

# Frisco High School Class of 2020

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# 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

## Important Things To Know!

- Remind 101/Flex Time
- Credits
- Grades
- GPA/Rank
- Transcripts
- Graduation Plan
- EOCs
- PSAT/SAT/ACT
- College Information
- VOE Forms
- Family Connection
- Survey



# Remind 101/Flex Offerings

## Frisco High School Class of 2020

Join FHS Counseling Remind 101 Group  
Receive text message reminders from the  
Frisco HS counseling office about upcoming  
events, opportunities, testing reminders and  
deadlines that pertain to the class of 2020.

**Sign up by texting @g7hc4  
To 81010**

- Counselor will hold Flex Time Activities:
- Mindful Mondays
- Walk in Wednesdays
- Flex Fridays
- Check calendar in front of late gate

Raise your hand if...


You know how many  
credits are needed to  
graduate?





Credits Needed to Graduate:

26



You will need 12  
credits or more to  
become a junior.

# Credits

- You earn credits by passing your classes.
- 70 or better semester average to be issued credit
- Average-pass if final grade is 70 or better
- If you do not earn credit, you must take the class over again (if the class is required).
- Counselors will go over classes and credits each spring with students.
- All grades count!



Raise your hand if...  
You know what GPA  
stands for?



GPA is your Grade Point Average.

It is used to classify rank in class.  
It is determined after each  
semester.

No GPA points are earned for failed classes, CBE's, aide positions, summer school or correspondence classes.

# How is GPA Calculated?

Grade Points are given based on whether your classes are

AP/PAP (6.0 scale)

Regular (5.0 scale)

Dual Credit (5.5 scale)

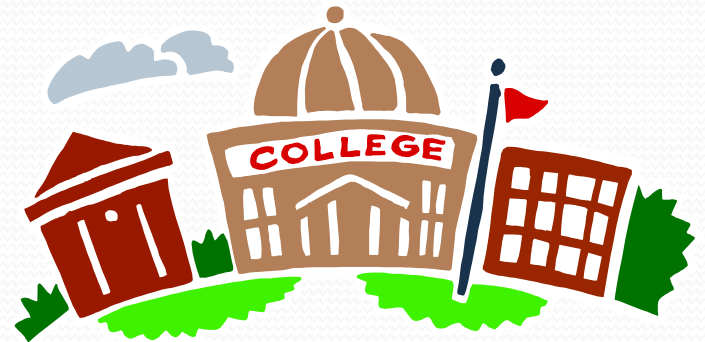
See chart in your Academic Catalog or ask your  
Teacher/Counselor

## Rank Conversion Chart

<b>Pre-AP/ AP</b>	<b>Dual Credit</b>	<b>Regular</b>	<b>GPA</b>
100			6.0
99			5.9
<b>98</b>			<b>5.8</b>
97			5.7
96			5.6
95	100		5.5
94	99		5.4
93	98		5.3
92	97		5.2
91	96		5.1
90	95	100	5.0
89	94	99	4.9
88	93	<b>98</b>	<b>4.8</b>
87	92	97	4.7

# GPA and Class Rank

- GPA is used to determine class rank (how you compare to your classmates)
- Junior rank determines college admissions
- Senior grades are important and will be reported.



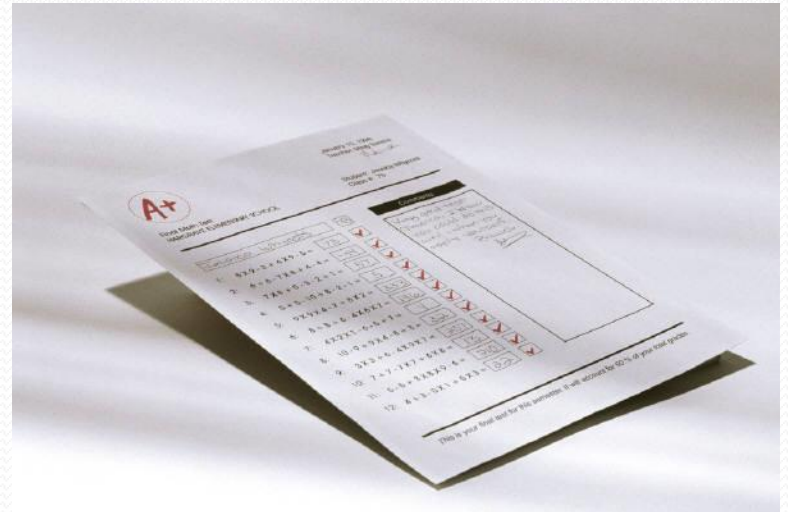


Raise your hand if...

You can describe what  
is a transcript?

# A Transcript is...

- Official record of grades/GPA/rank
- How colleges and employers evaluate candidates
- Starts with classes taken in MS for HS credit
- Does not include SAT/ACT/AP scores



# Why Rank Matters.....

- Colleges can offer you “Assured Admissions” which is based on our class rank and SAT or ACT scores.
- Rank places you in a quartile
- The quartile rank and test score can get you automatic admissions into some colleges.

# Why Rank Matters.....

- Ex. Texas State University

	<b>ACT</b>	<b>SAT</b> (Math & Reading Only)	<b>Rank</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	20	920	1-130
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	22	1010	131-257
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	26	1180	258-385
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	29	1270	386-507



# Top 10% Rule

- In order to be considered for the Top 10% Automatic Admission, graduates **MUST** earn a Distinguished Level of Achievement diploma.
- Students who are in the Top 10% of their class are automatically accepted into Texas Public Universities.
  - The rule is different at UT Austin (top 7 or 8%)
  - **Determined during Fall of your Junior year.**

## Distinguished Level of Achievement

**4 English credits**

**4 Math credits (includes Algebra 2)**

**4 Science credits**

**4 Social Studies credits**

**2 LOTE credits**

**1 PE credit**

**1 Fine Art**

**1 Technology credit**

**.5 health**

**.5 speech**

**4 elective credits**

## 26 credits plus Endorsements

\*Depending on what classes you take will determine what endorsement you earn.

\*Just take the classes you enjoy and help you towards your career goals!

# EOC Exams

## 5 Tests to Graduate

- English I
- English II
- Biology
- Algebra I
- US History
  
- \* If you fail, you will retest as many times as needed. Three opportunities a year: Spring, Summer and Winter.
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# PSAT – OCTOBER 11<sup>th</sup>

Practice exam for the SAT (college entrance exam):

## Logistics

- 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> periods (including Flex)- TESTING
- 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> period B day after testing ends
- Calculators will be provided to all PSAT testing students.
- No cell phones, electronic devices, back packs, food/snacks will be allowed in the testing room. Leave them in your car or locker.
- **No food or drinks (including bottled water) are allowed without student pre-approval by College Board SSD.**

## Results

- The PSAT score reports are due to arrive in January. The reports and test booklets will be distributed through the students' Social Studies classes.

# PSAT – Pre Administration

- During Flex Time on September 20<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>
- 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students will report to your PSAT testing room and complete the demographic information on your answer sheet
- Look/complete at the handout (half sheet) ahead of time so you will be prepared to complete this info on these days (put it in your binder when done so you have it).

# Mock SAT and ACT Exams

<b>Practice Test</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
Mock ACT	October 14	Wakeland HS
Mock ACT	October 28	Frisco HS
Mock SAT	November 11	Wakeland HS
Mock ACT	January 13	Frisco HS
Mock ACT	January 20	Wakeland HS
Mock SAT	February 17	Wakeland HS
Mock ACT	February 24	Reedy HS
Mock SAT	March 31	Frisco HS

Sign up is on My Payments Plus as the exams get closer. Once exam is full it will no longer be an option in My Payments plus...sign up as soon as sessions become available to ensure a spot.



Raise your hand if you know.....

How many hours of  
Community Service do  
you need to graduate  
with recognition?



# Community Service Hours

- [www.X2VOL.com](http://www.X2VOL.com)
- School email login/ ID Number password
- Hours will be verified by email to the sponsor- record hours within 7 days of completing so credit is awarded
- April 1<sup>st</sup> deadline of senior year
- Not required- but highly encouraged!

# National Honor Society

- Weighted GPA of 4.0 or higher to apply
- Sophomores and juniors
- Application available in February/March
- No incomplete or late applications are considered
- GPA and service commitment



Raise your hand if you know.....

What is the highest  
score you can make on  
an AP Exam?

# Advanced Placement Courses (AP)

- Students enrolled in AP courses can sit for an exam in May to try and earn college credit.
- Exam costs \$94 (\$142 for AP Seminar) and sign up is through MPP
- AP Scores are 1-5; 3-5 are qualifying scores
- AP Exam scores will not negatively affect college admissions
- AP Exam is not required, but encouraged
- AP courses help prepare you for the transition to college

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

Reduced fees for AP testing (9-12)

Free college admissions test fees and college admissions fees

Free application fee for the NCAA Eligibility Center

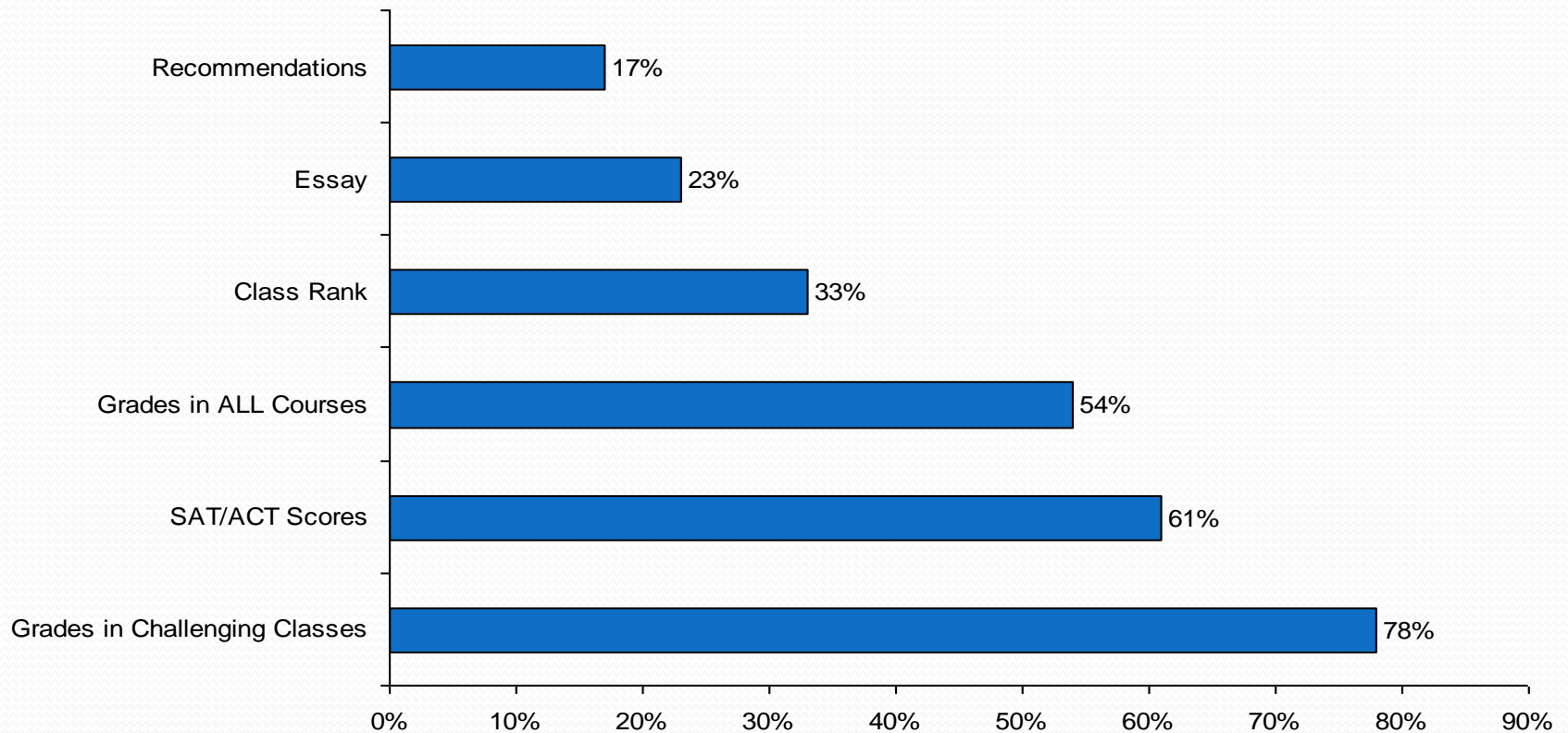
Free Collin College tuition for dual credit courses (12)

**If it's possible that you might qualify, please ask your parents to apply at**

**<http://www.friscocafe.org>**

# What Counts Most in College Admissions?

NACAC 2003



# KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE TARGET!

Athletics/ Sports

Clubs &  
School  
Activities

Awards/  
Honors

**ACADEMICS:**  
Rigorous Courses/  
Great Grades

Work/  
Summer  
Experiences

Community  
Service

Leadership  
Opportunities

# What you should be doing now....

- Make good grades and take challenging courses
- Plan college visits during junior year
- Take personality tests and career inventories to help narrow down career fields
- Join club and organizations
- Community Service
- Build relationships with faculty



# Clubs and Organizations

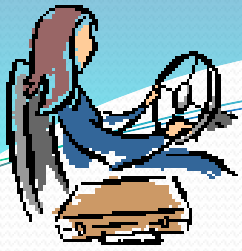
- Join clubs that are meaningful to you!
- Check out the Clubs and Organization Wall in front of the Counseling Office.
- Ask your teachers, friends or counselors about opportunities to get INVOLVED!
- Get connected at FHS!

# Preliminary College Info

- Be careful with social media. Once you post something it is always out there...even if it has been deleted. (College Reps are known to investigate their applicants).
- Be aware of your personal email address.
  - Example: [partygirl2019@email.com](mailto:partygirl2019@email.com) or [ihateschool2019@email.com](mailto:ihateschool2019@email.com)

# REMEMBER:


- Colleges look at the entire package, not just your GPA and RANK!
- What is your definition of a “good school”? They are all “good schools”, so find one right for YOU.
- Research colleges that will fit your learning style, your financial budget, and will meet your emotional needs.



Raise your hand if  
you know....

What is a VOE form?






A VOE (Verification of Enrollment) form is a form showing if you have been in attendance at school for at least 90% of the time. If you have missed more than 9 days of school you do not qualify.




Raise your hand if you  
know...

Why you would need  
a VOE form?



You **have to have** a VOE form in order to receive a driving permit & maintain your license.



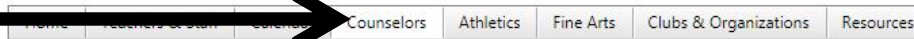
Get a VOE form from  
Ms. Simmons or Ms.  
Rodriguez in the Front  
Office. Please allow  
at least 24 hrs.



# Family Connections



1. Click on Counselors



Frisco ISD Schools / Frisco High School / Counselors / FHS Counselor's Corner



2. Click on the icon for Family Connections



# Family Connection Login- Student ID and Birthday

The screenshot shows the 'family connection' website interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: 'home', 'colleges', 'careers', 'about me', and 'my planner'. Below the tabs, the page is divided into several sections:

- my colleges:** Includes links for 'colleges I'm thinking about' and 'colleges I'm applying to'.
- pages:** Includes a link for 'make bridges account'.
- links:** A list of helpful links including 'asvab test prep', 'texas common app', 'scholarships', 'scholarship search', 'fed. financial aid', 'act', 'sat', 'ncaa', 'work', 'career onestop', 'military services', 'khan academy', and 'community service'.
- what's new:** A section with two email notifications: 'You received an e-mail: Hot Topics - September 20th from Sarah Robinson.' and 'You received an e-mail: Sign Up Available for Mock SAT at Reedy HS - Sept. 30 from Leigh Casares.'
- Welcome Frisco Raccoons:** A welcome message and instructions on how to use the site's features.
- Mobile App:** A banner for the 'Naviance Student' app available on the App Store.
- Email Inbox:** A notification box showing 'You have 6 new messages' with links to 'document library' and 'contact us'.

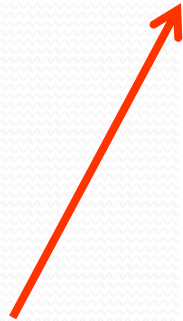
At the bottom of the page, there is a Frisco High School logo and contact information: Frisco High School, 6401 Parkwood Dr, Frisco TX 75034-7239, p: 469-633-5515, and a link to the Privacy Policy.

Add the APP  
to your phone



A red arrow pointing from the text 'Email Inbox' to the notification box that says 'You have 6 new messages'.

Email Inbox



Helpful Links

Home Screen- Helpful links, Email inbox, Tabs

# FAMILY CONNECTION

## Why is it important?????

- Check your messages- Newsletter sent regularly
- College Search- Try the Super Match!
- College Major Search
- Take a personality test to learn more about you.
  - Do what you are!
- Career Search- Check out Roadtrip Nation
- Links to sign up for SAT / ACT
- Links for test prep
- Search for scholarships
- Get your GPA / Rank – February and June

# SURVEY

Needs Assessment- How can we help you?

<http://tinyurl.com/17-18fhs>

Follow us on Twitter FHS Counselors @friscocc!



Let's Have a Great Year!