

“COLLEGE” 101

JUNIOR YEAR GUIDE



FUTURE OPTIONS... WHICH EDUCATION SETTING DO YOU NEED TO PURSUE TO ACCOMPLISH YOUR GOALS?

Career Training Program

- ✘ Apprenticeship Programs
 - Start Working immediately
 - Attend class 1-2 times per week in the evening.
- ✘ Specialty / Trade School
 - often private/for profit programs. (more \$\$\$)
 - Example: UTI/MIAT, ARC Labs, Paul Mitchell School, PIMA Medical Institute
- ✘ Workforce Program at a Two Year College
 - often cheaper. Industry Certification or Applied Assoc.
 - Lone Star College

Associate Degree

- ✘ Earn a 2 year Degree to go to workforce or complete a two year certification
- ✘ Complete the two year degree and then transfer to a 4 year University
- ✘ Earn credits for less than a full Associate Degree and transfer credits after a year (once you meet transfer requirements of university)

Bachelors Degree

- ✘ Typically completed in 4-5 years.
- ✘ Select an area to specialize in and declare a “Major” you want to earn a degree in.

NOT SURE
WHAT
CAREER
YOU WANT
TO PURSUE?

Take some Career Assessments...

1. Collegeboard – Big Future
2. Xello – Career Exploration
3. Youscience (Small Fee)

Explore Summer Programs and Opportunities through universities, private companies, etc.

Job Shadow

1.

DO YOUR RESEARCH
BE INFORMED.

SEEK OUT INFORMATION, DON'T WAIT FOR IT
TO COME TO YOU!

1. VISIT THE DISTRICT WEB SITE:

[WWW.CFISD.NET](http://www.cfisd.net) – PARENTS/STUDENTS – COUNSELING

[WWW.CFISD.NET](http://www.cfisd.net) – PARENTS/STUDENTS – COLLEGE & CAREER

2. VISIT LANGHAM CREEK HIGH SCHOOL WEBSITE

[HTTP://BIT.LY/LANGHAMCCS](http://bit.ly/langhamccs)

3. TALK WITH YOUR LCHS COUNSELOR

4. GO TO COLLEGE ADMISSIONS WEBSITES:

ADMISSIONS, PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

5. SPEAK TO ADMISSION COUNSELORS FOR INFORMATION

COLLEGE VISITS AND COLLEGE FAIRS

BE PREPARED

FOCUS ON ACADEMICS:

JR. CLASS GRADES

SR. COURSE SELECTION

OPTIONS TO EARN COLLEGE CREDIT

(KEEP IN MIND WHEN SELECTING SENIOR CLASSES)

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM

- RECEIVE COLLEGE CREDIT THROUGH AP EXAM SCORE
- EXAM SCORE = SPECIFIC CREDIT AWARDED VARIES BY COLLEGE
- RIGOROUS CURRICULUM; REQUIRES SERIOUS COMMITMENT
- MUST MEET GRADE CRITERIA TO TAKE AP COURSES
- SIGN UP DURING YOUR JUNIOR CONFERENCE

DUAL CREDIT PROGRAM

INFO/REGISTRATION MTG: FEBRUARY 21 6:00PM IN LCHS AUDITORIUM

- EARN BOTH HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE CREDIT THROUGH LONE STAR COLLEGE CY-FAIR – GRADE IN THE COURSE EARNS CREDIT
- COURSES TAKEN ON HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE CAMPUS
- MUST MEET TESTING REQUIREMENTS TO QUALIFY
- ACCEPTED AT MOST COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES ACROSS THE NATION!
- LSC DUAL CREDIT REGISTRATION DEADLINE **MAY 3RD**
- QUESTIONS SEE MS. REEDER OR MRS. POAG

CLASS RANK
LCHS CLASS OF 2024
CLASS SIZE = 587
6 SEMESTERS (2020-2023)

	Rank	GPA
Top 10%	1 – 57	6.9556 – 6.5500
1 ST Quarter	1 – 145	6.9556 – 6.0698
2 nd Quarter	147 – 293	6.0476 – 5.3023
3 rd Quarter	294 - 440	5.2955 – 4.2272
4 th Quarter	441 - 587	4.2250 –

TOP 10% ADMISSIONS

AUTOMATIC ADMISSION TO
TEXAS PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

• EXCEPTION : **UT AUSTIN FOR THE
CLASS OF 2025 = TOP 6%**

MUST SUBMIT COMPLETED
APPLICATION PRIOR TO
DEADLINE SET BY THE
UNIVERSITY

APPLY NO LATER THAN 2
YEARS AFTER
GRADUATING FROM HIGH
SCHOOL

GRADUATE UNDER
DISTINGUISHED LEVEL OF
ACHIEVEMENT WITH
FOUNDATION PLUS
ENDORSEMENT PLAN

PROVIDE ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS REQUIRED BY
THE UNIVERSITY

WHAT IS ASSURED ADMISSIONS?

Many universities have “assured” admission programs that guarantee admission to the university, if a certain criteria is met.

These charts are typically listed on their admission websites under requirements.

See **University of Houston** Example:

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Choose to submit your application with a test score or without. If you apply with test scores, we will only use the highest total or composite score from one sitting. UH does not superscore.

WITH TEST SCORE

Class Rank	SAT	ACT	Admission Type
Top 10%	No Minimum		Assured Admission
11 - 25%	1080	21	
26 - 50%	1170	24	
51% and lower/No Rank	Individual Review*		

WITHOUT TEST SCORE

Class Rank	Calculated Unweighted GPA**	Admission Type
Top 10%	No Minimum	Assured Admission
11 - 25%	3.40 or Higher	Assured Admission
	Lower than 3.40	Individual Review*
26 - 50%	3.45 or Higher	Assured Admission
	Lower than 3.45	Individual Review*
51% and Lower/No Rank	Individual Review*	

**If you don't meet the assured admissions requirements, we may consider additional factors in the admissions process. If we require additional documentation, we'll request those materials from you.*

***Unweighted GPA is calculated using core class grades on your transcript, excluding extracurricular classes.*

EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS.

COLLEGE CONSIDERATIONS

LOCATION

ENVIRONMENT

SIZE

ACADEMICS

COSTS AND
FINANCIAL AID

FACILITIES

CAMPUS LIFE

REQUIREMENTS

MAKE YOUR COLLEGE LIST...

the Dream

1 – 2 School

- School that has your major
- May be out of your academic profile, but you have ALWAYS dreamed of attending there... your #1 Choice!

the Mid-Range

2-4 Schools

- Like the Campus/School. Would be happy to attend.
- School that has your major
- You meet the middle 50% academic GPA and Test Scores (even if towards bottom)
- Good Match financially.

the Foundation

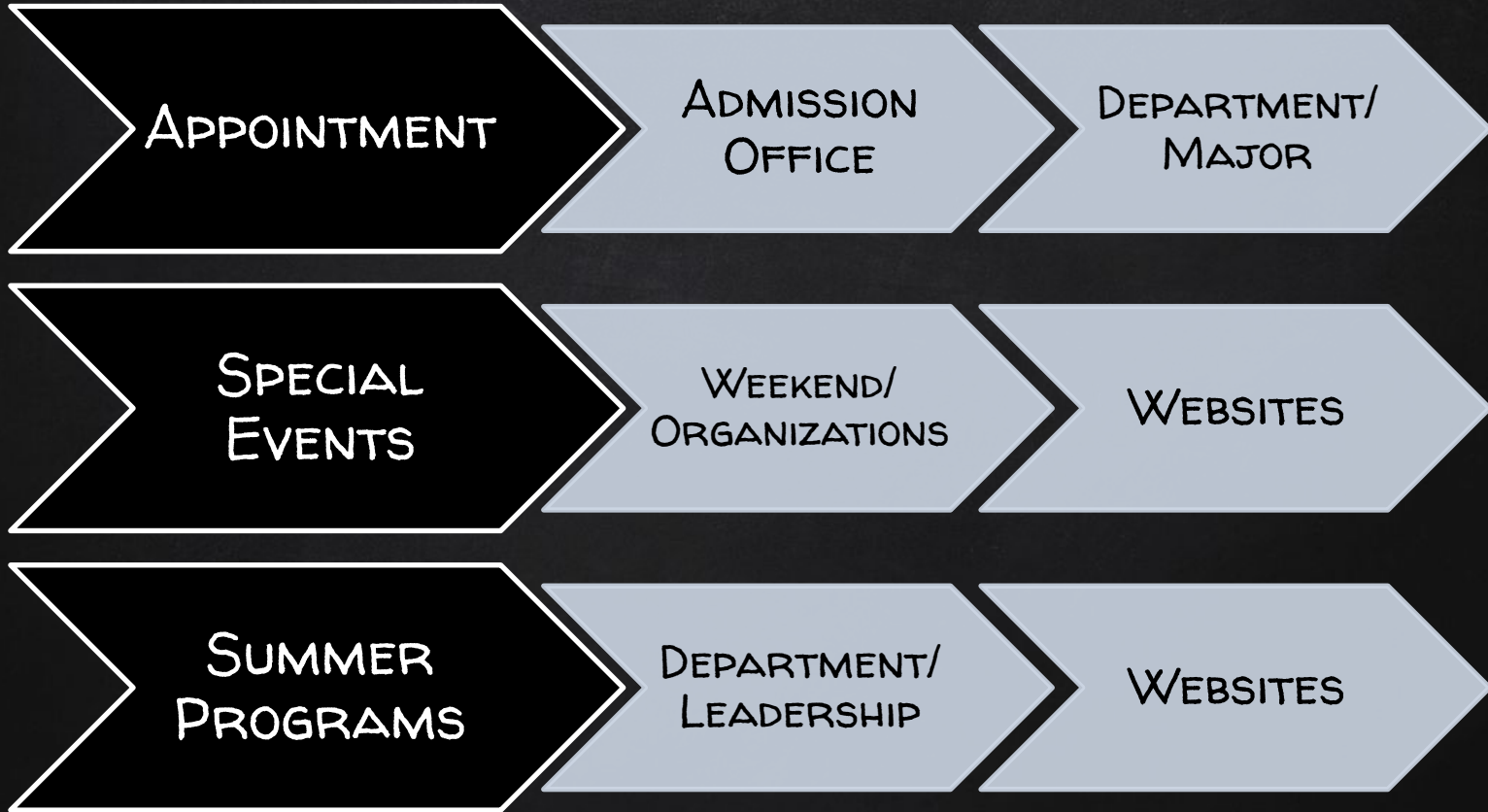
1 School

- You KNOW you will get in 100%.
- School has your major
- Financial Match
- Guaranteed option

Students applying to Highly Selective Universities (any school with acceptance rate of less than 25%) or Programs are recommended to apply to more than 5



COLLEGE VISIT INFO/TIPS



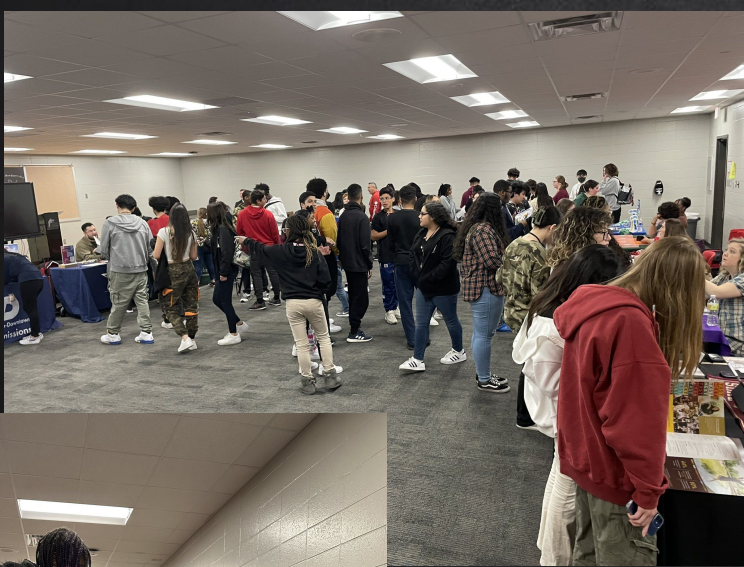
COLLEGE VISITS – CFISD PROCEDURE

STUDENTS ARE ALLOWED A TOTAL OF 4 COLLEGE VISIT DAYS:

2 DAYS DURING JUNIOR YEAR

2 DAYS DURING SENIOR YEAR

- MUST GET FORM FROM ATTENDANCE OFFICE BEFORE TAKING A COLLEGE DAY
- DURING VISIT, GET OFFICIAL SIGNATURE AND RETURN FORM TO AP
- IF TAKING 2 COLLEGE DAYS TOGETHER FOR TRAVELLING PURPOSES, TALK WITH AP PRIOR TO COLLEGE VISIT



LCHS College Fair During Lunches Friday, 2/23/2024

2.

PREPARE FOR COLLEGE
APPLICATIONS

KNOW WHAT MATTERS TODAY IN COLLEGE ADMISSION

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

- **GRADES** (*OVERALL AND IN COLLEGE PREP*)
- **STRENGTH OF CURRICULUM**
- **ADMISSION TEST SCORES**

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ENGAGEMENT

- **DEPTH OF COMMITMENT**
- **LEADERSHIP**

PERSONAL QUALITIES

- **INTELLECTUAL CURIOSITY**
- **PASSION**
- **PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE**

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TERMINOLOGY

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, LIKE ALL ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS, HAVE THEIR OWN JARGON. A HANDY REFERENCE SHEET IS IN YOUR PACKET

Application Categories

- Early Decision I & II (Binding)
- Early Action
- Regular Decision

Decision Categories

- Admit/Accepted
- Waitlist
- Gateway Programs

Application Options

- Goapplytexas
- Common App
- Coalition App
- Institution Specific App

BUILD RÉSUMÉ AND GET INVOLVED

- SAMPLE RÉSUMÉ
- CONTINUE INVOLVEMENT WITH EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES; ASSUME LEADERSHIP POSITIONS
- RESEARCH AND APPLY FOR SUMMER PROGRAMS
- VOLUNTEER IN THE COMMUNITY
- BEGIN DRAFTING RÉSUMÉ FOR APPLICATIONS

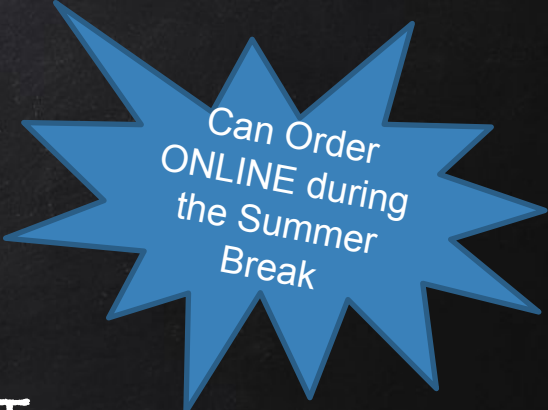
PREPARE FOR LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

- FOR COUNSELOR RECOMMENDATIONS: COMPLETE “STUDENT REQUEST FOR RECOMMENDATION” FORM AND QUESTIONNAIRE
- REQUEST MUST BE RECEIVED 3 WEEKS PRIOR TO DATE NEEDED
- INCLUDE YOUR RÉSUMÉ WITH YOUR REQUEST
- IF USING THE COMMON APPLICATION THE “SCHOOL REPORT” IS COMPLETED BY YOUR COUNSELOR

GET A HEAD START ON YOUR COLLEGE APPLICATIONS – GET ORGANIZED THIS SPRING

- IF APPLYING TO A SERVICE ACADEMY, BEGIN YOUR APPLICATION THIS SPRING.
- FIND OUT WHICH ESSAYS ARE REQUIRED ON APPLICATIONS: WWW.APPLYTEXAS.ORG OR WWW.COMMONAPP.ORG OR UNIVERSITY WEB SITE
- COMPOSE ROUGH DRAFT OF YOUR COLLEGE ESSAYS
 - BE YOURSELF. THINK UNIQUE.
 - STAND OUT

TRANSCRIPTS



Can Order
ONLINE during
the Summer
Break

TO ORDER A TRANSCRIPT -

- STUDENT OR GUARDIAN MUST REQUEST TRANSCRIPTS ONLINE AT [HTTPS://CYPRESSFAIRBANKSK12.SCRIBORDER.COM/A PPLICATIONCURRENT](https://cypressfairbanksk12.scriborder.com/applicationcurrent)
 - OR FROM THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE AT LANGHAM CREEK HIGH SCHOOL
- ALLOW 2-3 DAYS FOR PROCESSING

3.

TEST, TEST, TEST...

DO I HAVE TO TEST?

WHAT DO COLLEGES USE MY TEST SCORES TO DETERMINE?

ADMISSION

SAT and ACT Scores help to identify academic ability

Some schools have an “Assured Admission” that guarantees students admission to the university if they meet the listed requirements. These are solely based upon:

Class Rank/GPA & Test Scores

SCHOLARSHIPS

Many universities offer Academic Scholarships based upon test scores. These are often “automatically” awarded if students qualify.

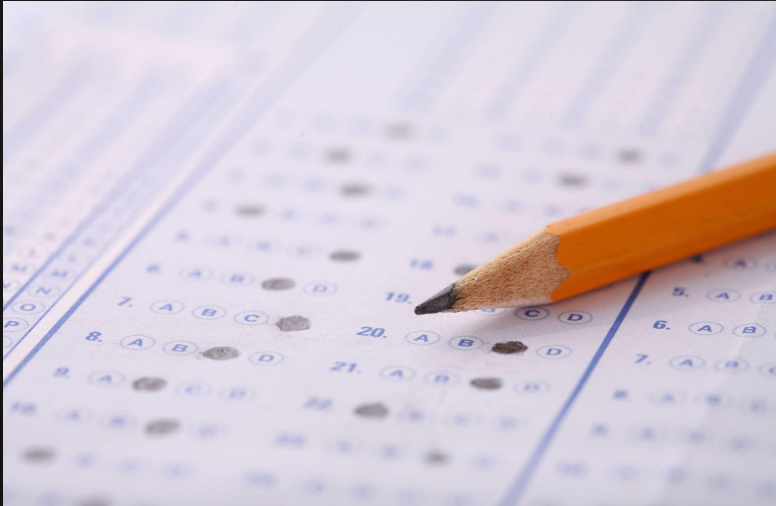
COLLEGE READINESS

In Texas, students must meet minimum scores on college entrance exams to prove they are prepared to be academically successful in the college classroom.

Students can use SAT, ACT, or the TSI test to meet requirements.

WHAT IS TEST OPTIONAL?

WHEN SAT OR ACT SCORES ARE NOT REQUIRED FOR ADMISSIONS, BUT CAN BE SUBMITTED.



How do I know if I should submit my scores? OR Retest?

Research: mid 50% SAT/ACT



Texas A&M University

App Download: Collegeboard College Search
Niche (Android)

TAKE COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS

TO REGISTER FOR SAT - WWW.COLLEGEBOARD.ORG

TO REGISTER FOR ACT - WWW.ACTSTUDENT.ORG

FEE WAIVERS FOR STUDENTS ON FREE/REDUCED LUNCH!

STOP BY COUNSELING OFFICE OR EMAIL

SONIA.RODRIGUEZ3@CFISD.NET

SPRING TEST DATES

2024 SPRING SAT DATES

Test Date	Deadline	Late Deadline (late fee)
March 6 th	NO Registration Required. All Juniors will test during the School day.	
March 9 th	2/23/2024	2/27/2024
May 4 th	4/19/2024	4/23/2024
June 1 st	5/17/2024	5/21/2024

2024 SPRING ACT DATES

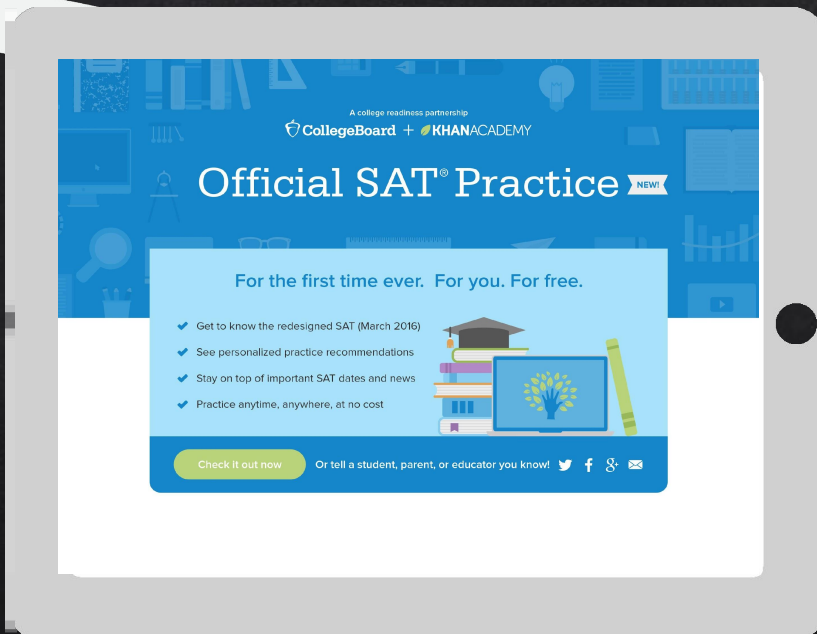
Test Date	Deadline	Late Deadline (late fee)
April 13th	3/8/2024	3/24/2023
June 8th	5/3/2024	5/19/2024
July 13th	6/7/2024	6/21/2024

SAT FOR ALL JUNIORS

DIGITAL SAT WILL BE GIVEN TO ALL JUNIORS IN CFISD ON **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6** FOR **FREE!**

- NO NEED TO REGISTER FOR TEST
 - STUDENTS WHO WANT A CALCULATOR WILL NEED TO BRING OWN OR BORROW FROM MATH TEACHER AHEAD OF TIME. NOTE: DIGITAL TEST HAS CALCULATOR ON SCREEN
- BEGIN PREPARATIONS NOW!
 - KHAN ACADEMY – FREE PERSONAL STUDY PLAN
 - LIBRARY HAS NEW FREE ONLINE RESOURCE.

SAT PREP: Steps to link your College Board and Khan Academy Accounts



Step 1

Log in to or create your Khan Academy account at satpractice.org

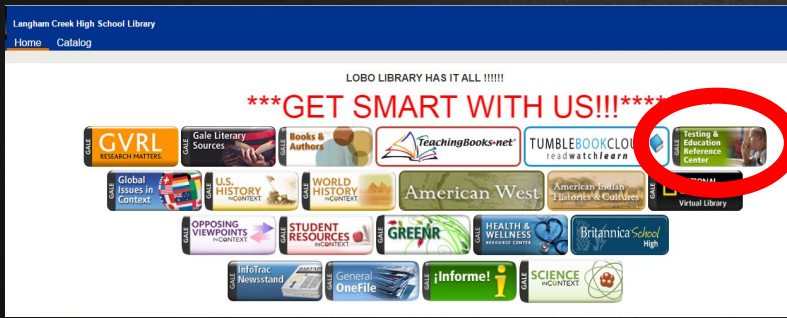
Step 2

When prompted, agree to link your Khan Academy and College Board accounts

Step 3

Sign in or create your College Board Account and hit "Send" to send your scores

**Sign up. Link up.
Get practicing.**



TEST PREP OPTIONS

Use the online LCHS Library resource (FREE)

Testing & Education Resource on the library home page:

1. **Green Box:** Testing & Education Reference Center (TERC)
2. Top of the Screen – Select “College Prep Tools”, then ACT
3. Log in/Create account with correct email

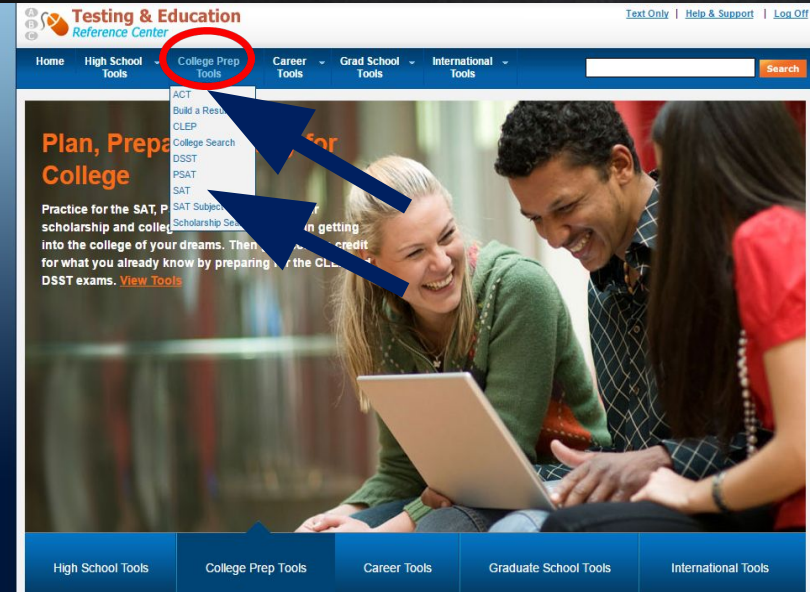
Download an SAT/ACT app (several free options):

- Question of the Day
- ACTStudent
- Magoosh Study Cards
- MANY, MANY other appstore options...

SAT Online Prep Program: www.khanacademy.com
 ACT Online Prep Program – \$

Bookstore: ACT Test Prep Manuals – \$

Outside Prep Programs – \$\$\$



FOR THE COLLEGE BOUND ATHLETE

REGISTER WITH NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER

THIS SPRING:

WWW.ELIGIBILITYCENTER.ORG

- SEND SAT/ACT SCORES TO NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER (COLLEGE CODE: 9999)
- MEET WITH YOUR HEAD COACH TO CALCULATE CORE GPA FOR NCAA REPORTING
- SEND TRANSCRIPT TO NCAA AT END OF JUNIOR YEAR
- MEET WITH YOUR HEAD COACH FOR MORE HELP

FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

PLEASE NOTE: THE MAJORITY OF SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AND FINANCIAL AID ARE FOR SENIORS

- RAISE.ME
- BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE PROCESS – SEARCH AND APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS
- BEWARE OF SCAMS
- FAFSA – FILE IN **OCTOBER** OF SENIOR YEAR.
ALL STUDENTS SHOULD COMPLETE THE FAFSA

SUMMARY:

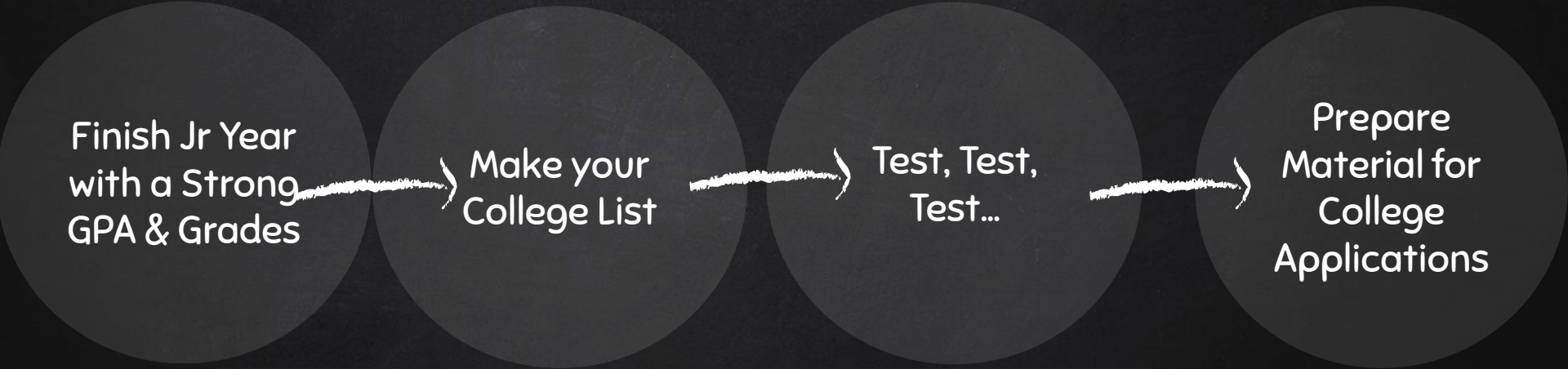
JUNIORS NEED TO FOCUS ON THESE MAIN TASKS

Finish Jr Year
with a Strong
GPA & Grades

Make your
College List

Test, Test,
Test...

Prepare
Material for
College
Applications



QUESTIONS?

