

ACT and SAT

Four-year colleges and universities require that students take either the ACT or SAT as part of the application process. Students may take these tests as many times as they want before beginning post-secondary education. Registration for both tests is completed online. The ACT and the SAT are both offered seven times per year. All tests are given on Saturday mornings at either Abilene High School or at one of the local universities. There is a fee for each test. The ACT is scored on a scale of 1-36 and consists of four parts: English, Reading, Math, and Science. The SAT is scored on a scale of 400-1600 and consists of three sections: Math, Evidence-based Reading and Language/Writing. Both ACT and SAT have an optional writing section. Please check with your student's colleges and universities of interest to see if the writing portion of the test is required. Registration deadlines for both the ACT and the SAT are typically a month before the test date.

The CEEB code for Wylie High is 440025.

Registration Web Sites: www.actstudent.org
sat.org/register

Preparation Web Sites: www.studyisland.com
www.studyguidezone.com
www.Khanacademy.org

NCAA

If a student plans to enroll in college as a freshman and participate in Division I or II intercollegiate athletics, the student's initial eligibility status must be determined through the NCAA Eligibility Center. However, it is ultimately the responsibility of the student and parent to make certain that all NCAA eligibility requirements have been met. To be eligible, a student must meet minimum GPA and ACT or SAT test score requirements in addition to completing a certain number of core high school courses. The NCAA Eligibility Center Web site is www.eligibilitycenter.org. It is now required that the ACT and SAT scores be sent directly from the testing agency to the NCAA Eligibility Center. The 4-digit code used in the registration process for the ACT or SAT to indicate that scores should be sent to the NCAA Eligibility Center is 9999. As part of the NCAA Eligibility Center registration process, students must request that Wylie High School send an official transcript to the NCAA Eligibility Center. The suggested registration time is at the completion of the junior year.

If you have questions, please feel free to call

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at [690-1181](tel:690-1181). We will be glad to answer your questions.



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**Junior
Newsletter
for the
Students and
Parents of the
Class of 2021**

2021



Dear Parents and Students of the Class of 2021,

There are several things students should do in the junior year of high school to make the transition from high school to post-secondary education as smooth as possible.

1. **Strive** for academic success.
2. **Register** for the ACT or SAT if the plans are to attend a four-year college or university immediately after high school. Registration forms and study materials are available online at the following Web sites:

ACT - www.actstudent.org
SAT - www.sat.org/register
3. **Preview** colleges and universities of interest. Visit their websites to locate and compare information on admission requirements, financial aid, majors, and housing.
4. **Select** carefully courses for the senior year. Make sure the courses will meet all the requirements for high school graduation, the requirements for admission to the colleges and universities of choice, and for students desiring to play sports in college, the requirements for NCAA. Students will choose classes for the senior year in March of the junior year. **Note: Some colleges and universities require more courses for admission than are required for high school graduation.**
6. **Create** a resume of high school activities, including awards and honors, extracurricular activities, work experience, and community service.
7. **Visit** colleges and universities of interest when possible. Junior and Senior students are allowed two college days per school year. These visits do not count against a student's opportunity for semester and final exam exemptions. These visits do require written verification of the visit from the college or university.
8. **Look** for scholarship opportunities. Many scholarships are not available until the senior year, but identifying scholarship possibilities ahead of time is suggested.

****Estimated class rank for Juniors will be available after 1/31/2021 on Family Access under "gradebook" or by calling the Counselors' Office at 690-1181 after this date.**

****Please watch for announcements about the Senior Parent Meeting which will be held in the 1st Six Weeks of the 2020-21 school year. At that time, parents will be given a folder with a great deal of useful information pertaining to post-secondary education.**

The Internet is a wonderful, up-to-date resource

www.aie.org

www.collegeforalltexas.com

www.collegenet.com

www.collegequest.com

www.ed.gov

www.everychanceeverytexan.org

www.finaid.org

www.fastweb.com

www.gocollege.com

www.going2college.org

www.petersons.com

www.tuitionfundingsources.com

www.choices360.com *This Web site can be used to take a career interest inventory and to search careers and colleges. Students are introduced to this site beginning in the freshman year and are given a username and password they can use throughout their high school years.*



Applying for College Admission

Applying for post-secondary education involves many steps, including completing college and university applications, completing a financial aid application, and taking college entrance and placement exams.

Students who rank in the top 10% of their class and graduate on the Foundation Distinguished Plan automatically earn admission to any public university in Texas. However, **these students must still meet all application deadlines.**

The University of Texas will now automatically admit **only the top 6%** of the Fall Freshman class.

All students planning to attend a state technical school, college, or university are now required to take the TSI (Texas Success Initiative) Assessment. Cisco College and Texas State Technical College both offer this test.

Texas Success Initiative Assessment

The Texas Success Initiative Assessment is a placement test that identifies students who need additional preparation before beginning college level work. Exemption from all or portions of this test may be granted based on the following test scores:

SAT - 1070 combined, with 530 or higher math and 480 on Evidenced-based Reading and Writing

ACT - 23 composite, with 19 or higher math and/or English

Apply Texas

There is now a generic common application for Texas state colleges and universities that can be completed and submitted electronically at www.applytexas.org. However, each school has its own deadlines regarding application for the 2020-21 college freshman year, so be sure to carefully check the school Web sites for these dates.

Financial Aid

Securing financial aid begins with a form called the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA.) This application becomes available October 1st of a student's senior year. The form asks for information on parents' and student's income and assets. The form also asks for specific amounts from income tax information from the previous year. Once the FAFSA is completed, submitted, and processed, the student will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) which is then submitted to financial aid officers at the colleges and universities of interest so each school can develop a financial aid package for the student. Scholarships, grants, work-study opportunities, and loans may be included in these packages.



Approximately 90% of all financial aid is channeled through financial aid officers at colleges and universities. It is very important to contact a financial aid officer at each institution being considered.

Complete the FAFSA - www.fafsa.ed.gov

Scholarships

Many scholarships are available to help pay for college, but there are different types with specific criteria. Academic scholarships are based on class rank and ACT or SAT scores. Need-based scholarships are dependent on a student's financial resources. Merit-based scholarships are awarded on the basis of outstanding talent.

Scholarship information sent to our school can be found on the high school website (wyliebulldogs.org) under the Counseling section of the Academics tab, posted in the counseling office and on the bulletin boards in the senior level English, Math, Government, and Economics classrooms.