

# JUNIORS

## PLAN AHEAD & ALWAYS BE PREPARED!

### August to September:

You are now halfway through your high school career! It is very important to make sure you are taking the correct classes to complete your graduation plan as well as to meet college entrance requirements. Review your plans and update it as needed. Contact your counselor if you have any questions regarding graduation. **Your grades are crucial! MAKE SURE YOU DO YOUR BEST!** Continue your extracurricular activities including volunteer work. This is important for scholarships. By now you have made a strong commitment to one or more activity and you should be working towards leadership roles. **Study and register for the PSAT this October, your score may qualify you for National Merit Scholarship awards.**

### October:

**Take the PSAT on October 15th!** Attend the annual LCISD College Fair. Build your college list in Naviance and work on scholarship applications. Grades should be your focus this year. Stay active on campus and in your community. **Attend College Nigh October 6th @ Terry HS from 6pm -8pm!**

### November to December:

Visit colleges and talk to counselors. This will continue to give you an insight of what to expect at the college level. **Register to take the SAT and/or ACT test in the Spring semester.** If you are on the Free/Reduced lunch program, contact your college and career facilitator (Mara Ustynik) to obtain a testing fee waiver. You should receive your PSAT test scores around the December break, go over your strengths and weaknesses in preparation for the SAT and ACT tests.

### January to May:

**Keep your grades up! Stay on track to graduate on time!** Update your high school graduation plan and plan your senior classes very carefully. College selection is very personal so put a lot of thought into this process. Check admissions requirements for your prospective colleges and see how you compare. Take the SAT and/or ACT and send your test results to your prospective colleges. Student athletes planning to become college athletes must register with the NCAA or NAIA during this semester. **Start preparing your college essays and APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS!**

### Summer:

Visit college campuses and ask questions while you are there. **Complete your Senior Profile and request letters of recommendation in Naviance.** Gather information for your college applications, many schools have deadlines in the Fall semester of your senior year. **Write your college application essays and have someone proof read them before submitting them to your applications.** Remember to volunteer, attend a summer camp, or work a summer job because these things will go into your college and scholarship applications.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

TWITTER: @GRHSFUTURE



## RESOURCES

### COLLEGE READINESS

[www.bigfuture.collegeboard.com](http://www.bigfuture.collegeboard.com)  
[www.texascollegeandcareer.org](http://www.texascollegeandcareer.org)  
[www.collegeforalltexas.com](http://www.collegeforalltexas.com)  
[www.mappingyourfuture.org](http://www.mappingyourfuture.org)

### SCHOLARSHIP SEARCHES

[www.aie.org](http://www.aie.org)  
[www.collegenet.com](http://www.collegenet.com)  
[www.zinch.com](http://www.zinch.com)  
[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

### COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS

PSAT/AP/SAT: [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)  
ACT: [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

### VOLUNTEER WORK

[www.volunteermatch.org](http://www.volunteermatch.org)  
[www.dosomething.org](http://www.dosomething.org)  
[www.volunteerhouston.org](http://www.volunteerhouston.org)

### NAVIANCE

- ◆ In your browser, type: [lcisd.org](http://lcisd.org)
- ◆ Select Students/Parents Tab
- ◆ In list on left, select Naviance
- ◆ Select George Ranch H.S.
- ◆ ID is student number (no letters)
- ◆ Password is birthdate in this format mm/dd/yy. Ex: 01/01/1998

## TERMINOLOGY

**GPA** the cumulative average of all of your high school grades from every course attempted throughout high school.

**RANK** your placement among the students in your class based on your GPA.

**PRE AP** preparatory classes for future AP coursework.

**AP (ADVANCED PLACEMENT)** rigorous level of coursework preparing the student to take an AP exam in May in attempt to earn college credit.

**WEIGHT OF COURSE** this refers to the extra points earned for taking a rigorous level course.

**SAT/ACT** college entrance exams

**PSAT** Preliminary SAT test

**CBE** credit by exam, speak with your counselor about taking a test to earn credit.