



October 2021

Senior Guide

A Word from the Counselor

New Graduation Requirement!!

Beginning with students enrolled in 12th grade during the 2021-2022 school year, each student **must do one of the following in order to graduate:**

- Complete and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), **or** • Complete and submit a Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA), **or**
- Submit a signed opt-out form to your school counselor

Which one is right for you?

FAFSA: If you are a U.S. citizen and complete the FAFSA, you may be eligible to receive financial aid (grants, loans, work study programs, etc.). Many colleges will offer you scholarships based upon your FAFSA submission also. **The FAFSA opens on October 1st, 2021. Your best chance to receive aid is to apply EARLY.**

Student Resources:

Websites:

FAFSA

<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

<https://studentaid.gov/resources>

TASFA

<https://www.finaid.txstate.edu/undergraduate/how/TASFA.html>

Social Media:

<https://www.facebook.com/FederalStudentAid>

<https://twitter.com/fafsa>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/FederalStudentAid>

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/federalstudentaid/>

Need help? See your school counselor today!

TASFA: If you are a foreign student or noncitizen, you may be eligible to be classified as a Texas resident for tuition purposes. If so, you may also be eligible to receive state financial aid. The TASFA deadline is **January 15th, 2022**.

Opt-Out Form: Students who do not complete a FAFSA or TASFA, may fulfill the graduation requirement by submitting a completed and signed Opt-Out form to your school counselor.

Download the Federal Student Aid mobile app today from the Apple Store or Google Play.



FINANCIAL AID

The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is the online form used when applying for financial aid. This is the first step in the financial aid process. Complete the FAFSA online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Ms. Denny, the Scholarship Lady of Central Texas will be in the library during 7th period on Tuesday, October 19, 2021. She will be giving a presentation explaining the Free Application for Student Aid or FAFSA. Sign up in the counselors' office to attend. Space is limited to the first 40 students.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Seniors the SAT will be given on Oct 13 here at EHS! You will automatically be signed up if you did not take the SAT here last year.

THE ASVAB test will be given here in the auditorium on Wednesday, November 17, 2021. Sign up in the counselors' office.

Please check your counselor's Schoology page often for important information and announcements. You may also send messages and receive updates. The resource folder contains lots of helpful information.

SAVE THE DATE



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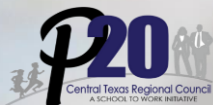
OCTOBER 7, 2021
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

-  **EXPLORE PATHWAYS**
-  **LEARN ABOUT SCHOOLS & GET YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED**
-  **JOIN COLLEGE & UNIVERSITYD THE NATION**

REGISTER & LEARN MORE:

[PATHWAYSCENTRALTEXAS.EASYVIRTUALFAIR.COM](https://pathwayscentraltexas.easyvirtualfair.com)

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There are several free resources for students to prepare for the SAT:

Khan Academy offers free, customized SAT practice at

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice/khan-academy>

College Board offers free, printable SAT practice tests at:

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice/full-length-practice-tests>

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship information is available in the Counselors' Office on the wall labeled "Scholarships". **Due to COVID-19, print outs of individual scholarship applications will not available in the counselor's office. Links to current scholarships are provided in this Senior Guide on the Ellison webpage. Click Student Support-Guidance Center-scroll down to find the guide.**

The Registrar's Office will be happy to mail your completed applications if they are turned in at least **TEN** days before they are due to their destination. Transcripts needed for scholarships are free and unlimited.

Transcripts for college applications can also be requested through the following website: www.parchment.com.

WHAT IS PARCHMENT?

Parchment.com

The simple online way to Request, Send, and Store Transcripts.

Including powerful tools to research colleges and find the right fit for you.

Request & Send Transcripts



1. Sign in at www.parchment.com
2. Click Sign Up to log in or register your account.



1. Click Get Started
2. Add your High School



1. Complete the Waiver form.
2. Complete the Transcript Authorization form by entering a Registration Code, or Signing the form



Select Destinations such as Colleges, NCAA, Common Application, or yourself
Review Destinations



1. Provide credit/debit card payment if there are any fees



1. The status of your request will be emailed and updated in your Parchment.com Account

The Compendium of Texas Colleges and Financial Aid Calendar is now only offered online. Please click on the following link to access information about the requirements for getting into a college, how much it will cost, and how you might pay for it. Also, please check The Compendium for scholarship information.

www.mspf.org

SAT-2021-2022 Test Dates: Fee: \$55 Late Fee: \$30.00

October 02, 2021

Registration Deadline: September 03, 2021

Late Registration Deadline: September 21, 2021

November 06, 2021

Registration Deadline: October 08, 2021

Late Registration Deadline: October 26, 2021

December 04, 2021

Registration Deadline: November 04, 2021

Late Registration Deadline: November 23, 2021

March 12, 2022

Registration Deadline: February 11, 2022

Late Registration Deadline: March 01, 2022

May 07, 2022

Registration Deadline: April 08, 2022

Late Registration Deadline: April 26, 2022

June 04, 2022

Registration Deadline: May 05, 2022

Late Registration Deadline: May 25, 2022

Go to the following website for access to the SAT Student Guide:

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/pdf/sat-student-guide.pdf>

To register to take the test go to: www.sat.org

ACT 2021-2022 Test Dates: Fee: \$60.00 Late Fee: \$36.00

September 11, 2021

Registration Deadline: August 06, 2021

Late Registration Deadline: May 21, 2021

October 23, 2021

Registration Deadline: September 17, 2021

Late Registration Deadline: October 01, 2021

December 11, 2021

Registration Deadline: November 05, 2021

Late Registration Deadline: November 19, 2021

February 12, 2022

Registration Deadline: January 07, 2022

Late Registration Deadline: January 21, 2022

April 02, 2022

Registration Deadline: February 25, 2022

Late Registration Deadline: March 11, 2022

June 11, 2022

Registration Deadline: May 06, 2022

Late Registration Deadline: May 20, 2022

July 16, 2022

Registration Deadline: June 17, 2022

Late Registration Deadline: June 24, 2022

To Register to take the test go to: <https://act.org/content/act/en/register-for-the-act.html>

ACCESS TO CURRENT SCHOLARSHIPS

KISD has registered with Scholarship Lady of Central Texas!!!

Once you create your account, you will have access to:

Comprehensive Scholarship Database

- **Nearly 1,000 local, Texas, & national scholarships**
- **Spreadsheet format makes it faster and easier to search**
- **Scholarships are listed in order of deadline and updated month prior to their deadlines.**

Abundant Resources

- **150+ career resources**
- **600+ college resources**
- **250+ financial aid resources**

Webinars

- 2 live webinars per month
- Replay previous month's webinar

SIGN UP AT:

<https://www.scholarshipladyofcentraltexas.com/>

Password: 22opps

SCHOLARSHIP SEARCHES

Fast web Scholarship Search - <http://www.fastweb.com>

Peterson's - www.collegequest.com

www.collegeboard.com

www.freschinfo.com (newsletter that comes out weekly. It is free)

www.scholarships-ar-us.org

www.meritaid.com

www.scholarshipexperts.com

www.scholarships.com

<http://www.cappex.com/scholarships>

www.scholarshipmentor.com

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Counselor---Phylicia Gaston

Counselor---Sarah Noteboom

Counselor---Kimberly Rogers

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OFFICE HOURS 8:00AM – 4:30 PM

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