# LHS Senior Parent Meeting

2019 - 2020



### Counselor's Website

Information

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Presentations



Lipan ISD Staff Sites Counselor



### **Graduation Plan**

Foundation plan with an endorsement (area of interest)

- 4 English credits
- 4 Math credits
- 4 Science credits
- 3 4 History credits (depends on endorsement)
- 2 Foreign Language credits (must be the same language)
- 1 PE/Athletic credit
- 1 Fine Art credit
- + Elective credits

### Total of 26 credits

Pass all 5 EOC tests: ENG 1, ALG, BIO, ENG 2, and USH

### Attendance is required to earn credit

- "90% Rule" is law
- A student must be in attendance for each period 90% of the time the course is offered within a semester
- If a student exceeds unexcused absences, credit will be <u>denied</u> regardless of grade and a zero will be calculated into the student's GPA.
- It is critical that students turn in notes promptly to the office
- Example: Semester 1 has 84 days
  - A student may only miss 10% = 8 school days
  - Student passes a class with a grade of 75, the credit is denied if more than 8 absences
  - The student <u>must</u> makeup the hours owed or will have to <u>re-take</u> the course

# Plans after high school

- What are the student's interests or goals?
  - Options: ASVAB, Collegeboard, interest inventories, etc.
- There are many different pathways
  - Military, Technical/Training school, Community College, University, or workforce?
    - Each of these have different requirements
- Military ASVAB
- Technical/Training school or Community College TSI
- University SAT/ACT
- Workforce Training



# Visit school websites!

www.collegeforalltexans.com

### www.shsu.edu





www.wc.edu





www.utexas.edu





www.unt.edu





www.tarleton.edu









www.tamu.edu





www.waco.tstc.edu



<u>www.baylor.edu</u>



### Search for majors and degrees



www.collegeforalltexans.org



http://www.princetonreview.com



Search engines: Google or Yahoo

www.mymajors.com



http://www.collegeboard.org





http://online.onetcenter.org

http://www.myfuture.com



# College or Military Visits

- Junior & Senior students are allowed two (2) school days per year to visit college campuses or military offices. Days that are not used within the year do not roll over.
- A college/military visit form can be requested from the office.
- The visit form will need to be signed by the teachers and parent and kept on file.
- For the visit to be an <u>excused absence</u>, the student <u>must turn in a</u>
   <u>note</u> to the attendance office. The note must be on <u>official</u>
   <u>letterhead</u> showing the day of the visit and signed by a
   college/military representative.

# Official campus visit

- Meet with an Admissions Counselor
- Verify Admission requirements
- Determine actual college costs
- Ask about financial aid opportunities
- Take a campus tour
- Investigate the academic programs
- Attend a class
- Talk with students and faculty
- Discuss your chances for success:
  - admission
  - graduation
  - placement

# Consider College Characteristics

- Majors & educational programs
- ☐ Type of schools & degrees offered
- Admission policy
- Housing
- Locations and size

- ☐ Cost & financial aid
- ☐ College affiliation and accreditation
- ☐ Campus activities
- Support services
- Retention & graduation rates

# Family Considerations

- Family ExpectationsType of collegeLocation
- Student's abilities and interests
- Length of time family support will last and additional requirements for continued support
- Financial limitations

# Applying for admissions - \*Observe deadlines\*\*

Narrow your choices, review entrance test requirements, and submit application materials.

Complete Application for admission (www.applytexas.org)

Application fees – Waivers may be available if you qualify.

**Supplements (counselor/teacher)** 

High school transcript – Request through the counselor's office

SAT/ACT test results – Students must submit scores through testing site

Recommendations – Give plenty of advance time and information about

yourself.

# Applying for the FAFSA - Senior year

- You can apply starting in October
- LHS will offer sessions for help with the FAFSA in the fall
- Financial aid can include: scholarships, grants, loans& work study
- Start early to understand the process



### Plans to finance your education

Determine college costs & Investigate ALL possible resources

- \* Parents/Relatives
- \* Savings
- \* Summer earnings

Other sources

\* Financial aid: scholarships, grants, loans & work study

October 1st - FAFSA opens for the Fall enrollment

Do Not Eliminate any school before receiving Financial Assistance Information

### Scholarships - Start making lists

www.collegeforalltexans.com www.fastweb.com www.scholarships.com www.collegeanswer.com

Set up a separate email account to use for scholarship searches.

Search scholarships through car insurance, Electric, Water or other companies

Scholarship list available on counseling website

### Top 10% Rule

To be eligible for automatic admission, a student **must**:

- •Graduate in the **top 10 percent** of his or her class; *Except* for UT Austin Top **6%**.
- •On the Foundation Plan, graduate with a Distinguished Level of Achievement (includes 4 science & 4 math-including ALG 2)
- •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
- •Students are required to provide SAT or ACT scores. Students must also take the TSI test, unless exempted from the TSI test requirement.
- •Admission to a university does not guarantee acceptance into a particular college of study or department, however.

### TSI Assessment

- Subject areas include: Reading, Writing, and Math
- Required for Technical/Training School, and Community Colleges
- Required for dual credit college courses
- Basic assessment of skills to indicate "college ready"
- Available at many locations
  - Tarleton State University
  - Ranger College
  - Weatherford College Granbury or Weatherford
  - At LHS in the spring

# College Entrance Exams



The **SAT Reasoning Test** is a timed exam which contains:

Reading, Writing & Language

Math

Writing (Optional but recommended)

Register online:

www.collegeboard.org

LHS School Code: 444195

\*\*Use a good email that you will check; not school email account

Fee waivers available in counselors office and can be a benefit when applying to college. The ACT is a timed exam which contains:
English, Math, Science, Reading and
Writing Sections (Writing optional but
recommended)

Register online:

www.actstudent.org

LHS School Code: 444195

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### **Test Prep**

SAT <u>www.collegeboard.org</u>

ACT www.actstudent.org

Tips for taking the exams and online practice exams

<u>Free</u> online SAT and ACT prep is available at <u>www.khanacademy.org</u>
\*Proven to help improve scores

Other online resources are available for SAT and ACT prep for a fee. The prices will vary.

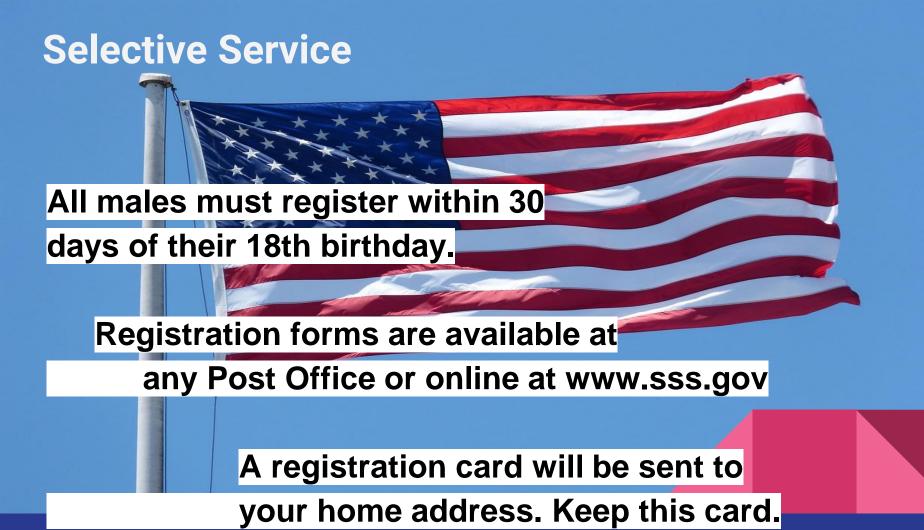
PSAT test booklets and score reports





Register with NCAA Eligibility Center and review academic requirements

www.eligibilitycenter.org



### Reminders

- Fall Festival Duties: Fri, Oct. 25th
- Pass classes/take care of business
- Use Tribe Time.....
- Attendance makeup time if needed
- EOC Testing Requirements
- Plan for after high school
- Prom
- Graduation items: Check official name, gather pictures, cap/gown, etc.