

PARENT GUIDE TO

12th GRADE Spring Semester

LOOKING AHEAD COLLEGE & CAREER

SENIOR TO-DO (Spring Semester)

January

- ☐ Begin verifying your financial aid with your college.
- ☐ Email or upload any supplemental financial forms required by the colleges of your choice.
- ☐ Research scholarships and loans.
- ☐ Check with your guidance counselor to make sure that any mid-year reports are completed and returned to colleges which request them.

February

- ☐ Keep your grades up, remember that you will be accepted to college "Pending the successful completion of your 12th grade course work."
- ☐ Check deadline dates for financial aid/scholarship grants
- ☐ Register for AP tests as appropriate.

March/April

- ☐ Look for college acceptance notices. They may come to your email or posted to your colleges portal.
- ☐ Carefully choose your college, verify your acceptance of their admissions. College should be notified before May 1.

March/April (con't)

- ☐ Notify College Career Center of your final college choice and whether you have been awarded any scholarships (academic, athletic, artistic, dramatic, or musical— NOT LOANS.)
- ☐ Decline acceptances to colleges you will not be attending (also before May 1).
- ☐ If you are wait-listed and wish to be kept in consideration, be sure to advise the college.
- ☐ If all colleges send rejections, don't panic! There are several alternatives. See your counselor immediately to explore other possibilities.
- ☐ Finalize plans for housing, financial aid, and/or scholarships.
- ☐ Make any deposit required by the institution you plan to attend. May 1st is the generally accepted nationwide deadline for deposits for Fall term. Be sure to check with your college for their exact requirements.

May

- ☐ Make your final choice of college or university, if you have not already done so. Decision Day- May 1
- ☐ Complete all details concerning registering for college classes.
- ☐ Complete SENIOR EXIT SURVEY indicating colleges applied to, scholarships and grants awarded, and where you want your final transcript to be sent.
- ☐ Take AP test(s) as previously decided.

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June

- ❑ Attend graduation ceremonies and celebrate. HAVE A HAPPY GRADUATION!
- ❑ When you receive your Advanced Placement Test grades, if you have not already requested that the scores be sent to the college that you will be attending, request the College Entrance Examination Board to do so.
- ❑ Participate in the orientation program of the college you will attend. This may have occurred in the spring, during the summer or just prior to the fall term.
- ❑ Consider taking College Level Examination Program (CLEP) exams when you get to college.

DIGITAL TOOLS FOR SUCCESS FOR HOME & SCHOOL



ClassLink

The below tools are accessible through DISD's [ClassLink Portal](#). Click the ClassLink Icon to the left and login with Student ID and Password.



(Free Resource)



HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD ADVOCATE FOR THEIR OWN SUCCESS

- Help your student build skills in math, reading, and writing by using Khan Academy Official SAT® Practice at least two hours per week.
- Encourage your student to build career skills by working a part-time job or participating in an internship.
- Help your student connect their interests to potential careers and college majors.
- Review your student's unofficial transcript to ensure that all requirements for graduation will be met and that your student has received credit for all courses passed.

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR CHILD'S COUNSELOR



- How do I know which financial aid application my student should fill out?
- If my student took dual credit, how can I ensure that they receive credit at their college?
- How can I help my student successfully transition into college?
- How do I know if my student has been selected for financial aid verification?

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