

## Four-Year University Applicants

### Junior Year

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- Add colleges you are interested in to Family Connection under "My Colleges."
- Take the ACT and/or SAT Reasoning Test. Go to [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) for ACT or [www.sat.org](http://www.sat.org) for SAT. Send your scores to anticipated colleges.
- Take the SAT subject tests if required.

### Senior Year

- Apply online between Aug 1 and Thanksgiving.
  - For Texas public schools, apply at [www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org).
  - For private schools, apply directly to the school, preferably online or check the private common application at [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org) to see if the school uses this application.
  - Move colleges to the "Applied" section of Family Connection.
- Send in your application fee to the school.
- Send your test scores to the university (if you did not do so when you registered to test). You must request these directly from SAT or ACT.
- If you need a letter of recommendation, follow the steps in your senior folder.
- Check Family Connection for scholarships.
- Sign a transcript release form in the counseling office if your parent checked no on the annual online registration for releasing information to colleges..
- Request your transcript at Family Connection and pay your transcript fee in the counseling office.
- Apply for housing.
- For Texas state schools, take the THEA test if you are not exempt. Go to [www.thea.nesinc.com](http://www.thea.nesinc.com).  
Exemption criteria -
  - 2200 math and ELA Exit Level TAKS scores with a 3 on the essay.
  - 1070 on SAT critical reading and math, with a 500 on each section.
  - 23 on ACT composite score with a 19 on math and English sections.
- Apply for the parent and student FAFSA PIN number in the fall at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).
- Apply for financial aid at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) after January 1.
- Compare your offers from the universities in the spring.
- Notify all universities of your decision to attend, or not to attend, their institution by May 1.
- If you have college dual credit hours, request a final transcript from Collin College be sent to your school.
- Complete the "Graduation Survey" at Family Connection. This step will process your final transcript request.

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### Other Helpful Web Sites

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