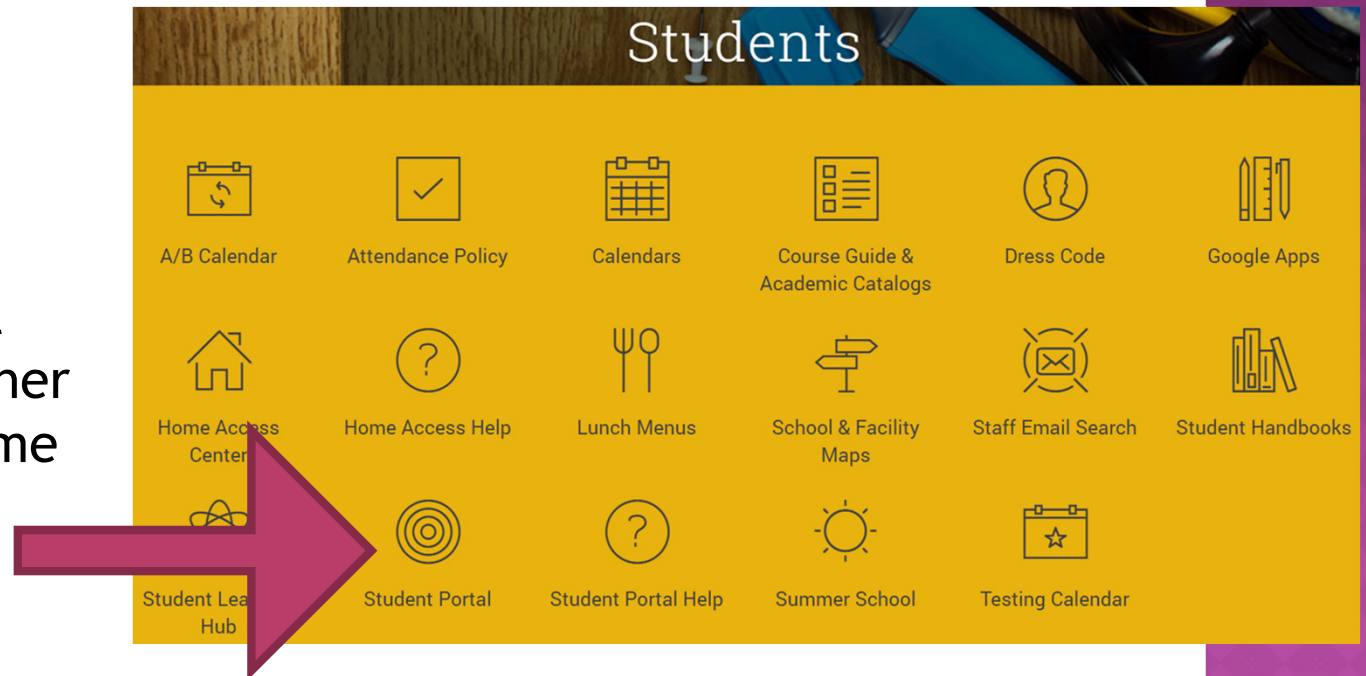
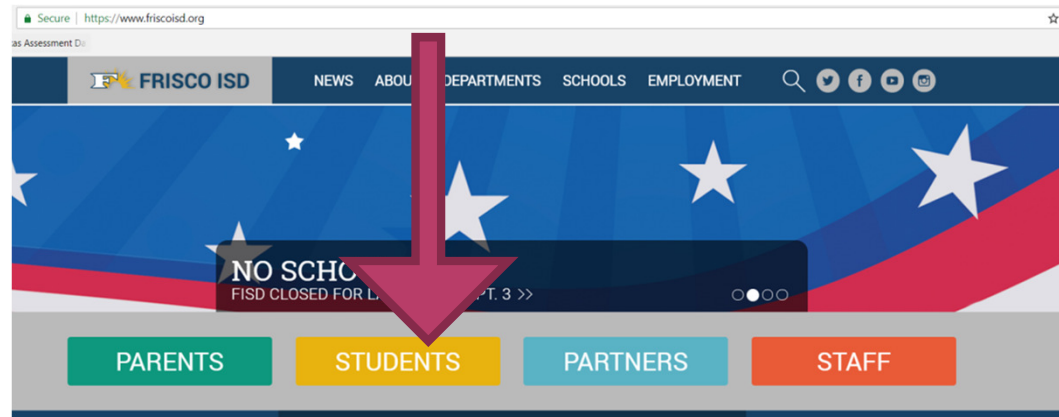


Log into Student Portal

at friscoisd.org

Before we get
started,

Open one window
with the Student
Portal, and another
window with Home
Access



Senior 2018 Guidance

Supporting you in
an awesome
senior year!

Your IHS Counselors

Lead	Heather Mayfield
A-D	Randall Ford
E-K	Rosalyn Greer
L-Q	Katie Puente
R-Z	Jason Wooden



***JUNIORS
AND
SENIORS
ONLY!***

- At Liberty High School from 6-8 pm
- To register in advance, go to:
<http://www.gotocollegefairs.com>

PSAT – October 10th

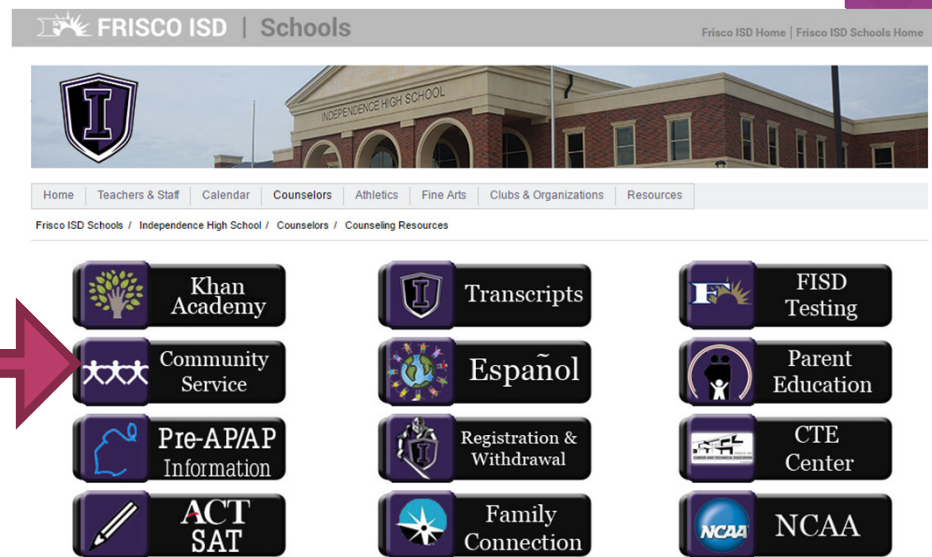
Juniors and Sophomores will be testing at school that day.

Seniors and freshman WILL have late arrival to school.

COMMUNITY SERVICE REMINDER

- Students with 100 hours of documented community service by April 1 of senior year are recognized at graduation
- See community service attachment on the Counseling Connection page to see examples of service which will be approved
- Verifications will go out in March! Hours must be verified by sponsor to count.

Create an account at x2Vol to log hours. Find info. here!



READY TO APPLY?

Narrow down your list of Colleges

2 Safety Colleges; 2 Probable Colleges; 2 Reach Colleges

Safety: You already meet the college's admission requirements

Probable: Your GPA, test scores and course selections Are similar to students already admitted

Reach: You have a chance of getting into this college, but your GPA, test scores and course grades are on the low side when you view the college's profile.

If you are interested in Collin, right now list it as one of your safety schools. You will get admitted. Please still explore/research other colleges because you may have to transfer from Collin to earn your 4 year Degree at another college.

College Application Process

- Visit each university's admission website. Find out the application requirements, deadlines and preferred methods of applying.
- Complete the online application before the deadline.
- Request official test scores from College Board (SAT) and ACT to the college you are applying to 3 weeks in advance.
- Send your official transcript to the college (s) from Parchment.
- Request letters of recommendation only if REQUIRED!
Common App. Always requires teacher and counselor recommendation.

APPLICATION TYPES

Apply Texas - accepted by all public colleges and many private colleges in Texas.

www.applytexas.org

Common Application - accepted by over 600 universities from across the country (many which are private)

www.commonapp.org

*****VERY Important, If you apply to colleges using the Common Application PLEASE inform your counselors*****

Individual College Applications - many institutions have their own unique applications.

How do you know which application to use? When in doubt, check each college's admissions website.

Write down all important deadlines for admission...application deadline, scholarship deadline, housing deadline, etc.

DO I HAVE TO TAKE THE TSI? WHAT IS THAT?

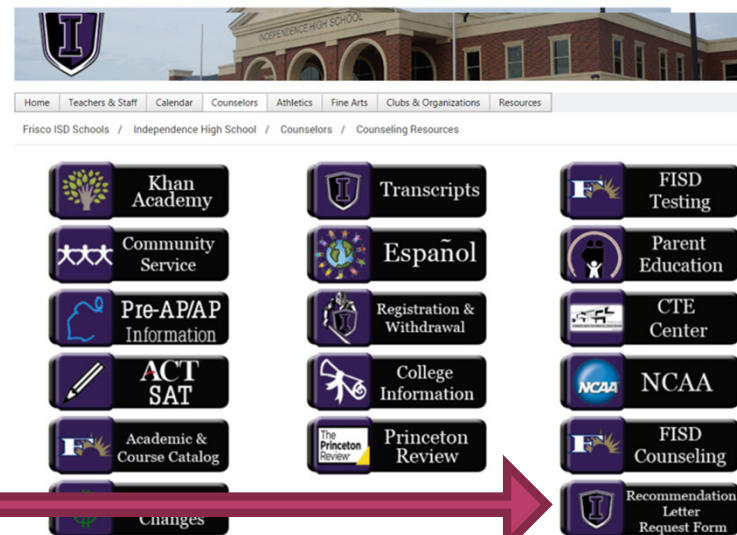
- The Texas Success Initiative (TSI) is a program designed to determine if a student is ready for college-level course work in the general areas of reading, writing and mathematics. This program will also help determine what type of course or intervention will best meet the student's needs and to assist in becoming better prepared for college-level course work.
- Required for ALL new college students unless exempt
- Exemptions
 - A student is exempt on the basis of **SAT I** scores (less than 5 years old) with a minimum qualifying combined score of 1070, utilizing Reading and Math only, with at least 500 Reading and at least 500 Math.
 - A student is exempt on the basis of the **ACT** (less than 5 years old) with a minimum qualifying score of 23 composite, with at least 19 English and at least 19 Math.

COUNSELOR LETTER OF REC.

Request a recommendation letter from your counselor by email or in person at least 3 school weeks (not holidays) in advance before it must be submitted online or mailed.

You must complete the letter of request form on the IHS website.

This will send an email request directly to your counselor giving us the due date, colleges, and other info. we need.



Follow-up with your counselor and express your appreciation.

REQUESTING A TEACHER LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

- Ask your teacher in person for a recommendation least 3 weeks before it must be submitted online or mailed.

- At the meeting, provide your teacher with the application deadlines, resume and any other requested materials from the teacher. If the letter must be mailed, provide an addressed stamped envelope. Use the school's address for the return address.

- For the Common Application teacher recommendation, let your teacher's know they will receive an email requesting the recommendation.

- Follow up with the teacher and write a thank you note.

STILL NEED TO TEST?

FALL 2018 SAT/ACT DATES

Test	Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Deadline
• SAT	• Oct 6	• Sept 7	• Sept 18
• ACT	• Oct 27	• Sept 28	• Oct. 14
• SAT	• Nov 3	• Oct 5	• Oct 24
• SAT	• Dec 1	• Nov 2	• Nov 20
• ACT	• Dec 8	• Nov 2	• Nov 9

Interested in a Princeton Review class to prepare for testing?

<https://www.princetonreview.com/partner/frisco-isd#!Test-ACT>

See Princeton Review icon on IHS Counseling website

Princeton Review Practice SAT/ACT Exams

- Practice SAT exam:
- Saturday, Sept. 22nd from 9am-1:00 pm
- Practice ACT exam:
- Saturday, Oct. 13th from 9am-1:00 pm
- **Location:** Independence High School-Cafeteria
- **Check in starts at 8:30**
- Registration Information:
- **Cost:** \$15 (non-refundable)
- **To register:** [Log into MyPaymentsPlus.com](https://www.mypaymentsplus.com) (under Misc. Items)

**Registration for both exams opens on
Thursday, Sept. 5th**

ARMED SERVICES TEST - ASVAB

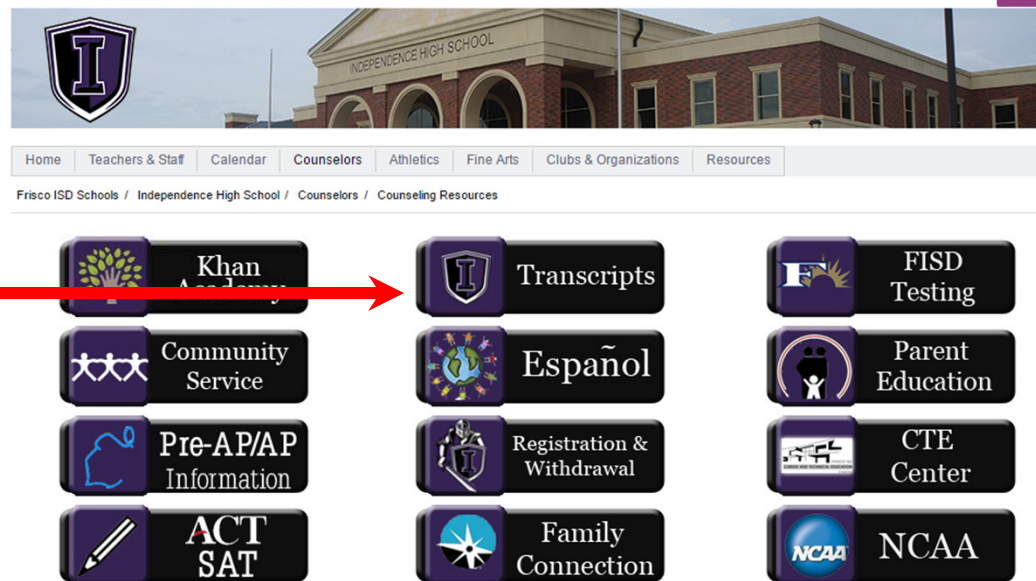
- ASVAB offered at CTEC on October 16th 5-7 pm.
 - An aptitude test that measures strengths and weaknesses for future college, career, and military plans
 - The Armed Forces Qualification Test (AFQT) is part of the ASVAB requirement for entrance into the military
- You will get an email when it is time to sign up!

HOW DO I REQUEST MY TRANSCRIPT?

- Official transcripts- request online from [Parchment](#).
- Unofficial transcripts- print off of HAC

Important!!

Use the link from the IHS Counseling page for Parchment! Otherwise you may have issues linking to your school.



FISD Rank Changes on Transcript

Frisco ISD will only rank the Top 10% of students (required by Texas Law)

All other students will only have their GPA reported on your transcript.

We will share GPA cut-offs for each quartile so you know where you fall (rank will be re-ran mid-September for seniors).

Top 25%

Top 50%

Top 75%

RANK CHANGES- HOLISTIC REVIEW

This FORCES colleges to look at your courses, grades, PAP/AP classes, etc. (This is a GOOD thing!)

- Achievements
- Extracurricular activities
- Work/Life Experiences
- Community Service
- Talents

Texas A&M Example:

First: Admissions will look at your transcript and the school profile and determine a rank/quartile for you.

Then: Holistic review process will proceed... TAMU will use all information in your application- so make sure to do your very best, this is where you will SHINE!

TOP 10% RULE

- A student is eligible for automatic admission to a public college or university as an undergraduate student if the applicant earned a GPA in the **top 10 percent of the student's high school graduating class, or the top 6 percent for Fall 2019 admission to the University of Texas at Austin.**
- Your application and all required paperwork must be submitted on time to qualify!
- **12th Grade Enrollment Currently is 520 seniors**



APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID

- ❑ Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Online Application is available October 1st!

www.fafsa.ed.gov

- ❑ If you Qualify, you may receive the following:
 - Loan- low interest and pay back after you graduate from college
 - Employment- an opportunity to receive an on-campus job
 - Grants- free money that does not have to be paid back
 - Scholarships- free money that usually requires maintaining a certain GPA

HOW DO I FIND SCHOLARSHIPS THIS YEAR?

- ❑ **District Scholarship List** will be shared soon! (large list of scholarships that will continually be updated all year from FISD counselors)
- ❑ **Local scholarships**- Will be continually sent by email to senior students and parents, then posted in district list
- ❑ **University-specific scholarships**- check college webpages-scholarship and financial aid pages to see how college awards freshman scholarships
- ❑ **Online resources**- Fastweb, Schoolsoup, Scholly, Scholarship Monkey

FRISCO EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP



- Specifically for Frisco seniors for a wide variety of criteria
- Application available online @ 10:00 a.m. on November 30th
www.friscoeducationfoundation.org
- Deadline to submit application is 4:00 p.m. on December 21st
- Late or incomplete applications will not be considered!
- An FEF Rep. will come speak to seniors on Friday, November 16th during Activity Period to share application details!

Students who qualify for Free or Reduced Meals can receive the following:

- ⦿ Two free fee waivers for the SAT Test (11-12)
- ⦿ Two free fee waivers for the SAT Subject Test (11-12)
- ⦿ Four SAT score report credits to send scores to colleges (11-12)
- ⦿ Two free fee waivers for either the ACT or the ACT Plus (11-12)
- ⦿ Four free Request for Waiver of College Application fees (12)
- ⦿ Reduced fees for AP testing (9-12)
- ⦿ Free application fee for the NCAA Eligibility Center
- ⦿ Free Collin College tuition for all dual credit courses taken (12)

See IHS counseling office to pick up waivers.

IHS's College and Career Counselor

- ❑ Sign up to see Traci Howard-Moore

- College Admissions Advising
- College Searches
- Finding your field of study
- Scholarship Tips and Financial Aid (FAFSA)
- One-on-one Counseling
- Career Assessments
- College essay help

- at IHS on Wednesday, Thursday and every other Friday and can schedule appointments before and after school if requested



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Xello

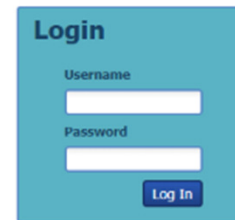
Xello- Replaced Family Connection. You will use it to help you research Colleges, Careers, Majors. You can even do virtual tours of college campuses!

Time to explore Xello!

Login by going to the FISD Student Portal on www.friscoisd.org

Click Student Links at the bottom and select the Xello Tab

You will be prompted to enter your school Google Info to login.

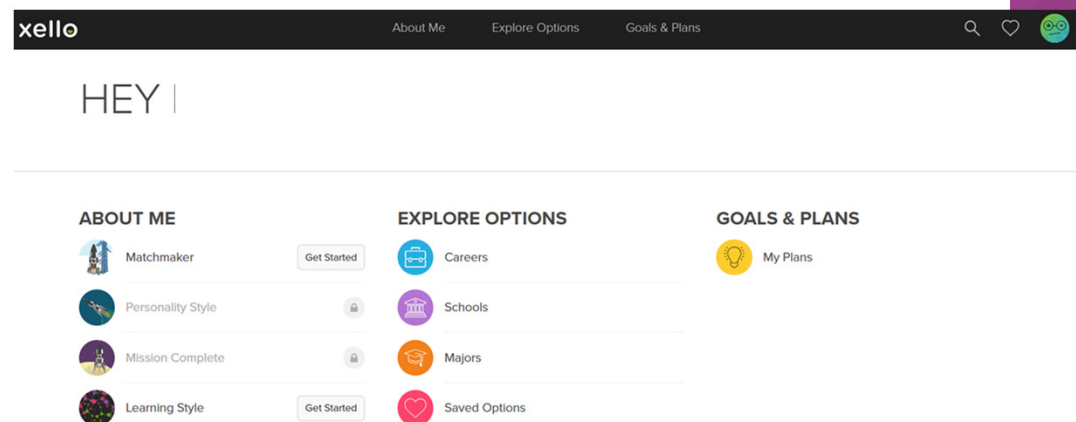
A blue login form with the title "Login". It contains two input fields: "Username" and "Password". Below the password field is a blue button labeled "Log In".

Click through:

-About Me

-Explore Options

-Goals and Plan



Senior Credit Check

**ALL remaining
correspondence
coursework
must be
completed by
Dec. 21st,
2018...no
exceptions, or
you be take the
2nd semester
course at IHS.**

4 credits of English

4 credits of Math

4 credits of Science

4 credits of Social Studies

2 credits of the same Foreign Language

1 credit of Technology

1 credit of Physical Education

.5 credit of Professional Communications

.5 credit of Health

26 Total Credits are needed to graduate

ASSIGNMENTS FOR TODAY

Sign up for an appt. with Traci Howard Moore at:

<https://bit.ly/2PeJ3zZ>

Complete a Credit Check using HAC and the IHS Graduation Checklist. Any concerns, see your counselor ASAP!

Explore Xello

Login by going to the FISD Student Portal

You will be prompted to enter your school Google Info to login.

Set-up Profile

Use College Search

Complete the Matchmaker and Learning Assessment Quiz

