



**CLASS OF 2018**  
**SENIOR GUIDANCE**



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- PUT IMPORTANT DATES IN YOUR PHONE/CALENDAR

# Remind 101 / Flex Offerings

## Frisco High School Class of 2018

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 2018.

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

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

# College Fair@ Lebanon Trail HS

## Frisco ISD College Fair



Frisco ISD will welcome dozens of colleges and universities from across the country to meet with students and parents about admissions. This event is geared toward seniors and juniors only. Another opportunity will be available January 24, 2018 for students in grades 9-12.



FISD Seniors and Juniors and their Parents



September 13, 2017  
6:00 - 8:00 PM



**Lebanon Trail High School**  
**5151 Ohio Drive**  
**Frisco, TX 75035**

# College Fair@ Lebanon Trail HS

- You have already been registered, check your school email!
- Print the bar code and bring it with you!! The colleges are wanting this so that they can keep in contact with you and saves you time!
- [www.gotocollegefairs.com](http://www.gotocollegefairs.com) is the website

# PSAT – October 11<sup>th</sup>

- Juniors and Sophomores will be testing.
- Seniors and Freshman WILL have late arrival.
- More information to come!

# Frisco Education Foundation (FEF) Scholarship Application

- Application available online November 27<sup>th</sup>  
@10:00am!
- Deadline to submit application is December 15<sup>th</sup>  
@4:00pm!
- Late or incomplete applications will be not be  
considered! **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

This is how all Frisco ISD scholarships are awarded  
(even FHS scholarships).

# Does it FIT?

- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/find-colleges/how-to-find-your-college-fit/how-to-find-a-college-that-fits-you>
- Use Family Connection to narrow down your search by criteria on the college search feature such as:
  - ▣ Size
  - ▣ Private/Public
  - ▣ Majors
  - ▣ Location/Distance from Home
  - ▣ Acceptance Rates
  - ▣ Student Population

**And remember that there are many good college matches for every student, and that you can be successful at many types of schools.**

# 4 Year Colleges/Universities

- They are looking at:
  - Class rank
  - Challenging course work
  - SAT/ACT scores
  - Possibly require SAT II scores for selective schools
  - School Involvement/Community Service/Work
  - Essays (up to 3 for some schools)
  - Recommendations – not all schools require- check websites
  - Interviews- for highly selective schools

# Application Process- 4 year School

□ Step by step directions on the home page of Family Connection with links!

□ [www.naviance.com](http://www.naviance.com)

## my colleges

- [colleges I'm thinking about](#)
- [colleges I'm applying to](#)

## pages

- [make bridges account](#)

## links

- [asvab test prep](#)
- [more scholarships](#)
- [texas common app](#)
- [common app \(private\)](#)
- [scholarships](#)
- [scholarship search](#)
- [fed. financial aid](#)
- [act](#)
- [sat](#)
- [ncaa](#)
- [work](#)
- [career onestop](#)
- [military services](#)
- [khan academy](#)
- [community service](#)

## Welcome Frisco Raccoons Class of 2018

Hello Seniors! It's time to start completing college applications. Please come see your Counselor before the end of the first semester to discuss your post-high school plans.

### STEPS FOR SUBMITTING COLLEGE APPLICATIONS/FINANCIAL AID

1. Complete the online application found on the college or university website. Many applications require essays, letters of recommendation in addition to your transcript/school profile. You will be expected to pay the application fee when you complete the application for each school (See your counselor if you are on Free/Reduced lunch as you might qualify for a fee waiver).

[www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org) (for all public schools in Texas)

[www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org) (for most private schools and OU) - You MUST let your counselor know if you are using Common App as there are additional steps in Family Connection that must be completed.

2. You must request your transcript through Parchment. Click here <https://www.parchment.com/u/registration/23028/account> to access Parchment and create an account. Your first three transcript requests are free; after that you will be charged \$3 per transcript. We ask for a 3 business day notice on all transcript requests.

3. Kay West ([westk@friscoisd.org](mailto:westk@friscoisd.org)) will process the transcript requests that are submitted via Parchment.

4. Letters of Recommendation- Be considerate of deadlines! Teachers and counselors require at least 2-3 weeks notice to complete lengthy forms or to create a letter of recommendation that will serve you well. A January deadline requires forms to be given to teachers or counselors 3 weeks prior to winter break.



5. Many colleges have rolling admissions. If you are not applying Early Action or Early Decision, the sooner an application is received the greater chance of admission. This is especially important for those students who fall short of automatic admission criteria.

6. Some college admissions deadlines are as early as October 15th. Please start early!

7. Don't wait to send an application because test scores are not available. ACT/SAT scores are sent to the

# Community College – Collin College

- Open Enrollment- high school diploma required
- ACT/SAT not required – only TSI
- Apply through [www.ApplyTexas.org](http://www.ApplyTexas.org) in the Spring
- Send transcript via Parchment
- Meet with advisor/register for classes

# Transcripts

- Parchment.com
  - Use the unique registration code emailed to your school gmail account- Sent Tuesday 9/5 (k12.friscoisd.org)
  - <http://www.friscoisd.org/departments/guidance-and-counseling/transcript-requests> (tutorial available)
  - Need your code and can't find it in your email...email Kay West ([westk@friscoisd.org](mailto:westk@friscoisd.org))
- Common Applications only ([www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org))
  - Use Family Connection to add schools and request Counselor Rec/Transcript and Teacher Recs on FC AND in person.

# College TESTING Requirements

- College Admissions Tests—Needed for four- year schools

ACT - [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) (Optional writing test)

SAT- [www.sat.org](http://www.sat.org) (Optional writing)

Fee Waivers Available for Free/Reduced Lunch Students  
SEE COUNSELOR FOR FULL BENEFITS

**CEEB Code: 442 635**

- TSI (Texas Success Initiative) – ALL Texas Public Schools
  - ▣ Exemptions by SAT and ACT

# What's Next???

## START NOW!

- **Visit colleges**
  - Call the school for an appointment/check website for Preview Days
  - Go when students are in session, if at all possible
  - Bring back paper documentation from the school and turn it in to the attendance office – 2 school days excused as a senior
- **Apply to top 3-5 by Thanksgiving!**

Schools keep moving up their deadlines (November/Early December)
- **Apply to three places:**
  - Reach school
  - Reality school
  - Safety Net school

# Scholarships

- University Freshman Scholarships (Most \$\$\$ given)
- Local Scholarships (FEF)
- Scholarship List on Family Connection (national/regional)
- Fast Web
- Big Future by College Board
- Some scholarships require FAFSA completion!

# FAFSA Info

- Opens October 1st, 2017 and you may use your parents 2016 Income and Tax Information

IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND COLLEGE FROM	YOU WILL SUBMIT THIS FAFSA	YOU CAN SUBMIT THE FAFSA FROM	USING INCOME AND TAX INFORMATION FROM
JULY 1, 2018 – JUNE 30, 2019	2018–19	OCTOBER 1, 2017 – JUNE 30, 2019	2016

- Visit [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) and create your FSA ID today!

# Accepted...Now What?

- Apply For Housing Early!!!! Check school websites for process (apply even before accepted)
- Financial Aid packages sent in Spring – compare offers from schools
- Notify schools of your decision once you have decided (late April/early May)

# 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- please record hours within 7 days of completing so credit is awarded
- Must meet the requirements of Community Service!
- April 1<sup>st</sup> deadline
- Not required- but highly encouraged!

# Helpful Resources

- Questions- check your Post Secondary Planning Guide and Senior Calendar!!!
- Family Connection – Home Page, Khan Academy, interest inventories, college searches
- NCAA Athletes- [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)
- W119- Ms. Villanueva and GO Center (sign up electronically in the counselors office)
- ASVAB- career aptitude
  - ▣ October 17th 5:00-7:00 pm at CTE
  - ▣ April 17<sup>th</sup> 5:00-7:00 pm at CTE
  - ▣ Free, but must sign up. Link will be sent out by Kelli Hemingway at CTE later in September and March.

# Counselor Conference and Survey

- You will NOW meet one on one with your counselor to check your credits – complete the credit check while you wait for your turn.
- We will answer any questions you have about what we presented today.
- Take the Survey while you wait so we know what you need from us. See Handout or go to:
- Follow us on Twitter FHS Counselors @friscoccc!
- <http://tinyurl.com/17-18fhs>