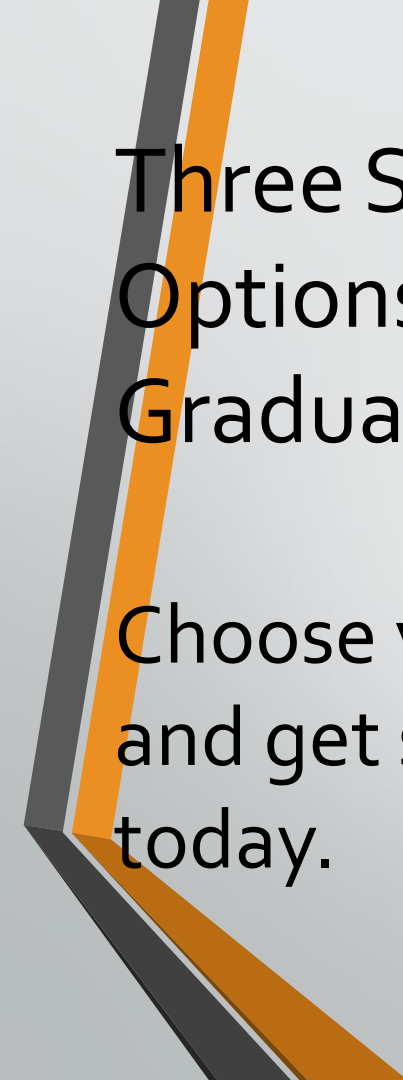


Get Organized for Senior Year

A Meeting for Juniors and Their Families



Three Strong Options for After Graduation


Choose your path
and get started
today.

- ❑ **Use certificate achieved in high school to go to work**
 - ❑ Auto tech, cosmetology, dental/pharmacy, welding, technical dual credit, etc.
- ❑ **Join a branch of the military**

Three Strong Options for After Graduation

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- ❑ **Go to college**
 - ❑ 1 year certificate
 - ❑ 2 year associate's degree
 - ❑ "Basics" then transfer
 - ❑ 4 year bachelor's degree
 - ❑ Graduate school/professional school



Hidden (and not so hidden) costs of senior year

- Application fees: \$50-\$75 per college (fee waivers)
- 3rd or 4th ACT/SAT Test/Sending Scores: \$50 per test and \$13 per score
- AP tests or dual credit classes: \$25 per test, \$50 per class
- Class ring, letterman jacket, patches, yearbook, invitations, pictures, and cap & gown: \$1,000+

TOTAL: \$2,300+



Hidden (and not so hidden) costs of senior year

- Cords, banquet/interview outfits and costs: \$100+
- Prom (outfit, ticket, parking, pictures): \$400-\$800
- Transcripts (and other old fines): \$10-\$50
- Housing Deposit and Orientation: \$300+ (fee waiver possible--but not always)

TOTAL: \$2,300+

Scholarships (FREE money)

Note: Your resume, your WRITING, your test scores, and your recommendations are all important!

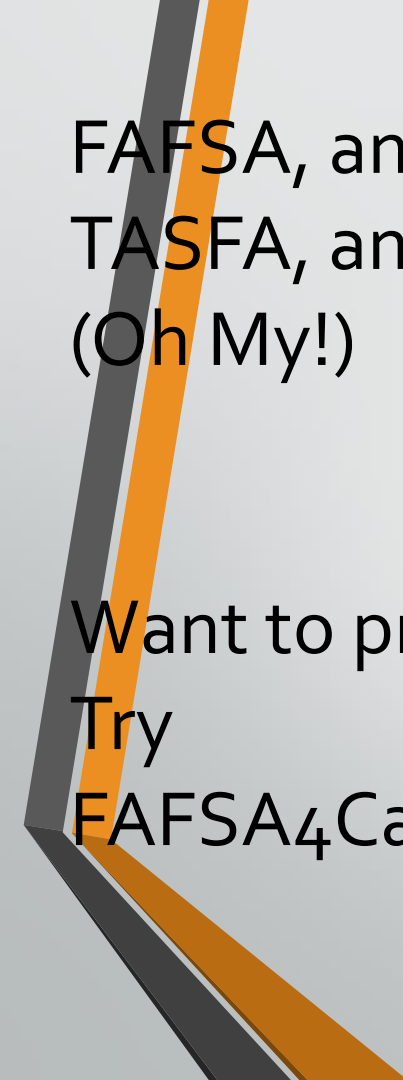
ACT – December 8th
deadline to register
November 2nd

Ways to Find Scholarships

- ❑ <https://www.galenaparkisd.com/Domain/81>
- ❑ Unigo.com
- ❑ Raise.me
- ❑ Scholarships.com
- ❑ GOOGLE IT (big money scholarships, scholarships for women, scholarships for Houston area, etc.)

FRESHMAN PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

<i>Academic Requirements</i>	<i>Amount of Award</i>	<i>Renewal Requirements</i>
National Merit Finalist	100% of original federally approved cost of attendance (Approximately \$25,000 per year for up to 4 years combining federal institutional and external gift aid)	3.5 GPA and 15 earned hours per semester
At least 1400 SAT* or 30 ACT** and top 10% of class	\$24,000 (\$6,000 per year for up to 4 years) PLUS one-time \$4,000 for 2020-2021	3.5 GPA and 15 earned hours per semester
At least 1300 SAT* or 27-29 ACT** and top 10% of class	\$20,000 (\$5,000 per year for up to 4 years)	3.25 GPA and 15 earned hours per semester
At least 1200 SAT* or 25-26 ACT** and top 1%-25% of class	\$16,000 (\$4,000 per year for up to 4 years)	3.0 GPA and 15 earned hours per semester



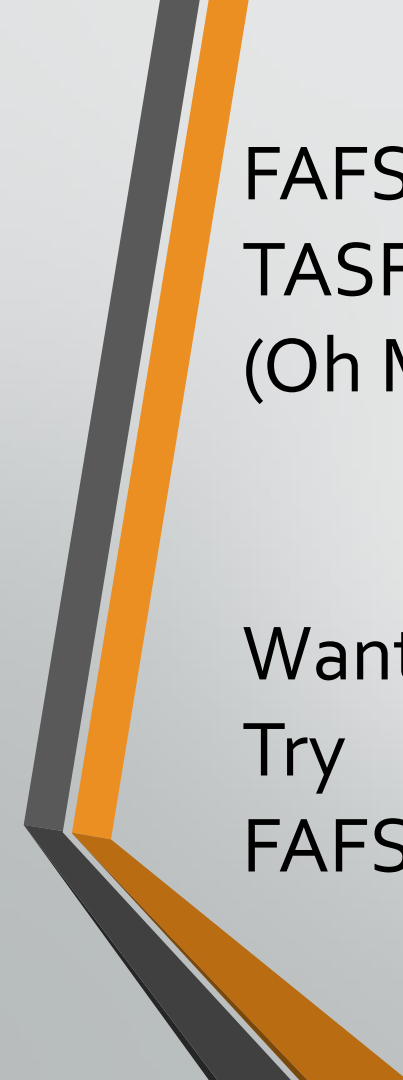
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Want to practice?
Try
FAFSA4Caster

Resources available at

[http://gphscollegebound.w
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**URGENT: Complete the
2020-2021 FAFSA** (which is
when you'll be in college)



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TASFA: Texas financial aid for undocumented students. (See webpage above for details)

College applications open for many schools on July 1.

ApplyTexas.org or check your school's website for details.

Financial Aid Award for Jane Doe

	College A	College B
Tuition/Fees	5,300	21,300
Room and Meals	8,000	8,000
Books	900	900
Transportation	600	600
Personal/Miscellaneous	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,200</u>
Total Cost	\$16,000	\$32,000
Less Estimated Family Contribution	<u>-3,200</u>	<u>-3,200</u>
Equals Need - Eligibility for Financial Aid	\$12,800	\$28,800

	Financial Aid Offer (Package)	
State Grants	4,700	4,700
Federal Grants	2,200	2,200
Other Grant/Scholarship	1,800	14,000
Federal Stafford Loan	2,100	3,500
Federal Work Study	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
Total Financial Aid Package	\$12,800	\$26,400
Percentage Loan and Work	32%	21%
Percentage Grant	68%	79%
Percentage of Need Met	100%	92%

Additional Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan	3,400	2,000
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University Path

Dream--Choose 1 or 2 schools you WISH for

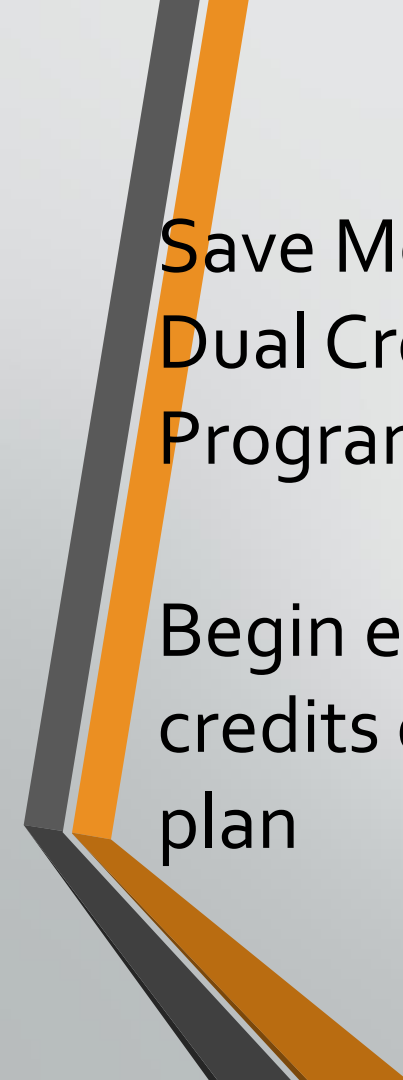
Match--Choose 1 or 2 schools you have exact scores for

Apply to FOUR to SIX

Over-Match--Choose 2 schools for which you have better scores than they require (more likely to get money)

Colleges (and San Jac)

- ❑ Variety of selectivity (how hard it is to get in)--less selective schools more likely to offer money
- ❑ Can be rejected from your major
- ❑ MORE THAN SIX=BAD IDEA
 - ❑ After you complete the application, colleges send you a LONG to-do list. You will not be able to keep up with the paperwork for too many schools.



Save Money Now! Dual Credit and AP Programs

Begin earning college
credits on your degree
plan

Resources for Dual Credit:

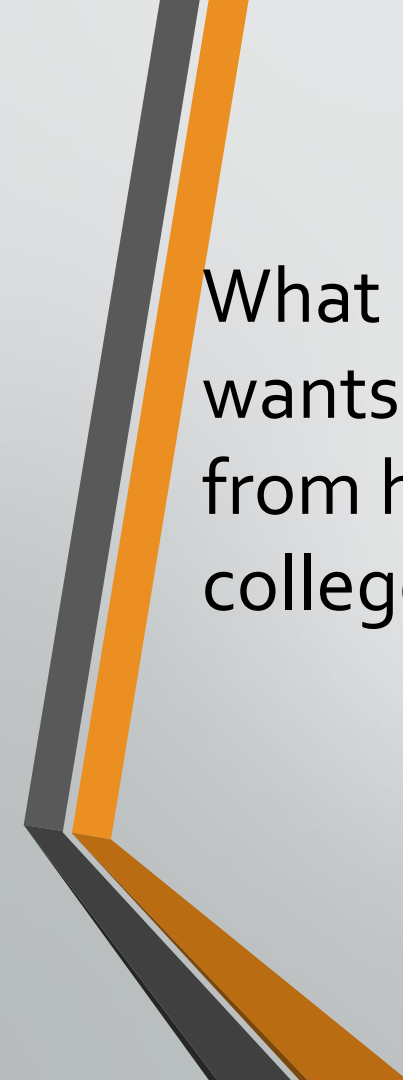
<https://gpisdccr.weebly.com/>

To explore degree plans:

Google NAME OF COLLEGE MAJOR
DEGREE PLAN

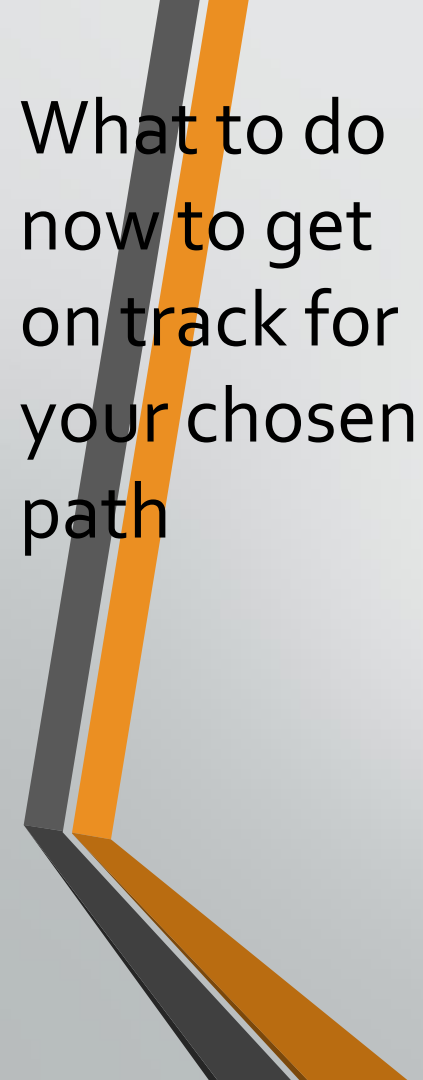
Example:

University of Houston English degree plan



What if my child wants to go away from home for college?

- ❑ If you can afford it (or get fee waivers), let them apply; evaluate the financial aid offer.
- ❑ Discuss as a family: How far is too far away? Flight vs Drive
- ❑ Why do they want to go? Does this college offer more? Is it better for their major?
- ❑ Research the school (and other options)



What to do now to get on track for your chosen path

- ❑ **Path: High school certificate**
 - ❑ Learn all you can about the certification requirements and test; study
 - ❑ Talk to recruiters about options (reserves vs active duty) and jobs; study for the ASVAB
- ❑ **Path: Community college degree or certificate**
 - ❑ Research the HUGE number of options for courses of study and different degree/certification plans; study for the TSIA (Accuplacer app, online material)
- ❑ **Path: Community college transfer**
 - ❑ Research both the community college and the university you plan to attend; know which courses will transfer and only plan to take those; find out about transfer scholarships; prepare for the TSIA (Accuplacer app, online material); take dual credit courses

Timeline for college-bound students

APPLY as US FRESHMAN (no matter status or dual credit)

USE GOOGLE TO KEEP TRACK OF PASSWORDS!


- ❑ **Tonight**
 - ❑ Make sure you sign up for REMIND
- ❑ **By September (December for community college)**
 - ❑ Get required ACT (TSIA) test scores for university
 - ❑ Write college applications and have them proofread before submitting
 - ❑ Create three scholarship-ready essays about your obstacles, family life, and education goals



Timeline continued

Note: For college,
deadline is NOT
when you turn it in!
EARLY is best!

- ❑ OCTOBER
 - ❑ Apply for FAFSA or TASFA
 - ❑ Join PTA (Scholarship opportunities)
- ❑ EACH MONTH OF SENIOR YEAR
 - ❑ Apply for at least 8 scholarships
 - ❑ Check your application portal to-do list weekly
 - ❑ Check email daily
 - ❑ Follow up on financial aid
 - ❑ Ask lots of questions



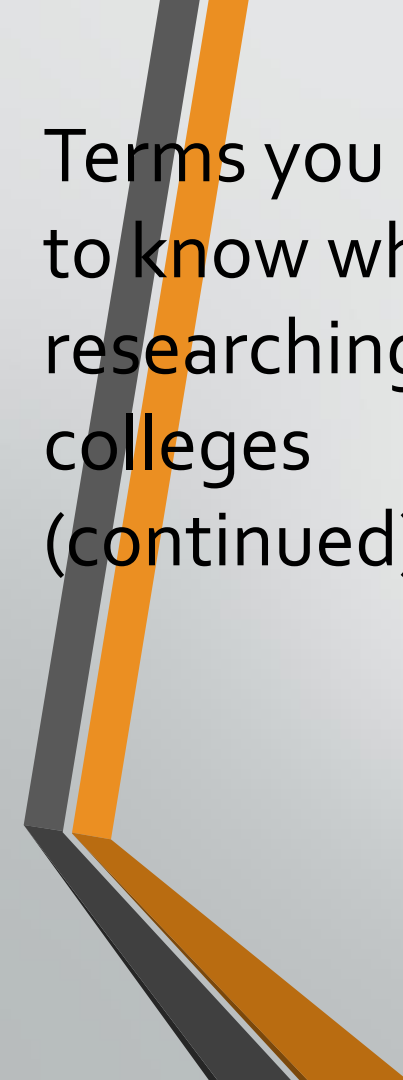
Terms you need to know when researching colleges

CREDIT HOURS (like credits in high school)

- ❑ The time spent in a course per week (usually 3 hours)
- ❑ A full-time student takes 12 hours (4 classes)

DEGREE PLAN AND COURSE NUMBERS

- ❑ A degree plan outlines the courses required to complete a certificate or degree
- ❑ Course numbers are assigned to classes and vary from college to college (ENGL 1301)
 - ❑ Texas Common Numbering System to compare two Texas colleges' course numbers



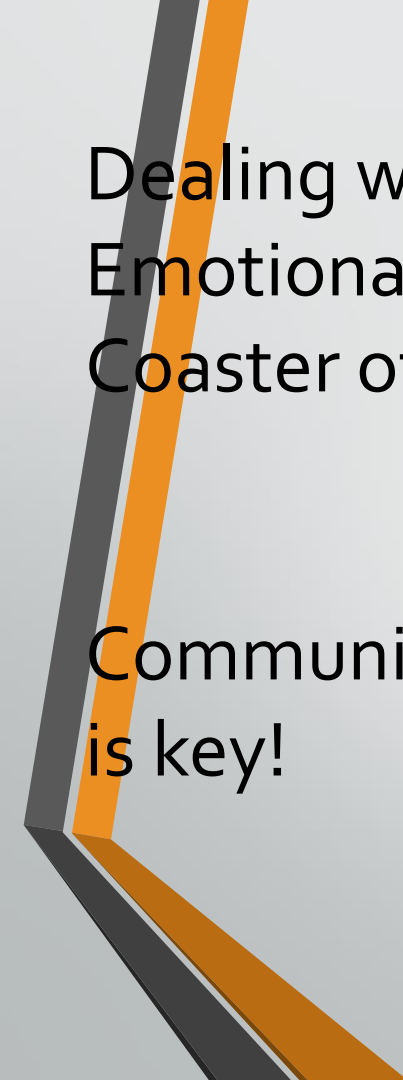
Terms you need to know when researching colleges (continued)

BASICS OR CORE CURRICULUM

- ❑ To earn a degree, you will take high school over again (English, math, art, etc.)
- ❑ Will vary by college and major--see degree plans for details.

FULL NEED MET

- ❑ This college will meet all need beyond your family's EFC (Expected Family Contribution)--meaning all you would have to pay is the EFC.



Dealing with the Emotional Roller Coaster of Senior Year

Communication
is key!

To the parents:

If you need a shoulder to cry on, I'm here! Counselors are here!
Administrators are here! Principals are here!

Your baby is grown up. Help them get through this year, but make them do the work (apps, research, etc.).
Beware of changes in spring semester.

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