



COLLEGE 101: Junior Year Planning Guide



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2022-2023 Counseling Department



Grade Classification Standards

Grade	Criteria for Promotion
9 th	Promotion from Middle School
10 th	1 year of attendance and 5 credits, including English I and Algebra I
11 th	2 years of attendance and 11 credits
12 th	3 years of attendance and 17 credits

How is a Semester Average Calculated?

- 1st Marking Period - added three times
- 2nd Marking Period – added three times
- Final Exam - counts as 1/7 of the semester grade

$$\text{MP1} + \text{MP1} + \text{MP1} + \text{MP2} + \text{MP2} + \text{MP2} + \text{Final} \div 7$$
$$= \text{Semester Average}$$

*** If you are exempt from the final, divide by 6 instead.**

GRADE POINT TABLE FOR DETERMINING GPA

GRADE earned	Honors and On Level Point System	
	K, AP, DC & HORIZONS LEVELS	L-LEVEL (ON LEVEL)
A	7 grade points	6 grade points
B	6 grade points	5 grade points
C	5 grade points	4 grade points
C-	4 grade points	3 grade points
F	0 grade points	0 grade points

When is GPA Calculated?

For Juniors:

- GPA is calculated at the end of Junior year.
 - This is the GPA that you will use when applying to college!

For Seniors:

- GPA is calculated:
 - At the end of the Fall Semester (January)
 - At the end of the 3rd Marking Period (March)*
 - At the end of Senior Year (June)

*Rank used for honor grad status at graduation ceremony

Options for Earning HS Credit Original/Make Up

- **Summer School**
- **District Credit By Exam (CBE)**
- **Correspondence Courses (Texas Tech)**
- **Texas Virtual School Network (TxVSN)**

Students must have counselor permission before registering for these types of courses.

Foundation with Endorsements

English – English I, English II, English III + 4 th English credit	4 Credits
Math – Algebra I, Geometry + 2 Advanced Math (Alg 2 required for some)	4 Credits
Science – Biology + IPC/Chem/Physics + 2 Advanced Sciences	4 Credits
Social Studies – W.Geog or W.Hist + US History + Govt & Econ	3 Credits
Health	½ Credit
PACE – 9 th Grade Year	½ Credit
PE	1 Credit
Language Other Than English – LOTE 1 + LOTE 2	2 Credits
Fine Arts	1 Credit
Electives	6 Credits
TOTAL STATE CREDITS	26

*A student who struggled in completing the first credit of LOTE and is unlikely to complete the second credit may, with approval from a committee, substitute another course from a state-mandated list.

MAY NOT be appropriate choice for university bound students.

House Bill 5 Endorsements

- ✓ STEM
- ✓ MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES
- ✓ PUBLIC SERVICE
- ✓ BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY
- ✓ ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Foundation High School Program

English – English I, English II, English III + 4 th English credit	4 Credits
Math – Algebra I, Geometry, + additional math credit	3 Credits
Science – Biology + IPC/Chem/Physics + additional science credit	3 Credits
Social Studies – W.Geog or W.Hist + US History, + Govt & Econ	3 Credits
Health	½ Credit
PACE – 9 th Grade Year	½ Credit
PE	1 Credit
Language Other Than English – LOTE 1 + LOTE 2	2 Credits
Fine Arts (one full course)	1 Credit
Electives	4 Credits
TOTAL STATE CREDITS	22

Distinguished Level of Achievement Under Foundation with Endorsements

- ❖ To be eligible for the top 10% automatic admission and/or the Texas Grant a student must earn Distinguished Level of Achievement.
- ❖ The Distinguished Level of Achievement requires:
 - 4 credits in math **including Algebra II**
 - 4 credits in science
 - All Foundation High School Program requirements
 - At least one endorsement

Performance Acknowledgements

A student may earn a performance acknowledgment for outstanding performance in the areas of:

- **Dual credit**
- **Bilingual / Bi-literacy**
- **College Board Advanced Placement (AP) exams**
- **PSAT, ACT ASPIRE, SAT, or ACT performance**
- **Nationally or Internationally Recognized Business or Industry Certification or License.**

Details are available in the **HS Course Description booklet** found at www.cfisd.net > Academics > Curriculum/Course Descriptions

Additional graduation requirements

Students are required to pass the following EOC Tests:

English I - April 18th

Biology- May 3rd

Algebra I - May 4th

English II - April 20th

US History - May 2nd

Junior Conferences

- Counselors will meet with juniors individually during spring semester to evaluate credits left for graduation.
- Students discuss which classes they are interested in taking their senior year.
- Forms will be sent or emailed home after the conference for a parent signature.
- Any requested changes MUST be made in writing with parent signature.

No course changes will be made after May 25, 2023!

SAT Test

March 1, 2023

All juniors will take the SAT Test
during the school day.

Opportunities to earn College Credit in HS Dual Credit and Advanced Placement (AP)

<u>Dual Credit</u> Must meet qualifications	<u>Advanced Placement –AP</u> Must meet qualifications
Enrolled in LSC & CRHS campus course. Taught by CRHS teacher who is LSC qualified	Enroll in campus AP course only
Pay tuition (\$78)	Pay for AP exam (\$101)
Grade in course = credit	Score on ONE test (3,4,5) = credit
Credit transfers to public TX Colleges/Universities and many Colleges/Universities within U.S.	College/University determines whether test score is acceptable and type/amount of credit.
You will build both a HS transcript & LSC transcript & submit with your college apps.	You will request an official score report from College Board after you enroll in your college.

Dual Credit PARENT Meeting

Students interested in registering for ANY DC courses for the 2022-2023 school year will have a

MANDATORY

DUAL CREDIT PARENT MEETING

**IN THE SPRING SEMESTER
(FEBRUARY)**

DETAILS FORTHCOMING

AP Exams

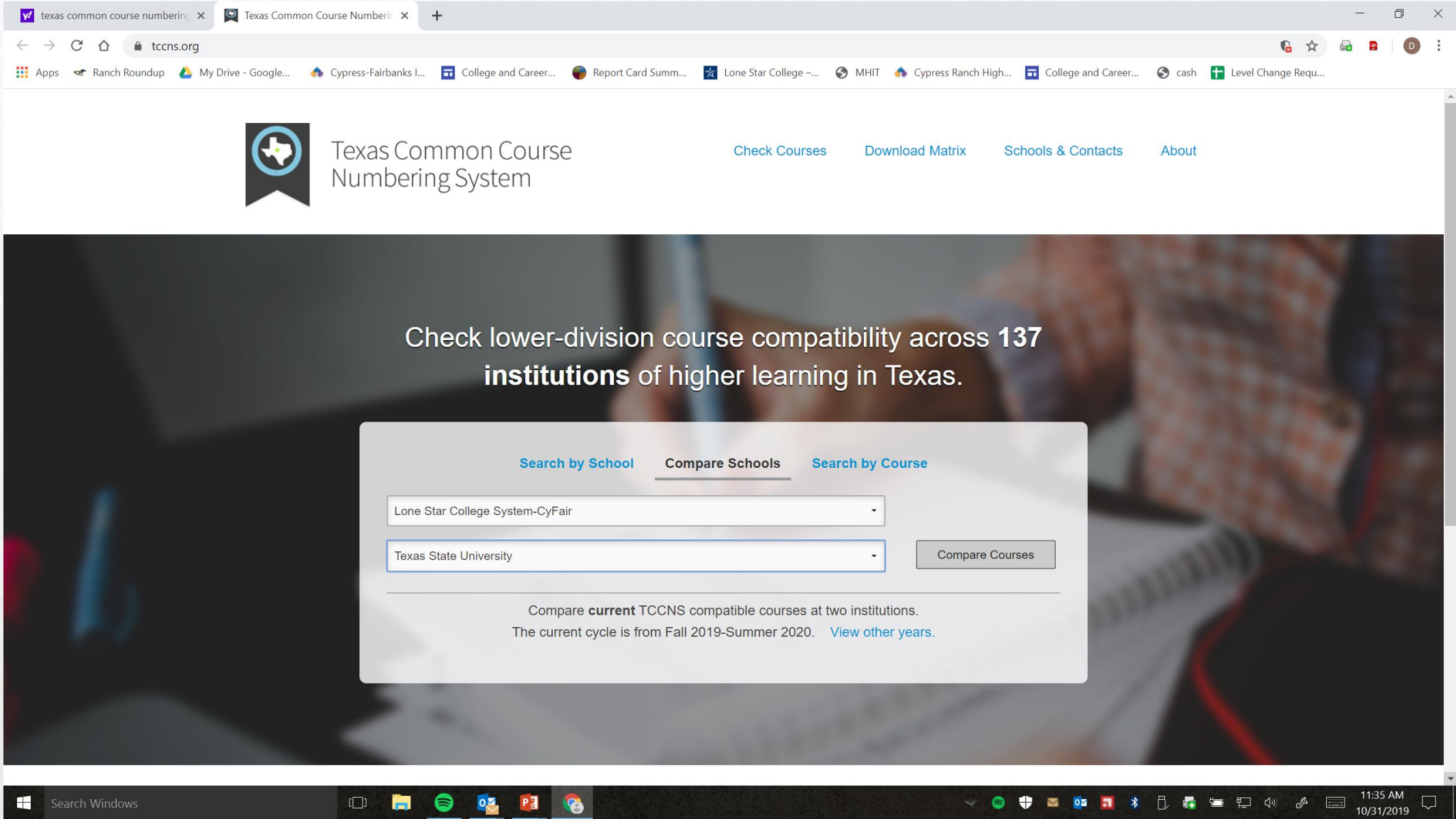
- Registration for Fall-Only and Full-Year classes has ended (November 1st).
- Registration for Spring-Only classes will begin January 2023
- Administered May 1-12, 2023 at Cypress Ranch High School
- Scholarship applications are available in the counseling office for free/reduced students taking more than one AP exam
- Reduced charge for free/reduced lunch

AP Credit Policy Search

Find colleges and universities that offer credit or placement for AP scores. Begin your search by entering the name of the institution below. For the most up-to-date AP credit policy information, be sure to check the institution's website.


Find a college's credit policy

Please enter at least two characters to view a preliminary list of matches. Click Search to see a complete list of results. The number in parentheses is the school's College Board code.



TCCNS Compatible Courses at Lone Star College System and Texas State University from Fall 2019-Summer 2020.

TCCNS Course			Lone Star College System		Texas State University	
Type	Num	Title	Type	Num	Title	
ACCT	2301	Principles of Financial Accounting	ACCT	2301	Principles of Financial Accounting	ACC 2361 Introduction to Financial Accounting
ACCT	2302	Principles of Managerial Accounting	ACCT	2302	Principles of Managerial Accounting	ACC 2362 Introduction to Managerial Accounting
AGRI	1131	The Agricultural Industry				AG 1110 Careers in Agri-Business & Industry
AGRI	1307	Agronomy				AG 2313 Agronomic Crops
AGRI	1309	Computers in Agriculture				AG 2390 Computer Applications in Agriculture
AGRI	1315	Horticulture				AG 2379 General Horticulture
AGRI	1419	Introductory Animal Science (lecture + lab)				AG 1445 Basic Animal Science
AGRI	2303	Agricultural Construction				AG 2373 Introduction to Agricultural Engineering
AGRI	2317	Introduction to Agricultural Economics				AG 2383 Introduction to Agricultural Economics
ANTH	2301	Physical Anthropology	ANTH	2301	Physical Anthropology	
ANTH	2302	Introduction to Archeology	ANTH	2302	Introduction to Archeology	
ANTH	2346	General Anthropology	ANTH	2346	General Anthropology	
ANTH	2351	Cultural Anthropology	ANTH	2351	Cultural Anthropology	ANTH 1312 Cultural Anthropology



ADMISSIONS & RECRUITMENT

The UNIVERSITY of OKLAHOMA

Search by OU Course

Subject: --Select One--

Course: --Select All--

State: --Select One--

Transfer Institution: --Select All--

[Reset Form](#)

Search by Other Institution Course

State: --Select One--

Transfer Institution: --Select One--

Transfer Subject: --Select All--

Transfer Courses: --Select All--

[Reset Form](#)

Search by General Education Requirement

State: --Select One--

Transfer Institution: --Select All--

General Education Requirement: --Select All--

[Reset Form](#)

Pass/Fail Courses

- Benefits students who earn mostly A's in K-level academic courses and have a 6.0+ GPA
- Will not be included in GPA or class rank
- Students can only P/F the 3rd or 4th course taken in an approved sequence
- May earn up to 2.0 total credits P/F (Juniors/Seniors Only)
- Available for courses **beyond** 26 (Foundations + Endorsement Plan) credits required for graduation
- Students will have the opportunity to pass/fail spring 2023

Early Release/Late Arrival

*STUDENTS MUST SELECT 7 CLASSES AND THEN
APPLY FOR EARLY RELEASE OR LATE ARRIVAL*

- ✓ Option to leave school early/arrive late if: student has a job, is enrolled in a college course, or has other special circumstances
- ✓ Must pass all EOC tests
- ✓ Must be enrolled in courses which complete graduating on Foundation with Endorsement HSP
- ✓ No excessive absences
- ✓ Must be on campus 5 periods
- ✓ Forms are available on our school website

ROADMAP TO COLLEGE



COLLEGE & CAREER UPDATE

www.bit.ly/crhscollege

Fall Semester – Junior Year (a.k.a. RIGHT NOW)

- ✓ Create a College List — include Match, Safety, and Reach Schools
- ✓ Research colleges and their admission requirements
 - ✓ Is the SAT or ACT test required? Is the school “test optional” for your application cycle?
 - ✓ Start a “College Applicant Tracker” - www.bit.ly/crhscollege
- ✓ Consider taking the SAT and/or ACT in December for a baseline so you can prep for your school-day SAT on March 1st

SAT Test Dates 2022-2023

SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline
* December 3, 2022	November 3, 2022
March 11, 2023	February 10, 2023
* May 6, 2023	April 7, 2023
June 3, 2023	May 4, 2023

* Cy Ranch is a testing center option for these test dates.

www.collegeboard.org

ACT Test Dates 2022-2023

ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline
December 10, 2022	November 4, 2022
February 11, 2023	January 6, 2023
April 15, 2023	March 10, 2023
June 10, 2023	May 5, 2023
July 15, 2023	June 16, 2023

www.actstudent.org

Texas Success Initiative (TSI)

❖ TSI:

- A statewide program to assess college readiness in the areas of English (reading & writing) and mathematics.
- Helps colleges determine what type of course or intervention will best meet your needs in each of these areas.

TSI Exempt if:

- SAT - 530+ Math & 480+ EBRW after March 2016, or
- ACT - 23+ Composite score (with 19+ on English & 19+ Math)

If a student is not TSI exempt.....A placement test will be required.

Check with your college/university.

Fall Semester – Junior Year cont'd (a.k.a. RIGHT NOW)

- ✓ Plan college visits
 - ✓ Allowed 2 during junior year & 2 during senior year
 - ✓ Thanksgiving break can be a good time to visit
 - ✓ Schedule in-person tours and/or visits through the college's website
- ✓ Attend College Fairs & visit with College Reps
- ✓ Discuss plans for paying for college with your child
 - ✓ Are out-of-state and/or private schools an option?
- ✓ Research scholarships
 - ✓ College Board-Big Future / www.FastWeb.com / www.cfid.net (search: scholarships)

College Visits

Students are allowed 2 days during junior year & 2 days during senior year (1 of the days can be used as a travel day)

Register for a campus visit/tour on the college's website

Pick up a *Institution of Higher Education Visit Form* through the Attendance Office BEFORE the visit

A College Representative must sign and place the college seal on the college visit pass (virtual visits do not qualify)

Student must return the form to attendance within 3 school days so the absence will not count against final exam exemptions

Spring Semester – Junior Year

- ✓ Take the ACT and/or the SAT
 - ✓ SAT test for ALL juniors – Wednesday, March 1st
 - ✓ Take this test seriously!
- ✓ Begin your college essay (Check for 2023 prompts online around Spring Break)
- ✓ Complete Step #1 of College Board's Opportunity Scholarship
<https://opportunity.collegeboard.org/>
- ✓ Finish your academic year **STRONG**

College Essay Writing Tips

- ❖ Use the essay to tell them what your application can't.
- ❖ Write about something important to you & **BE AUTHENTIC**
- ❖ Focus on the unique qualities, characteristics, and/or talents that you will bring to their college community
- ❖ Include deep, personal reflections - don't just retell a story
- ❖ Make sure the essay lets them learn about **YOU** & not a family member

Summer Before Senior Year

✓ JUNE

- ✓ Finish college essay
- ✓ Review all SAT & ACT scores; register ASAP if you're re-taking

✓ JULY

- ✓ July 1st or Aug 1st – most college apps open
- ✓ Try to submit 1-2 college apps BEFORE school starts
 - ✓ Supplemental documents can be sent after we return to school

Information for College Applications

- ❖ GPA is on a 6.0 weighted scale
- ❖ High School Code: 441689
- ❖ NCAA Eligibility Center Code: 9999
- ❖ School address:
 - Cypress Ranch HS
 - 10700 Fry Rd. Cypress, TX 77433
- ❖ School phone: 281-373-2300
- ❖ Principal: Dr. Michael Maness
- ❖ Counselor contact info (see slide 2)

TEXAS Top 10% Admissions

- ❖ Automatic Admission to Texas Public Institutions; UT top 6%
- ❖ Must submit completed application and all required documents prior to deadline set by the university.
- ❖ Essay may be used for scholarship consideration
- ❖ Apply no later than 2 years after graduating from high school.
- ❖ Graduate under FHSP+E and Distinguished Level of Achievement.
- ❖ Apply early - Colleges within the universities may limit the number eligible for admission due to enrollment caps.

Applying to College

Apply for admission the summer before your senior year

www.applytexas.org

All Texas public universities

www.commonapp.org

Most Texas private and out of
state universities

www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org

Distinguished colleges and
universities



Provide required documents by the deadline
(i.e., Official HS transcripts, Official Score reports, & Application Fee)



Make sure to **SUBMIT** your application to each college.

A saved application is not the same as a submitted application!

Transcripts

- Submit college or scholarship applications PRIOR to ordering official transcripts to be sent.
- Know your deadlines & plan ahead! Transcript processing takes 3 days.
- To order transcripts:
 - Scan this QR code:
- If you do not have a smart phone, you can use this link from your computer: <https://cypressfairbanksk12.scriborder.com/applicationCurrent>
- Fee schedule for all other schools/transcript requests:
 - The first 5 transcripts are FREE
 - The 6th transcript is \$3.00
 - Any transcripts ordered above 6 are \$1.00 each.
- Tips: If you do not have a social security number or driver's license number, you can put four zeros in for the response to those questions and it will allow you to bypass it.



Submitting Scores

- ✓ Most colleges require official SAT or ACT score reports sent directly from the testing agency – and received by their deadline!
- ✓ These score reports can take 3-4 weeks after you place your order – another reason to apply early!
- ✓ SAT Scores – www.collegeboard.org
- ✓ ACT Scores – www.act.org

Letters of Recommendation

Research, Request, Respond, Review

- ❖ **RESEARCH** each college carefully - Some colleges won't consider them at all and some colleges consider them heavily.
- ❖ **REQUEST** letter(s) at least 3 weeks in advance to give the recommender time to write an effective letter. Provide recommender with instructions on how to submit their letter!
- ❖ **RESPOND** to your recommender's request for any additional information, such as a Student Profile.
- ❖ **REVIEW** your admissions checklist on each of your college portals to ensure letters are submitted before the deadline.

*Letters are sent directly to each college/university by the recommender.
Letters will NEVER be given directly to a student.*

College Admissions Terminology

■ Early Decision – BINDING AGREEMENT

- Only suggested for students who are VERY certain of their first-choice college, including finances.
- If accepted, you MUST attend that college. May apply to other schools under Regular Decision option; but if accepted by the Early Decision school, applicant must withdraw other applications

■ Early Action – NON-BINDING

- Allows student to apply early and learn of the admission decision before regular applicants (usually Dec or Jan). If accepted, you are NOT obligated to attend.

■ Wait List – Student is neither accepted or denied yet. Mid-year senior grades are often used to determine final decision. (Admission typically depends upon the number of students that accept admission from “regular admission” offers.)

■ Test Optional – SAT/ACT scores are not required to be considered for admission

LAST DAY
FOR ANY
COURSE
CHANGES
MAY 25, 2023

QUESTIONS

