



MCALLEN I.S.D.

***JUNIOR - SENIOR  
COLLEGE ADMISSIONS  
AND  
FINANCIAL AID  
HANDBOOK***

2009-2010





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Dear Student:

Congratulations! We commend you on the accomplishments thus far that get you closer to a major event in your life - High School Graduation. Consider this a stepping stone towards your future successes. Along with all the activities you are about to take on, keeping your grades up is most important.

Upon graduation, some of you will continue your post secondary education at a four year, two year, or technical institution while others will enter the work force. This booklet will serve as your planning guide.

You will need to make important decisions this year. The college admission specialists, counselors, administrators, and teachers are available to help you every step of the way. It is important to involve your parents in the decisions you are about to face.

Work closely with your college admission specialist and Go Center staff as well as your counselor throughout the school year. There are many important deadlines to keep in mind for college applications, scholarships, and financial aid. Applying early is the key.

We hope McAllen Independent School District has provided you with Tools that will enable you to achieve your educational and personal goals. Good Luck!

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# McALLEN I.S.D. GRADUATION PLAN

Freshman Entering 2004-2006

DISCIPLINE	RECOMMENDED PROGRAM (24 CREDITS)	DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM (24 CREDITS)
English Language Arts and Reading	4	4
Mathematics	3 (must consist of Algebra 1, Algebra II, and Geometry)	3 (must consist of Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry)
Science*	3	3
Social Studies	3.5 (must consist of World History Studies (1) credit, World Geography (1) credit, United States History since Reconstruction (1) credit, and U.S. Gov't (.5) credit)	3.5 (must consist of World History Studies (1) credit, World Geography (1) credit, United states History Since Reconstruction (1) credit, and U.S. Gov't (.5) credit)
Economics with emphasis on the free enterprise system and its benefits	.5	.5
Languages other than English (in the same language)	2	3
Physical Education**	1.5	1.5
Health Education or Health Science Technology (one credit)	.5	.5
Technology Applications	1	1
Fine Arts	1	1
Speech (must consist of Communications Applications)	.5	.5
Additional Components	3.5 (from SBOE approved courses including PREP)	2.5 (from SBOE approved courses including PREP)
<b>TOTAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b> (to include 4 advanced measures)

Note: College Board advanced placement and International Baccalaureate courses may be substituted for requirements in appropriate areas.

\*Three Credits - One credit must be selected from: Biology, AP Biology, or IB Biology. The remaining two credits must be selected from; -Integrated Physics and Chemistry (IPC); -Chemistry, AP Chemistry, or IB Chemistry; - Physics, Principles of Technology I, AP Physics, or IB Physics. Students are encouraged to take Biology, Chemistry, and Physics.

\*\*Physical Education - Substitutions must be based on physical activity involved in drill team, marching band, and cheerleading during the fall semester; Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC); athletics; Dance 1-4; and education work-based training courses. The District may award up to two credits for physical education for appropriate private or commercially-sponsored physical activity programs conducted.

# McALLEN I.S.D. GRADUATION PLAN

Freshman Entering 2007 and Thereafter

DISCIPLINE	RECOMMENDED PROGRAM (26 CREDITS)	DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM (26 CREDITS)
<b>English Language Arts and Reading</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>4</b> <i>(must consist of Algebra 1, Algebra II, Geometry and a fourth Math course)</i>	<b>4</b> <i>(must consist of Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry and a fourth Math course)</i>
<b>Science*</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Social Studies</b>	<b>3.5</b> <i>(must consist of World History Studies (1) credit, World Geography (1) credit, United States History since Reconstruction (1) credit, and U.S. Gov't (.5) credit)</i>	<b>3.5</b> <i>(must consist of World History Studies (1) credit, World Geography (1) credit, United states History Since Reconstruction (1) credit, and U.S. Gov't (.5) credit)</i>
<b>Economics with emphasis on the free enterprise system and its benefits</b>	<b>.5</b>	<b>.5</b>
<b>Languages other than English</b> <i>(in the same language)</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Physical Education**</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>
<b>Health Education or Health Science Technology (one credit)</b>	<b>.5</b>	<b>.5</b>
<b>Technology Applications</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Fine Arts</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Speech</b> <i>(must consist of Communications Applications)</i>	<b>.5</b>	<b>.5</b>
<b>Additional Components</b>	<b>3.5</b> <i>(from SBOE approved courses including PREP)</i>	<b>2.5</b> <i>(from SBOE approved courses including PREP)</i>
<b>TOTAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>26</b> <i>(to include 4 advanced measures)</i>

Note: College Board advanced placement and International Baccalaureate courses may be substituted for requirements in appropriate areas.

\*Four Credits - The requirements are Biology, Chemistry, Physics plus an additional lab-based course. (Integrated Physics and Chemistry can satisfy one of the lab-science requirements through 2011-12 only.)

\*\*Physical Education - Substitutions must be based on physical activity involved in drill team, marching band, and cheerleading during the fall semester; Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC); athletics; Dance 1-4; and education work-based training courses. The District may award up to two credits for physical education for appropriate private or commercially-sponsored physical activity programs conducted.

# DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

<p><b>Purpose of the Distinguished Achievement Program</b></p>	<p>The Distinguished Achievement Program recognizes students who demonstrate levels of performance equivalent to college students or work done by professionals in the arts, sciences, business, industry, or in community service.</p>
<p><b>Standards for Approval of Requirements</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advanced measures focus on demonstrated student performance at the college or professional level.</li> <li>• Student performance is assessed through an external review process.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Requirements of the Distinguished Achievement Program</b></p>	<p>Students must complete the requirements found in 19 TAC S74.13 and receive any combination of four of the following advanced measures (examples: two AP examinations, one college course, one research project; four AP examinations).</p> <p>Advanced measures include:</p> <p><b>ORIGINAL RESEARCH PROJECT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• judged by a panel of professionals in the field that is the focus of the project; or</li> <li>• conducted under the direction of mentor(s) and reported to an appropriate audience</li> </ul> <p><b>TEST DATA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a score of three or above on The College Board Advanced Placement examination</li> <li>• a score of four or above on an International Baccalaureate examination</li> <li>• A score on the PSAT that qualifies a student for recognition as a Commended Scholar or higher by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. The PSAT score may count as only one advanced measure regardless of the number of honors received by the student.</li> </ul> <p><b>COLLEGE COURSES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a grade of 3.0 (B or higher on courses that count for college credit, including tech prep programs)</li> </ul>

# TEXAS SCHOLAR

## Beginning with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class of 2005-2006

A Texas Scholar must:

- Earn all the credits required by the Recommended High School Program or Distinguished Achievement Program (Refer to Graduation Plans on page 1).
- Earn a fourth year science or a fourth year math credit (Pre-Calculus or higher).
- Develop and carryout a High School and Beyond Plan for their four years of high school and transition to college, the workplace, the military, or some other endeavor of their choosing.

**NOTE:** Upon earning credit and meeting all requirements, the student will receive the Texas Scholar Medallion. These requirements are subject to change.

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## Beginning with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class of 2006-2007 and beyond

A Texas Scholar must:

- Earn all the credits required by the Recommended High School Program or Distinguished Achievement Program which includes 26 units and four years of Math, and Science as well as English and Social Studies. (Refer to Graduation Plans on pages 6-13).
- Successfully complete two full year high school courses that are eligible for college credit.
  - Courses eligible for college credit are:
    - Advanced Placement (AP) courses
    - International Baccalaureate (IB) courses
    - Concurrent Enrollment/Dual Credit Courses
    - Applicable CTE courses leading to a post-secondary certification
- Develop and carryout a High School and Beyond Plan for their four years of high school and transition to college, the workplace, the military, or some other endeavor of their choosing.

**NOTE:** Upon earning credit and meeting all requirements, the student will receive the Texas Scholar Medallion. These requirements are subject to change.

# TECH PREP TEXAS SCHOLARS PROGRAM

## TECH PREP OF THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY, INC. GRADUATING CLASSES THROUGH THE CLASS OF 2010 Current as of January 2008

To be a Tech Prep Texas Scholar, a student must do all three of these things:

1. Earn all the credits required by the Recommended High School Program or the Distinguished Achievement Program.
2. Have at least a four-year plan of study-and preferably a six or eight-year plan of study that includes, in high school, two or more career and technology courses for 3 or more credits aligned to a career cluster.
3. Earn at least one "college-level Tech Prep course" as part of the student's high school graduation plan. A "college-level Tech Prep course" is:
  - Either an articulated course (local articulation or statewide articulation-ATC) or a dual/concurrent-enrollment course
  - A course for which the school district and one of our local colleges have agreed that a student can receive college credit as part of a Tech Prep graduation plan

\*Scholarship Competition: Tech Prep Texas Scholars are eligible to complete for one of the *Dr. Lauro F. Cavazos Tech Prep Scholarships*.

# RANKING

**GRADUATING CLASS OF 2002 AND THEREAFTER** Beginning with the class of 2002, class rank shall be determined by weighting grades recorded on the academic achievement record (transcript) and calculating a weighted grade point average for each student. The following weighting system shall apply:

Course Designation	Additional Weight
International Baccalaureate (IB)	13 points
Advanced Placement (AP)	13 points
Challenge, Pre-AP, Honors/Pre-IB	10 points
College Prep (CP)	5 points
Standard	0 points

Only the following courses shall be included in determining class rank: English I, II, III, IV (or equivalent courses), Mathematics (all), Science (all), World Geography, World History, U.S. History, Government, History of the Americas (IB), 20th Century World History Topics (IB), and Economics. Other stipulations include: Grade point averages and class rank shall be calculated at the end of the freshman, sophomore, and junior years and at the end of the fall semester of the senior year. Courses taken in an accredited high school summer program for high school credit shall carry a "standard" designation in determining grade point averages and class rank. Numerical grades, including failing marks, shall be calculated in grade point averages and class rank. A course taught in a two-period block for one semester as an alternative to a year-long course shall be counted as two grades. Core high school courses offered by an accredited school through distance learning shall be included in calculating GPA and class rank.

**EXCEPTIONS** Regardless of a student's year of entry, rank in class shall be determined by the system that applies to the student's graduating class. In addition, the following types of courses shall not be included in determining class rank: Correspondence courses. Middle school students: (Graduating classes of 2002-07) High school courses taken by middle school students at middle school campuses. (Lamar Academy is considered to be a high school campus.) (Graduating classes of 2008 and beyond) High school courses taken by middle school students. Course credit earned through credit by examination with or without prior instruction. College and university courses, unless taught by District staff at District campuses. Courses in which credit has already been earned.

**TRANSFER STUDENTS** Refer to your Curriculum Bulletin for more information.

**HONOR GRADUATES** The rank of the top ten percent of each graduating class shall be determined by calculating grade point averages based on grades earned through the fifth six weeks of the senior year. Averages of fourth and fifth six-week grades shall be weighted using the grade point scale on page one of this policy. The grade point earned for the average of the fourth and fifth six-week grades shall carry half the weight of those earned for final grades earned in full semester courses. During the commencement ceremony, the top ten percent are recognized as follows:

Top 2% of the class-Summa Cum Laude; Next 3% of the class-Magna Cum Laude; Next 5% of the class-Cum Laude

**EARLY GRADUATION** Students graduating at any time other than the end of the school year shall be given a diploma after all graduation requirements are met. Rank in class shall be computed with that year's graduating class. Students graduating at any time other than the end of the school year shall not be eligible for valedictorian or salutatorian.

**VALEDICTORIAN/SALUTATORIAN** Students who qualify for honors as valedictorian or salutatorian must have been enrolled in the same high school in the District for their final four semesters, not including summer school.

**BREAKING TIES** In the case of ties occurring at critical points in the ranking, the following procedure shall be used to break the ties: Compute the weighted grade average to a sufficient number of decimal places until the tie is broken. If a tie remains, recalculate weighted core grades from the beginning of the junior year through the fifth six weeks of the senior year. The grade points earned for the average of the fourth and fifth six-week grades shall carry half the weight of those earned for final grades earned in full semester courses.

**CONDUCT** To qualify to give the valedictorian or salutatorian speech, a student shall not have engaged in any serious violation, as defined in the Student Code of Conduct, during his or her senior year.

# SAT vs. ACT

	SAT	ACT
WHEN IS IT ADMINISTERED?	Seven times per year	Six times per year
HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?	\$45.00	\$31.00 (no writing) \$46.00 (plus writing)
WHAT IS THE TEST STRUCTURE?	Ten-section exam: Three Critical Reading, three Math, three Writing, and one Experimental. The Experimental section is masked to look like a regular section.	Four-section exam: English, Math, Reading, and Science Reasoning. An Experimental section is added to tests on certain dates only, and is clearly experimental.
WHAT IS THE TEST CONTENT?	<p><i>Math:</i> up to 9<sup>th</sup> grade basic geometry and Algebra II.</p> <p><i>Science:</i> none.</p> <p><i>Reading:</i> sentence completions, short and long critical reading passages, reading comprehension.</p> <p><i>Writing:</i> an essay, and questions testing grammar, usage and word choice.</p>	<p><i>Math:</i> up to trigonometry</p> <p><i>Science:</i> charts, experiments</p> <p><i>Reading:</i> four passages, one each of Prose Fiction, Social Science, Humanities, and Natural Science</p> <p><i>English:</i> stresses grammar</p>
IS THERE A PENALTY FOR WRONG ANSWERS?	Yes	No
HOW IS THE TEST SCORED?	200-800 per section, added together for a combined score. A 2400 is the highest possible combined score.	1-36 for each subject, averaged for a composite score. A 36 is the highest possible composite score.
ARE ALL TEST SCORES SENT TO SCHOOLS?	Yes. If a student requests a score report be sent to specific colleges, the report will include the scores the student received on every SAT taken.	No. These is a "Score Choice" option. Students can choose which schools will receive their scores AND which scores the schools will see.
ARE THERE OTHER USES FOR THE EXAMS?	Scholarship purposes.	Scholarship purposes. Certain statewide testing programs.
BEST TIME TO REGISTER?	At least six weeks before the test date	At least four weeks before the test date
NEED MORE INFORMATION?	Educational Testing Service (ETS) (609) 771-7600 <a href="http://www.ets.org">www.ets.org</a> The College Board <a href="http://www.collegeboard.com">www.collegeboard.com</a>	ACT, Inc. (319) 337-1000 <a href="http://www.ACT.org">www.ACT.org</a>

# TESTING DATES

## HIGH SCHOOL CODES

McAllen High School	444595
Memorial High School	444596
Nikki Rowe High School	444599

ACT			SAT		
TEST DATES	REGISTRATION DEADLINES	LATE REGISTRATION	TEST DATES	REGISTRATION DEADLINES	LATE REGISTRATION
September 12, 2009	August 7, 2009	August 8-21, 2009	October 10, 2009	September 9, 2009	September 23, 2009
October 24, 2009	September 18, 2009	September 19-October 2, 2009	November 7, 2009	October 1, 2009	October 15, 2009
December 12, 2009	November 6, 2009	November 7-20, 2009	December 5, 2009	October 30, 2009	November 12, 2009
February 6, 2010	January 5, 2010	January 6-15, 2010	January 23, 2010	December 15, 2009	December 30, 2009
April 10, 2010	March 5, 2010	March 6-19, 2010	March 13, 2010	February 4, 2010	February 18, 2010
June 12, 2010	May 7, 2010	May 8-21, 2010	May 1, 2010	March 25, 2010	April 8, 2010
Basic Test Fee: \$32.00 ACT Plus Writing Fee: \$47.00 Late Fee: \$21.00 <a href="http://www.actstudent.org">www.actstudent.org</a>			June 5, 2010	April 29, 2010	May 13, 2010
			Test Fee: \$45.00 Late Fee: \$23.00 <a href="http://www.collegeboard.com">www.collegeboard.com</a>		

THEA				
TEST DATES	Registration Deadline		Late Registration Deadlines	
	ONLINE	MAIL	LATE	EMERGENCY
October 17, 2009	September 18, 2009		October 7, 2009	October 14, 2009
February 27, 2010	January 29, 2010		February 17, 2010	February 24, 2010
April 24, 2010	March 26, 2010		April 14, 2010	April 21, 2010
June 19, 2010	May 21, 2010		June 9, 2010	June 16, 2010
July 24, 2010	June 25, 2010		July 14, 2010	July 21, 2010
Only state test dates are listed. Test Application Fee: \$29.00 Late Fee: \$20.00 Customer Service: (866)565-4879 (413)256-2890 <a href="http://www.thea.nesinc.com/">Http://www.thea.nesinc.com/</a>				

# TEXAS SUCCESS INITIATIVE (TSI)

The Texas Success Initiative (TSI) requires students to be assessed in reading, writing and math skills prior to enrolling in college, and to be advised based on the results of that assessment, but now each institution determines what to do with students who don't pass one or more parts of the test. Institutions have the flexibility to determine the best path for individual students to take to become college ready and to demonstrate that they are indeed ready for college-level courses.

## TSI MINIMUM SCORES for UTPA & STC

	SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE	UTPA
<b>THEA</b>		
<i>Reading</i>	230	230
<i>Writing</i>	220	240
<i>Math</i>	250	260
<b>ACCUPLACER</b>		
<i>Reading</i>	78	78
<i>Writing</i>	80/Essay-6	80/Essay-6
<i>Math</i>	College Algebra-68	College Algebra-78
<b>ASSET</b>		
<i>Reading</i>	41	41
<i>Writing</i>	40/Essay-6	40/Essay-6
<i>Math</i>	41	38
<b>COMPASS</b>		
<i>Reading</i>	81	81
<i>Writing</i>	59/Essay-6	59/Essay-6
<i>Math</i>	42	39
<b>ACT</b>		
	<i>Check with STC. Some programs do require you to submit ACT scores.</i>	<i>Composite - 16</i>
<b>SAT</b>		
		<i>760 - CR &amp; Math</i>
<b>EXIT LEVEL TAKS</b>		
<i>English</i>	2200	2200/Writing 3+
<i>Math</i>	2200	<i>UTPA Math Department will not accept Math TAKS exemptions.</i>

# TOP 10 PERCENT RULE FOR ADMISSIONS FOR MOST TEXAS PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES



Students who are in the top 10 percent of their graduating class are eligible for automatic admission to any public university in Texas.

To be eligible for automatic admission, a student must:

- ∫ Graduate in the top 10 percent of his or her class at a public or private high school in Texas, or
- ∫ Graduate in the top 10 percent of his or her class from a high school operated by the U.S. Department of Defense and be a Texas resident or eligible to pay resident tuition;
- ∫ Enroll in college no more than two years after graduating from high school;
- ∫ Submit an application to a Texas public university for admission before the institution's application deadline (check with the university regarding specific deadlines).
- ∫ Students admitted through this route may still be required to provide SAT or ACT scores, although these scores are not used for admissions purposes. Students must also take the THEA test, unless exempted from the test requirement. Check with the admissions office regarding THEA, SAT, and ACT requirements.

*After a student is admitted, the university may review the student's high school records to determine if the student is prepared for college-level work. A student who needs additional preparation may be required to take a developmental, enrichment, or orientation course during the semester prior to the first semester of college.*

*Additionally, the university will review your final transcript to verify you have graduated in the top 10% of your class. If you are no longer in the top 10%, the university will notify you of your admissions status.*

Admission to a university does not guarantee acceptance into a particular college of study or department. Contact your target schools for application process.

## COLLEGE.....WHERE DO I BEGIN?

<b>STEP ONE</b>	Visit your GO CENTER. Begin your search by using the internet and college catalogs. Refer to "USEFUL WEBSITES" and "TEXAS COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES" pages.
<b>STEP TWO</b>	Determine what type of education you will seek: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate (usually 6-18 months)</li> <li>• Associate's degree (2 years)</li> <li>• Bachelor's degree (4 years)</li> </ul> Refer to "USEFUL WEBSITES-Searching for the Right College" page.
<b>STEP THREE</b>	Narrow your choices to 3-4 colleges.
<b>STEP FOUR</b>	Take either your ACT/SAT I (and SAT II and THEA, if necessary) and have scores sent to those colleges.
<b>STEP FIVE</b>	Begin filling out applications - online. Computers and assistance available at your GO CENTER.
<b>STEP SIX</b>	Request official transcript from your registrar's office and send to colleges/universities.
<b>STEP SEVEN</b>	Apply for college scholarships (if there are separate applications).
<b>STEP EIGHT</b>	Ask your teachers and/or counselor for letters of recommendation, if necessary.
<b>STEP NINE</b>	Apply for housing if you will be leaving home for college.
<b>STEP TEN</b>	Fill out the FAFSA and/or the CSS/PROFILE (if necessary). Computers and assistance available at your GO CENTER.



## NCAA FRESHMAN-ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS

### Core Courses

NCAA Division I requires 16 core courses as of August 1, 2008. This rule applies to any student first entering any Division I college or university on or after August 1, 2008. See the chart below for the breakdown of this 16 core-course requirement.

NCAA Division II requires 14 core courses. See the breakdown of core-course requirements below. Please note, Division II will require 16 core courses beginning August 1, 2013.

### Test Scores

Division I has a sliding scale for test score and grade-point average.

Division II has a minimum SAT score requirement of 820 or an ACT sum score of 68.

The SAT score used for NCAA purposes includes **only** the critical reading and math sections. The writing section of the SAT is not used.

The ACT score used for NCAA purposes is a **sum** of the four sections on the ACT: English, mathematics, reading and science.

All SAT and ACT scores must be reported directly to the NCAA Eligibility Center by the testing agency. Test scores that appear on transcripts will not be used. When registering for the SAT or ACT, use the Eligibility Center code of 9999 to make sure the score is reported to the Eligibility Center.

### Grade-Point Average

Only core courses are used in the calculation of the grade-point average.

Be sure to look at your high school's list of NCAA-approved core courses on the Eligibility Center's Web site to make certain that courses being taken have been approved as core courses. The Web site is [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net).

### DIVISION I

#### **16 Core-Course Rule**

16 Core Courses:

- 4 years of English.
- 3 years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher).
- 2 years of natural/physical science (1 year of lab if offered by high school).
- 1 year of additional English, mathematics or natural/physical science.
- 2 years of social science.
- 4 years of additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or nondoctrinal religion/philosophy).

### DIVISION II

#### **14 Core-Course Rule**

14 Core Courses:

- 3 years of English.
- 2 years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher).
- 2 years of natural/physical science (1 year of lab if offered by high school).
- 2 years of additional English, mathematics or natural/physical science.
- 2 years of social science.
- 3 years of additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or nondoctrinal religion/philosophy).

PLEASE NOTE: Beginning August 1, 2013, students planning to attend an NCAA Division II institution will be required to complete 16 core courses.

Note: Division III Eligibility Standards - contact the institution regarding its academic and amateurism policies.

# SENIOR CALENDAR



**ACT Test Date**



**SAT Test Date**



**THEA Test Date**

AUGUST 2009						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

- Visit your GO CENTER for college admissions information.
- Request admission applications and brochures from colleges you are interested in applying to.
- Take Pre-Calculus or Calculus and an Advanced Science class.
- Begin a file for each of the colleges you will be applying to. Make a list of application requirements (essays, transcripts, etc) and deadlines for each.
- Continue your involvement in extracurricular activities.
- Set your budget for application costs. Include waivers if eligible.
- Apply for a social security number, if you don't already have one.

SEPTEMBER 2009						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

- Participate in a program that competes beyond the local level (UIL, varsity athletics, FFA, DECA).
- Schedule interviews with prospective colleges.
- Register for the ACT or SAT.
- Request letters of recommendation from teachers, employers, etc. at least two weeks prior to date needed.

OCTOBER 2009						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

- Attend McAllen ISD's College Night on September 15, 2009.
- Start applying for scholarships from private organizations. Register at [www. FastWeb.com](http://www.FastWeb.com) for updated scholarship opportunities.
- Local Scholarship Application due Fall 2009.
- Take the ACT/SAT (if you need to increase your scores) and request that your test scores be sent to prospective colleges.
- Take the THEA if you are planning to attend a public school in Texas.
- Begin to work on your application essays.
- Narrow your college list to 5.
- Complete ALL of your applications BEFORE Thanksgiving break.
- If you are applying for Early Action or Early Decision, get your application in this month.
- Keep a copy of your applications. Mail can get lost.

NOVEMBER 2009						
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- Take the SAT or ACT. This should be your last time to test.
- Visit your GO CENTER for financial aid information.
- Apply for your PIN # ([www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov)) for your FAFSA - Application for Federal student Aid. Your parents will need one also.
- Start gathering materials and financial records for the FAFSA. Filing begins January 1.

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## THE TEXAS COMMON APPLICATION

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\ The application booklet has a page showing the admission requirements, application procedures and major codes. The information outlines the parts you must complete, the application deadline, the application fee and the documents you must submit. You will also find helpful telephone numbers, the e-mail address, mailing address and other information, such as scholarship and financial aid application deadlines, and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) code for the university.

\ If you plan to apply to more than one university, you need the codes for each school. Fill out the application once, leaving the university and major codes blank. Then copy it and fill in the name of the university and the major you plan to pursue. Send to each university.

\ Keep your original to use to apply to other universities. If you have any questions about your application, please contact the university.

## THE UNIVERSAL COMMON APPLICATION

\ The Common Application is the recommended form of 255 selective, independent colleges and universities for admission to undergraduate programs. Many of these institutions use the form exclusively. All colleges give equal consideration to the Common Application and their own form.

\ This application is available online at [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org).

\ Students should complete one Common Application form, photocopy it, and send the form to any of the participating colleges. The procedure simplifies the college application process and eliminates duplication of effort.

# COMMON APPLICATION MEMBER INSTITUTIONS

<p>Adelphi University            Agnes Scott College            Albertson College of Idaho            Albion College            Albright College            Alfred University            Allegheny College            American University            Amherst College            Antioch College            Arcadia University            Assumption College            Atlantic, College of the            Austin College            Babson College            Baldwin-Wallace College            Bard College            Barnard College            Bates College            Beloit College            Bennington College            Bentley College            Binghamton University—SUNY            Birmingham-Southern College            Boston College            Boston University            Bowdoin College            Bradley University            Brandeis University            Bryant University            Bryn Mawr College            Bucknell University            Butler University            California Lutheran University            Carleton College            Carnegie Mellon University            Case Western Reserve University            Cazenovia College            Centenary College of Louisiana            Centre College            Chatham College            Claremont McKenna College            Clarkson University            Clark University            Coe College            Colby College            Colby-Sawyer College            Colgate University            Colorado College            Concordia College-New York            Connecticut college            Converse College            Cornell College (Iowa)            Cornell University            Dallas, University of            Dartmouth College            Davidson College            Delaware, University of            Denison University            Denver, University of            DePauw University            Dickinson College            Dominican University of California            Drew University            Duke University            Earlham College            Eckerd College            Elizabethtown College            Elmira College            Embry-Riddle Aeronautical            University            Emmanuel College (Massachusetts)            Emory University            Eugene Lang College            Fairfield University            Findlay, University of</p>	<p>Fisk University            Florida Southern College            Fordham University            Franklin &amp; 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## TEXAS COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

NAME	LOCATION	TELEPHONE	WEB SITE ADDRESS
Abilene Christian University	Abilene	325/674-2650	www.acu.edu
Angelo State University	San Angelo	325/942-2073	www.angelo.edu/
Austin College	Sherman	903/813-2000	www.austincollege.edu/
Baylor College of Medicine	Houston	713/789-4951	www.bcm.tmc.edu/
Baylor University	Waco	800/Baylor-U	www.baylor.edu/
Concordia University	Austin	800/865-4282	www.concordia.edu/
Dallas Baptist University	Dallas	214/333-5360	www.dbu.edu/
Dallas Theological Seminary	Dallas	800/992-0998	www.dts.edu/
East Texas Baptist University	Marshall	800/804-ETBU	www.etbu.edu/
Hardin Simmons University	Abilene	800/GO-HSUTX	www.hsutx.edu/
Houston Baptist University	Houston	281/649-3211	www.hbu.edu/
Howard Payne University	Brownwood	800/880-4478	www.hputx.edu/
Lamar University	Beaumont	409/880-7011	www.lamar.edu/
LaTourneau University	Longview	903/233-3400	www.letu.edu/
McMurry University	Abilene	800/460-2392	www.mcm.edu/
Midwestern State University	Wichita Falls	940/397-4000	www/mwsu.edu/
Our Lady of the Lake University	San Antonio	210/434-6711	www.ollusa.edu/
Paul Quinn College	Dallas	214/376-1000	www.pqc.edu/
Rice University	Houston	713/348-0000	www.rice.edu/
Saint Edward's University	Austin	512/448-1050	www.stedwards.edu/
Saint Mary's University	San Antonio	800/FOR-STMU	www.stmarytx.edu/
Sam Houston State University	Huntsville	936/294-1111	www.shsu.edu/
Schreiner College	Kerville	830/896-5411	www.schreiner.edu/
South Texas College of Law	Houston	713/659-8040	www.stcl.edu/
Southern Methodist University	Dallas	214/768-2550	www.smu.edu/
Texas State University	San Marcos	512/245-22364	www.tsu.edu/
Southwestern Assemblies of God University	Waxahachie	888/YES-SAGU	www.sagu.edu/
Southwestern University	Georgetown	512/863-5788	www.southwestern.edu/
Stephen F. Austin State University	Nacogdoches	936/468-2504	www.sfasu.edu/
Sul Ross State University	Alpine	432/837-8011	www.sulross.edu/
Tarleton State University	Tarleton	254/968-9100	www.tarleton.edu/
Texas A&M University Systems			
Texas A&M	College Station	979/845-3741	www.tamu.edu/
Texas A&M	Commerce	903/886-5081	www.tamu-commerce.edu/
Texas A&M	Corpus Christi	361/825-5700	www.tamucc.edu/
Texas A&M	Galveston	409/740-4400	www.tamug.tamu.edu/
Texas A&M	Prairie View	936/857-2626	www.pvamu.edu/
Texas A&M International University	Laredo	956/326-2001	www.tamiu.edu/
Texas Christian University	Fort Worth	800/TCU-FROG	www.tcu.edu/
Texas Lutheran University	Seguin	830/372-8020	www.tlu.edu/
Texas Southern University	Houston	713/313-7071	www.tsu.edu/
Texas Tech University	Lubbock	806/742-1480	www.ttu.edu/
Texas Wesleyan University	Fort Worth	817/531-4444	www.txwesleyan.edu/
Texas Woman's University	Denton	866/809-6130	www.twu.edu/
Trinity University	San Antonio	210/999-7011	www.trinity.edu/
University of Central Texas	Killeen	245/526-7161	www.ctcd.cc.tx.us/
University of Dallas	Irving	972/721-5000	www.udallas.edu/
University of Houston-Clear Lake	Houston	281/283-7600	www.cl.uh.edu/
University of Houston-Downtown	Houston	713/221-8000	www.dt.uh.edu/
University of Houston-Main Campus	Houston	713/743-9595	www.uh.edu/
University of Houston-Victoria	Victoria	877/970-4848	www.vic.uh.edu/
University of Mary Hardin-Baylor	Belton	254/295-8642	www.umhb.edu/
University of North Texas	Denton	940/565-2000	www.unt.edu/
University of St. Thomas	Houston	800/328-6819	www.stthom.edu/
University of Texas Systems			
University of Texas	Arlington	817/272-6287	www.uta.edu/
University of Texas	Austin	512/475-7440	www.utexas.edu/
University of Texas	Brownsville	956/544-8200	www.utb.edu/
University of Texas	Edinburg	956/381-2011	www.utpa.edu/
University of Texas	Dallas	972/883-2342	www.utdallas.edu/
University of Texas	El Paso	915/747-5000	www.utep.edu/
University of Texas	Odessa	432/552-2000	www.utbp.edu/
University of Texas	San Antonio	210/458-4101	www.utsa.edu/
University of Texas	Tyler	903/566-7000	www.uttyler.edu/
UT Health Science Center	Houston	713/500-4472	www.uth.tmc.edu/
UT Health Science Center	San Antonio	210/567-7000	www.uthscsa.edu/
UT Southwestern Medical Center	Dallas	214/648-3111	www.utsouthwestern.edu/
University of the Incarnate Word	San Antonio	800/749-WORD	www.uIW.edu/
Wayland Baptist University	Plainview	806/291-1000	www.wbu.edu/
West Texas A&M University	Canyon	806/651-2020	www.wtamu.edu/

# THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS-PAN AMERICAN ADMISSION CHECKLIST

UTPA's SCHOOL CODE: 003599

$\pi$	Complete and submit Texas Common Application online @ <a href="http://www.applytexas.org">www.applytexas.org</a> Computers and assistance available at your GO CENTER. Note: UTPA will no longer accept paper applications.
$\pi$	Submit your ACT or SAT scores (by the application deadlines).
$\pi$	Submit your THEA or ACCUPLACER scores (by the application deadlines).
$\pi$	Submit your high school transcript reflecting up to the end of your junior year.
$\pi$	Submit your final high school transcript. Your final high school transcript will be ready after you graduate from high school.
$\pi$	Request your college transcripts to be sent (dual/concurrent enrollment classes).
$\pi$	Upon completion of your dual and/or concurrent enrollment class(es), request that these final transcripts be sent.
$\pi$	Submit your scholarship application by December 1 @ <a href="http://www.utpa.edu/scholarships">www.utpa.edu/scholarships</a> . (Entering freshmen must submit a high school transcript including class rank and GPA on a 100 point scale).
$\pi$	Pay your deposit to reserve a seat to new student orientation. (mandatory for all new students; contact 956/381-3541 for further information)
$\pi$	Attend orientation on _____ (all new students will register for classes at orientation)
$\pi$	Pay for your classes by _____ Review your bill and payment options @ <a href="http://assist.utpa.edu">assist.utpa.edu</a> or call 956/381-3030.
$\pi$	Print your class schedule before classes begin @ <a href="http://assist.utpa.edu">assist.utpa.edu</a> .

# SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE CHECKLIST

STC's SCHOOL CODE: 031034

$\pi$	Obtain an application from your GO CENTER or from the Office of Admissions and Records or any Student Information Center at STC. Complete and return to your College Admissions/Scholarship Specialist. McAllen High School- Leticia Hernandez Memorial High School-Isela Herrera Nikki Rowe High School-Maryiel Garcia
$\pi$	Submit your official high school transcript with your application.
$\pi$	Submit your THEA or ACCUPLACER scores. You may request (when you take your test) to have your scores sent directly to the college/university.
$\pi$	Submit your final high school transcript. Your final transcript will be ready after you graduate from high school.
$\pi$	Complete the mandatory New Student Orientation on _____.
$\pi$	Use the Advisement Form to select courses from the current STC course schedule. Complete the registration worksheet included in the Admissions Packet and register at campus, online, by phone or in person. If you attend orientation on campus, you will be able to register for classes during the orientation session.
$\pi$	Pay for your classes by _____.

## TSTC ADMISSIONS CHECKLIST

Texas State Technical College has an open-door admissions policy that encourages everyone to pursue their dream of a quality, affordable education.

- ❑ Pick up an application in your GO CENTER. Complete it and submit to TSTC Office of Admissions.
- ❑ Submit proof of Residency
- ❑ Submit official high school transcript, College
- ❑ Submit your THEA or ACCUPLACER scores
- ❑ Meet with Academic advisor to register for classes
- ❑ Pay for your classes by \_\_\_\_\_

## ARMED FORCES

There are many opportunities for education and training in all branches of the armed forces for both men and women. Get schedule of recruiters visiting your school in the GO CENTER.

United States Army  
2625 North 23rd St. Ste.200  
McAllen, TX 78501  
(956) 682-6141

Marine Recruiting Station  
2625 North 23rd St. Ste. 400  
McAllen, TX 78501  
(956) 631-3356

United States Air Force  
2625 North 23rd St. Ste. 300  
McAllen, TX 78501  
(956) 687-3541

Navy Recruiting Station  
2625 North 23rd St. Ste. 500  
McAllen, TX 78501  
(956) 687-7127

# EARNING COLLEGE CREDIT WHILE IN HIGH SCHOOL

Locally, both the UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS-PAN AMERICAN and SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE offer programs for students to earn college credit before they graduate from high school.

## THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS-PAN AMERICAN

Students qualify for the UTPA Concurrent Enrollment program in one of the following ways\* if they:

- Are ranked in the Top 10% of their class, or
- Have a 90 or above average in their academic coursed (based on English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and foreign language courses only), or
- Score a 22 composite on the ACT (1030 SAT Critical Reading & Math)

*\*To enter the program, students must also complete an admission application, provide a transcript, and take the THEA test.*

## SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE

Students qualify for the STC Dual Enrollment Program if they:

- Submit THEA scores, or
- Submit ACT, SAT, or TAKS scores that indicate they are THEA exempt with the following scores:

○ ACT:	23+ Composite	19+ English & 19+ Math	
○ SAT:	1070+ Composite	500+ Verbal & 500+ Math	
○ EXIT TAKS:	2200 English	2200 Math	
○ THEA:	220 Writing	230 Math	230 Reading
○ ACCUPLACER:	80/Essay 6	68 Math	78 Reading

## FINANCIAL AID

□	Pick up a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) from the GO CENTER or apply online. Complete application. Award year covers Fall, Spring and Summer.
□	The fastest way to submit the FAFSA is through the internet at the following website: <a href="http://www.fafsa.ed.gov">www.fafsa.ed.gov</a>
□	Be sure to sign the FAFSA. You can print the signature page, sign it and mail it. If you are a dependent student, then both you and your parent must sign and mail the signature pages.
□	You and your parents can also sign your FAFSA electronically by applying for a federal PIN at <a href="http://www.pin.ed.gov">www.pin.ed.gov</a>
□	Find out your college's priority deadline for applying for aid.
□	Contact the college financial aid office and make sure it receives all information it needs.
□	You will receive a SAR (Student Aid Report) summary. Review it carefully. If necessary, submit corrections online.
□	The college will review your SAR and put together the financial aid package it can offer. You will be informed via an award letter and/or through your college online student access account.
□	If you wish to accept the offer, <u>sign the award letter, return it and keep a copy!</u> If you are declining, notify the college immediately so the financial aid can be offered to other applicants.

### REMEMBER....

- ✓ If you enter a wrong Social Security Number (SSN) you will be required to complete a whole new FAFSA with the correct SSN. This error cannot be fixed with a correction.
- ✓ Answer question 24 (your grade level) on the FAFSA. You will have to do a correction if you leave this question blank.
- ✓ You are a dependent if you answer NO to questions 48 through 60 (even if you don't live with your parents, and they don't contribute to your living expenses, you have to report parent income).

\*Since your financial situation can change from year to year, you MUST apply for financial aid each year. Always keep copies of forms you submit to the school, government or lender during the financial aid process.

## FINANCIAL AID: TERMS

<i>COA</i>	<i>Cost of Attendance</i> ; amount of money that it will cost for a student to attend a particular college; usually includes: tuition and fees, room and board, transportation and commuting costs, books and supplies, and miscellaneous personal expenses
<i>EFC</i>	<i>Expected Family Contribution</i> ; amount a student and his/her family is expected to pay toward the student's cost of attendance; based on results of the FAFSA
<b>FAFSA</b>	<i>Free Application for Federal Student Aid</i> ; needed for students to apply for government money for college; information needed is student's demographic information, family size, number of family members in college, and family income, family members in college, and the income of your parents and yourself
<b>Financial Aid Package</b>	Financial aid award to a student comprised of a combination of different types of financial aid (loans, grants, scholarships, work-study)
<b>Grants</b>	Based on financial need; do NOT have to be paid back
<b>Loans</b>	Money that either you or your parents borrow for your college education; MUST be paid back
<b>Merit-based Scholarships</b>	Money awarded based on achievement in high school; do NOT have to be paid back
<b>Need-based Scholarships</b>	Money awarded based on family income (need); do NOT have to be paid back
<b>Pell Grant</b>	The amount you receive is based on your family size, family income, number of household members in college; awarded using a formula determined by the US Department of Education; the FAFSA is used to apply for this grant
<b>CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE</b>	Financial aid application used by many colleges and universities to award non federal student aid funds
<b>Renewal FAFSA</b>	FAFSA used in the years after the 1 <sup>st</sup> FAFSA is completed; student only provides information that requires updating (ex: current income tax year information)
<i>SAR</i>	<i>Student Aid Report</i> ; summary of all information provided on the FAFSA; sent to student once FAFSA has been processed by the U.S. Department of Education
<b>TEXAS Grant</b>	May be awarded to students who graduate from a Texas high school under either the Recommended or Distinguished Achievement Plan
<b>Verification</b>	Process in which the college the student plans to attend may ask for documents to verify his/her information provided on the FAFSA
<b>Work-study</b>	Part-time employment program that allows students to work (either on or off-campus) to make money to pay college expenses

## ITEMS TO BRING TO THE FAFSA FILING FAIR

- π 2009 Federal Tax Return or other income documentation - IRS Form 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ or foreign tax return (If you will be attending summer session 1, June 2010, you must bring you 2008 Federal Tax Return.)
- π Social Security Number
- π Driver's License (if any)
- π 2009 W-2 Forms or year-end pay stubs and other year-end records of wages received
- π 2009 untaxed income records - Social Security, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, welfare, or veterans benefits records
- π 2009 business and investment mortgage information, business and farm records, stock, bond, and other investment records.
- π Your alien registration card (if you are not a U.S. citizen)
- π Your PIN and your parent PIN

# USEFUL WEBSITES

## COMMON APPLICATIONS

Texas Common Application  
Universal Common Application

[www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org)  
[www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)

## TEST PREPARATION

SAT [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)  
ACT [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)  
THEA [www.thea.nesinc.com](http://www.thea.nesinc.com)

[www.kaplan.com](http://www.kaplan.com)  
[www.review.com](http://www.review.com)  
[www.testprep.collegefortexans.com](http://www.testprep.collegefortexans.com)

## SEARCHING FOR THE RIGHT COLLEGE

[www.adventuresineducation.org](http://www.adventuresineducation.org)  
[www.anycollege.com](http://www.anycollege.com)  
[www.collegenet.com](http://www.collegenet.com)  
[www.collegeexpress.com](http://www.collegeexpress.com)  
[www.texasmentor.org](http://www.texasmentor.org)

[www.collegefortexans.com](http://www.collegefortexans.com)  
[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)  
[www.collegeview.com](http://www.collegeview.com)  
[www.petersons.com](http://www.petersons.com)  
[www.usnews.com](http://www.usnews.com)

## FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

FAFSA [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)  
[www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)  
[www.collegefortexans.com](http://www.collegefortexans.com)  
[www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)  
[www.petersons.com](http://www.petersons.com)  
[www.scholarshipamerica.org](http://www.scholarshipamerica.org)

CSS Profile [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)  
[www.adventuresineducation.org](http://www.adventuresineducation.org)  
[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)  
[www.nasfaa.org](http://www.nasfaa.org)  
[www.salliemae.com](http://www.salliemae.com)  
[www.students.gov](http://www.students.gov)

## CAREER

[www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com)  
[www.careers.org](http://www.careers.org)  
[www.mapping-your-future.org](http://www.mapping-your-future.org)  
<http://texasscholars.lifeafterhighschool.org>

**YOU SHOULD NOT PAY A FEE FOR ANY FINANCIAL AID OR SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION. HAVE FUN SEARCHING FOR YOUR COLLEGE INFORMATION ON THE NET!**

## NOTES:

