

Class of 2022

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Online Resources

for scholarships, internships and other important college readiness information

❖ SIGN UP for REMIND APP for Class of 2022 College Readiness

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or text “2c2g4d” to 81010

The Remind app logo, featuring a white speech bubble icon with a dot inside, followed by the word "remind" in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font, all set against a solid blue rectangular background.

❖ SCHOOLOGY Access Code: RSX8-4574-FDR4H

❖ College Readiness Webpage: <http://bit.ly/IrvinRockets>

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Irvin High School

Senior Passport & Incentives

Our goal is to help 100% of our Seniors be College, Career and/or Military ready

➤ Senior Passport - due November

- Apply for admission to EPCC and UTEP
- Complete Financial Aid requirement
- Take the ASVAB Career Exploration Test on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at Irvin HS
- Take the SAT on Thursday, October 28, 2021 – SAT School Day

➤ Incentives/Raffles for college readiness participation

Important Dates:

Date	Activity
08/26 & 08/27	Senior Interviews with Counselors and College Readiness Presentation during senior English classes
09/02 & 09/03	Senior Class Presentations by Student Activities Manager during senior English classes
September	All eligible seniors & parents should create an FSA ID in preparation for financial aid (https://fsaid.ed.gov) Seniors should continue applying to all colleges/universities they are interested in Send HS Transcripts
09/27 & 09/28	ApplyTexas Workshops by EPCC and UTEP during senior English classes
October 1	FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION OPENS for the 2022 – 2023 academic year. First come, first serve FAFSA eligible students visit https://fafsa.gov TASFA eligible students visit http://www.collegeforalltexas.com
October 21	FAFSA Night at Irvin HS. Invite 1 parent or legal guardian, bring 2020 tax records and get help completing your financial aid application
October 26	ASVAB Career Exploration Test for ALL seniors (morning test session)
October 28	SAT School Day
November 1	TACRAO College Fair at Andress HS (parent permission slips due 10/22)

IRVIN HS FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

Thursday, October 21 * 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Bring your own Laptop, invite 1 parent

- Grants
- Work Study
- Parent Loans
- Student Loans
- Scholarships
- Social Security Number or Visa Registration Number
- Know parents' dates of birth, marital status, work status
- 2020 Income Taxes or other income
- FSA ID to sign electronically – email address
- TASFA application for non FAFSA eligible students

Do I need to be a U.S. citizen to apply for financial aid?



If you are not a U.S. citizen or eligible to apply for FAFSA,

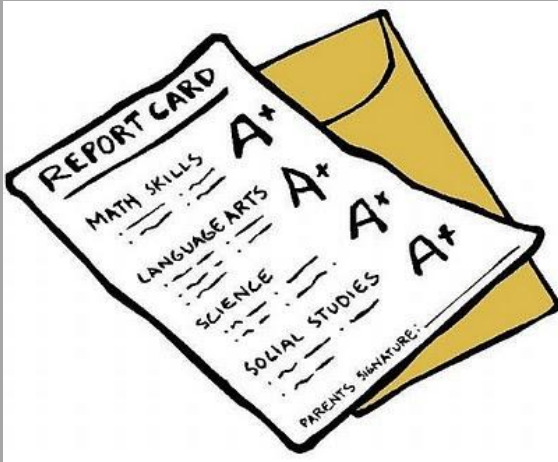
You can apply for TASFA (Texas Application for State Financial Aid)

Paper application is available October 1.

Students are encouraged to submit by November 15. Students should keep a copy for themselves and mail a copy to each Texas school they are applying for admission to.

Intricate Formula – Family Income, Household Size,
Housing Plans, Cost of School

Do I need good grades to apply for Financial Aid?



FALSE!

When you first apply, you don't need good grades.

After first semester in college, grades will factor in for continued eligibility.

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Financial Aid Application = Graduation Requirement



HB 3 Changes – Financial Aid Application Requirement

New Graduation Requirement

Beginning in **2021-2022**, each student must do one of the following in order to graduate:

- complete and submit a **free application for federal student aid (FAFSA)**
- complete and submit a **Texas application for state financial aid (TASFA)**
- submit a **signed opt-out form**

For more information please see your academic counselor

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SCHOLARSHIPS

- GoingMerry.com – Create a profile and apply. In the spring, EPISD will house scholarships here
- Terry Scholarships – full ride available at 13 Texas universities
 - Texas A&M University at College Station, University of Texas at Austin, University of Houston, Texas State University, University of Texas at San Antonio, University of Texas at Dallas, University of North Texas, Texas Tech University, Texas Woman’s University, Texas A&M University at Galveston, Sam Houston State University, University of Texas at El Paso, University of Texas at Arlington
- UTEP Academic Scholarships – Admitted by November 1 and March 1
 - SAT or ACT Scores, GPA
 - Class Rank
 - Transcripts – Ms. Fierro, Registrar – ID Required
- Financial Aid Completed
- College Board Opportunity Scholarships
- QuestBridge National College Match Scholarships – Full ride, apply by 9/28/2021
- REMIND APP

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Scholarship Essays & Letters of Recommendation

Essays

- Answer prompts on ApplyTexas and/or the Common App
- Personal narrative to include:
 - Extenuating circumstances/unique situations
 - Community/School involvement
 - Career/educational goals such as intended major
 - How will you benefit your community
- Have English Teacher or librarian proofread, get a second opinion, write for your audience
- Re-use and modify as needed, scholarship specific

Target date: As early as possible but not later than January 1st

Letters of Recommendation

- Have 2 – 3 ready
- Request from counselor, teachers, coaches, club sponsors, community members
- Request with advanced notification, 2 weeks before
- Provide a brag sheet of achievements
 - School and community involvement
 - School/community awards
 - Classes taken (DC, AP, OnRamps, CTE, etc)
 - Work experience
 - Purpose of letter

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SAT and ACT Tests

- Check with your desired college/university for requirements and deadlines
- Register online by deadline – various test dates/centers available
- Waiver for eligible students
 - SAT online on your College Board account
 - ACT with Ms. Gutierrez or Ms. Rivera
- SAT School Day – Thursday, October 28 ****
 - No need to register, completely free at Irvin High School for students classified Grade 12



How do you apply for admission to College?

- 1) Check requirements, deadlines, and programs of study
- 2) Complete the online application
 - a. ApplyTexas, or
 - b. Common App
- 3) Send your test scores
 - a. TSI
 - b. SAT or ACT
- 4) Send your HS Transcript and if applicable, college transcripts
- 5) Call or Email Admissions Representative and attend information sessions
- 6) Send Financial Aid Information
- 7) Apply for Scholarships
- 8) Proof of Meningitis Vaccine or waiver
- 9) Check financial aid award package, available around March
- 10) Check registration status, attend New Student Orientation



ApplyTexas Sessions at Irvin HS

September 27 & 28 during senior English class



- Be in attendance
- Have a personal, professional email address ready
- Use your complete legal name, know your mailing address
- Volunteers from EPCC and UTEP will walk you through application process to apply to both schools
- You can use this application to apply to additional Texas colleges

REQUEST YOUR HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS

- You may request in person with our Registrar or you may request online
- You need an ID - if requesting online, upload a picture of your ID
- If under 18, you need a parent signature
- Send to EACH school you are applying to

TSI Requirement

Texas Success Initiative Assessment



The TSI Assessment (TSIA) is part of the Texas Success Initiative program designed to help Texas colleges or universities determine if students are ready for college-level course work in the areas of English language arts and mathematics.

Incoming college students in Texas, are required to take the TSI Assessment - unless they are already exempt to determine their readiness for college-level work. Based on how they perform on the assessment, students may either be enrolled in a college-level course and/or be placed in the appropriate developmental course or intervention to improve their skills and prepare them for success in college-level courses.

For detailed information on TSIA and/or exemptions, talk to your Academic Counselor.

Note: Students enrolled in a HS college prep course, that earn semester averages of 75 or above (for both semesters) may be exempt from the TSIA requirement at EPCC and UTEP.

ASVAB Career Exploration Test

- Score interpretation available online, self paced
- Score interpretation sessions available with a Representative
- Limited test dates available on campus
 - Scheduled at Irvin HS on 10/26/21 for seniors
- Military interest
- Scores are not released

Military Enlistment Options

- Benefits may include tuition assistance, scholarships, and sign on bonuses
- High school diploma, physical and other requirements
 - Check with recruiters
- Compare branches, career opportunities and benefits

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