](#) (PDF, 1MB) provides details about the Foundation High School Program, benefits and explanation of the Distinguished Level of achievement option, endorsement choices, checklists and resources.

<https://tea.texas.gov/communications/brochures.aspx>

ACT Test Date	ACT Reg. Deadline	ACT Scores Avail.
April 14, 2018	Mar. 9, 2018	Apr. 24, 2018
June 9, 2018	May 4, 2018	Jun. 19, 2018
July 14, 2018	Jun. 15, 2018	Jul. 24, 2018
September 8, 2018	t.b.d.	t.b.d.
October 27, 2018	t.b.d.	t.b.d.
December 8, 2018	t.b.d.	t.b.d.
SAT Test Date	SAT Reg. Deadline	SAT Scores Avail.
May 5, 2018	Apr. 6, 2018	May 18, 2018
June 2, 2018	May 3, 2018	Jul. 11, 2018
August 25, 2018*	t.b.d.	t.b.d.
October 6, 2018*	t.b.d.	t.b.d.
November 3, 2018*	t.b.d.	t.b.d.
December 1, 2018*	t.b.d.	t.b.d.

1. [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) (Create a FREE profile!)

2. <http://www.collegeforalltexas.com/>

3. <https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-state/texas-scholarships/>

4. Local Scholarships (could require membership): Bank, Insurance Agency, Electric Company, Groups or Club your parents are associated with, and your parents' place of work.

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### JUNIORS

- We will take the PSAT in the fall.
- Take your ACT/SAT in the spring and plan to take it again the fall semester of your senior year to improve your score.
- Make a list of colleges and research them to help you find the best fit for YOU!
- Get your FSA ID: Before you can fill out your FAFSA, you need to get a username and password (also known as an FSA ID).

### Sophomores & Freshmen

- Maintain your grades and consider dual credit courses.
- Increase commitment to extracurricular activities or volunteering that will help you stand out on college applications.
- Consider colleges and research your interests-likes and dislikes--and talk to people about careers you might be interested in after high school.



### What's the TSI?

TSI stands for the Texas Success Initiative.

The state of Texas requires a demonstrated level of competency in the key areas of reading, writing, and mathematics for all students enrolled at public institutions of higher education. To demonstrate college-readiness in reading, writing and mathematics, a student must either meet a TSI Exemption requirement or pass the TSI Assessment.

- You can take the TSI any time during HS.
- You can schedule a testing date/time by calling Ranger's Early campus or take it when offered at May ISD.
- Passing Rates: Reading-351 (allows you to take British Lit, Govt, Hist, Psychology; Writing-340+ 4 on essay (allows you to take Eng 1301 & 1302); Math-350 (Coll Alg.)
- Next TSI date at May ISD is Thurs, May 3. \*\*Subject to Change

### What is your GPA?

GPA stands for Grade Point Average. It is a standard way of measuring academic achievement in the U.S. Basically, it goes as follows: Each course is given a certain number of "units" or "credits", depending on the content of the course. In high school, most courses carry the same number of credits, but this is not true at the college level. Dual credit courses are "weighted" and when calculated, they are assigned an additional 10 points. May ISD uses a 4.0 scale, and GPA is only recalculated at the end of every semester.

This chart gives you an idea of how your number grade is converted into GPA format and letter grade.

GPA	Percentile	Letter Grade
4.0	95-100	A
3.9	94	A
3.8	93	A
3.7	92	A
3.6	91	A
3.5	90	A
3.4	89	B
3.3	88	B
3.2	87	B
3.1	86	B
3.0	85	B
2.9	84	B
2.8	83	B
2.7	82	B
2.6	81	B
2.5	80	B
2.4	79	C
2.3	78	C
2.2	77	C
2.1	76	C
2.0	75	C

### May ISD Weighted classes as decided by May ISD School Board:

- \* All dual credit courses
- \* Physics
- \* Spanish III
- \* Calculus
- \* Pre-Cal

