

12th GRADE

The Journey Culminates

It's time to apply to colleges you would like to attend and to make sure you're ready for college-level work!

- 1) Review your class schedule with your counselor to ensure you meet all college-preparatory requirements.
- 2) Earn college credit in high school by taking Advanced Placement (AP), Dual Credit, and Tech Prep courses.
- 3) Attend college nights, college fairs, and college events both locally and on college campuses.
- 4) Check online about scholarship opportunities and fill out every scholarship application possible.

Information on Applying for College

<http://www.applytexas.org> The Texas Common Application for all public, and some private, colleges in Texas.

<http://www.commonapp.org> The National Common Application for more than 300 public and private universities nationwide.

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/apply/the-application/23626.html>

College application calendar

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/apply/the-application/8435.html>

College application requirements

<http://www.petersons.com/ugchannel/file.asp?id=1008&path=ug.gs.announcement&sponsor=1> Top 10 Application Essay Tips

<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> The official Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) website and online FAFSA application

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/pay/scholarships-and-aid/23642.html> Financial Aid Calendar

<http://www.cfisd.net/dept2/counseling/scholarships.htm> Cy-Fair ISD scholarship bulletin

<http://www.fastweb.com> ; <http://www.scholarshiphunter.com> ;

<http://www.collegetoolkit.com> Free scholarship search sites

<http://www.cfisd.net/dept2/counseling/collegevisits.pdf> College visitation opportunities and college fairs

<http://www.coin3.com/> Coin provides self and career exploration

<http://www.connectedu.net/corp/index.html> ConnectEdu provides comprehensive college planning, student tracking, and high school counseling tools.

<http://www.cfisd.net/dept2/counseling/contents.htm> Cy-Fair ISD Guidance and Counseling website with comprehensive college, career, and financial aid information.

Student's Planning Guide

- Submit admissions applications no later than December and keep copies of all materials you submit.
- Narrow your list of colleges to between 5 and 10. Find online applications or get a paper application from each. Visit as many as possible.
- Make a master calendar and note:
 - Test dates and registration deadlines
 - College application due dates
 - Required financial aid applications and deadlines
 - Recommendations, transcripts, letters of recommendation, and other necessary materials required for each college
 - Your high school's deadlines for application requests, such as your transcript or letters of recommendation
- Ask for teacher recommendations. Give each person your résumé, a stamped, addressed envelope, and any forms.
- Write application essays and ask teachers, parents, and friends to read first drafts.
- Check your online status or call each college to ensure receipt of all materials.
- Complete and submit the FAFSA and CSS/Financial Aid Profile (if required) as soon as possible after January 1. Apply for as many scholarships as possible.
- You must tell every college of your acceptance or rejection of offers of admission or financial aid by May 1. Send a deposit to the college you choose. Finalize college-housing arrangements, if you plan to live on campus.
- Have your high school send a final transcript to the college you choose to attend.