



Keller High School
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THE PATH to COLLEGE

For 9th and 10th Grade Parents



Importance of Getting to Know Your Counselor



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What is the College and Career Center?

- Mission Statement and Calendar
- KISD Counseling Intervention Team Newsletters
- Counseling Team
- Guidance & Counseling Resources
- Keller High College & Career Center
- Send a Transcript
- SAT/ACT
- Scholarships
- Resumes & Recommendation Letters
- Dual Credit
- Registration/Course Selection
- Freshmen
- Sophomores
- Juniors
- Seniors
- Grade Point Average (GPA) and Rank
- Prospective Students

Welcome to the KHS College & Career Center!



I am Mr. Colvin, Keller High's new College and Career Counselor/Coach. You can email me at Randall.Colvin@kellerisd.net or call me at 817-744-1485.

My mission is to help all of Keller High's student become "College and Career Ready." I can help with many things including career exploration, investigating college majors, finding the right college, applying for college, applying for financial aid/scholarships, exploring other post-secondary options (e.g., technical college, military, or the work-force), and more.

College & Career Links

- KISD Scholarship List
- Keller ISD CCMR Resources
- KHS Scheduled College Visits
- Edmit College Search Tool
- Just for Juniors Parent Event 12/10/2020
- Sign up for the ASVAB
- Request a Meeting with Mr. Colvin
- Guide to Life after High School YouTube

Tweets by @keller_go



Great to have Blinn College, Wichita State University, and the University of Texas at Arlington visiting Keller High Today!



Transcripts

2017-2018	Keller Middle School (220-907-041)	Keller, TX		Grade 8		Spring
HL	HLTH ED		98	0.50	0.00	J
LOTE	SPAN 1		91	0.50	0.00	H
2018-2019	Keller High School (220-907-001)	Keller, TX		Grade 9		Fall
CTE	MEDTERM A		86	0.50	0.00	
ELA	ENG 1 A		86	0.50	0.00	H
FA	ART 1 A		94	0.50	0.00	H
LOTE	SPAN 2 A		89	0.50	0.00	
MA	ALG 1 A		83	0.50	0.00	
PE	SUBATH1 A		100	0.50	0.00	
SC	BIO A		85	0.50	0.00	
SS	W GEO A		88	0.50	0.00	
Credit State: 4.00 Local: 0.00						

Rank and GPA

- Rank
- GPA
- Automatic Admission

The Benefits of Rigor

- Honors
- Dual Credit
- On-Ramps
- AP Courses

Begin w/ the End in Mind

What Are Colleges Looking for?

- Rigorous Curriculum (Honors, AP, & Dual Credit)
- SAT & ACT
- GPA & Rank
- Grade Trend
- Leadership
- Extracurricular Activities: Clubs, sports, band, etc.
- Volunteer Hours
- Community Involvement

Dual Credit & AP: “Best Thing Since Sliced Bread!”



Importance of AP Tests/Dual Credits

- If you take the class, **take the Test!!**
- One Class at TCU costs over \$5,000 . . . One Dual Credit Course is about \$200 . . . One AP Test costs less than \$100
- State of Texas: 3 or Higher on AP Test gets College Credit
- 1,000% Return on your (parents') money

ACT, PSAT & SAT

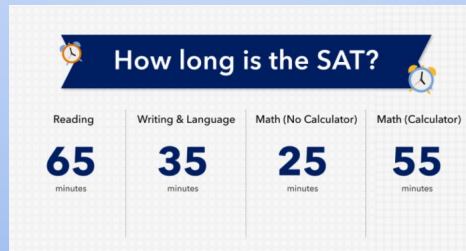
PSAT

- Students take in October during 9th, 10th and 11th grade.
- Your PSAT score helps to give you an idea of how you'll score on the SAT.
- The PSAT take 2 hours & 45 minutes and consists of Reading, Writing & Language, and Math.
- The PSAT is scored on a range of 320-1520.
- The PSAT National Merit Scholarship is based off of your 11th grade PSAT score.
 - Students that score in the top 3-4% are “Commended Scholars”
 - Students that score in the top 1% are Semifinalists (Can Apply to be Finalists)
 - National Merit Finalists often get amazing, scholarships, some are even full-ride scholarships.
 - National Hispanic, African American, and National Indigenous Scholars

Section	Length (minutes)	Number of Questions/Tasks
Reading	60	47
Writing and Language	35	44
Math	70	48
Total	165	139

SAT

- All 11th grade students take the SAT for free in March of their Junior year at their high school.
- SAT also has National testing dates that occur on Saturdays.
- The SAT is scored on a range of 400-1600.
 - Students must receive a 480 on EBRW and 530 on Math to be considered college ready
- The SAT consists of subject area tests in:
 - Reading
 - Writing & Language
 - Math
- If students are on free/reduced lunch they can receive a fee waiver from the counseling office.



ACT

- Students will typically take the ACT at the end of 11th grade or during 12th grade.
- ACT has National testing dates that occur on Saturdays.
- The ACT consists of subject area tests in
 - English
 - Math
 - Reading
 - Science
 - optional writing component
- If students are on free/reduced lunch they can receive a fee waiver from the counseling office.
- ACT is scored on a scale of 1 to 36.
 - College Ready: At least 22 on math for an exemption in math and/or Combined score of 40 on the English and Reading tests for an exemption in reading and writing

ACT TEST FORMAT			
SECTION	TIME LIMIT	# OF QUESTIONS	SUMMARY
English	45 minutes	75 questions	Covers punctuation, grammar, usage, and sentence structure. Also tests your rhetorical skills in strategy, organization, and style.
Math	60 minutes	60 questions	Covers basic mathematical skills that are typical for a student at the end of 11 grade. You will be tests on pre-algebra, elementary algebra, intermediate algebra, coordinate geometry, plane geometry and trigonometry.
Reading	35 minutes	40 questions	Evaluates your reading comprehension. You will be given four passages and use your referring and reasoning skills to identify main ideas, locate important details, understand sequences of events and make comparisons.
Science	35 minutes	40 questions	Measures your skills in natural sciences. You will be evaluated on interpretation, analysis, evaluation, reasoning, and problem solving.

Getting “College & Career Ready”

- 9 Hours of Dual Credit or 3 hours of English/Math
- Earn College Credit through On-Ramps
- 3 on an AP Test
- Make a 480 on English SAT and 530 on Math SAT
- 22 on ACT Math; Combined 40 on English & Reading
- Pass the TSI
- Follow a CTE Pathway and earn a state-approved IBC
- Complete a College Prep Course in Math & English (or Complete College Bridge)
- Earn an Associate’s Degree in High School
- Enlist in the Military

Getting “College Ready” TSI/SAT/ACT

- SAT: 530 on Math & 480 on English
- ACT: 23 College Ready: At least 22 on math for an exemption in math and/or Combined score of 40 on the English and Reading tests for an exemption in reading and writing
- TSI: 950 on Math; 945 on English

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The College Search

Academic Fit

- **Reach Schools:** Reach schools are not out of reach. They are just more selective. Your academic record may be lower than the typical applicant.
- **Match Schools:** Your academic record will be similar to the “average” student admitted to the school.
- **Safety Schools:** A majority of students will be admitted to these schools. Scholarships may be higher for these (especially if applicant’s test scores are in the top 25% of scores for that college)

Public vs. Private Colleges

- Going to an in-state, public college is often a way to save money on college!
- “Out of state” tuition
- In-state, public colleges are subsidized by the taxpayers of that state
- We encourage all students to apply to at least one in-state college where they have a high likelihood of admission
- There are also a handful of out-of-state colleges that offer in-state tuition for Keller ISD students (Eg., Wichita State University).

Finding the “Right Fit”

- The “right fit” looks different for every student
- Find a college where a student can “plug-in”
- Understand the culture of the college
- College “right-fit” leads to student happiness and completion of college
- Visit Colleges frequently and deliberately

Building Your Resume/CV

- Keep track of what you do and awards you receive
- Keep lists and create a resume
- Take advantage of leadership opportunities in and out of school
- Enrichment Opportunities in the Summer (Boy's State/Girl's State)
- Can be useful for applying to College
- Often included when you apply for scholarships

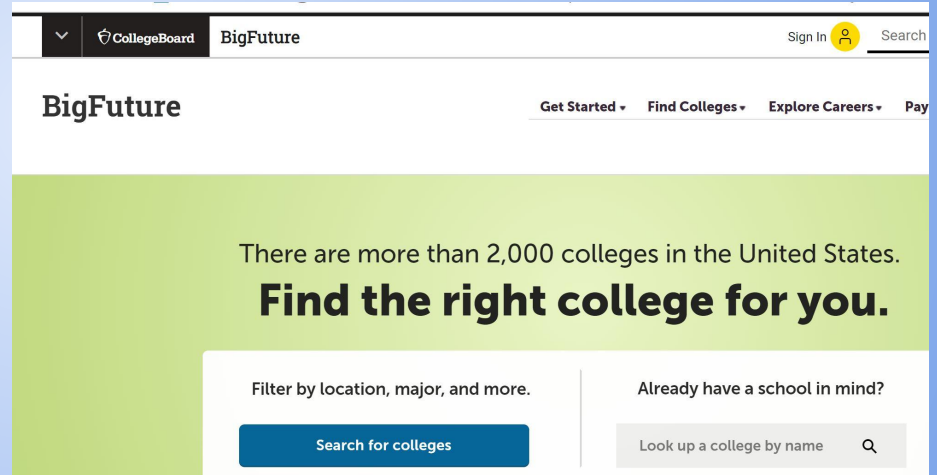
Highlighting Two Favorites: College Navigator & Big Future

College Navigator



The screenshot shows the College Navigator website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'MENU', 'IES', 'NCES', and 'National Center for Education Statistics'. Below this is the 'COLLEGE Navigator' logo. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column contains search filters: 'Name of School' (a text input field), 'States' (a dropdown menu with 'No Preference', 'Alabama', and 'Alaska' visible, and a 'Use Map' button), 'ZIP Code' (a text input field), 'Miles from' (a dropdown menu), 'Programs/Majors' (a section with '0 Items Selected' and a 'Browse for Programs' button), 'Level of Award' (checkboxes for 'Certificate', 'Bachelor's', 'Associate's', and 'Advanced'), and 'Institution Type' (partially visible). The right column features a large banner with the text 'Find the right college for you' and a 'Guide Me' button. Below the banner, there are two bullet points: '» Refine your search with More Search Options to select additional search criteria.' and '» Build a list of schools using My Favorites for side-by-side comparisons.'

College Board Big Future

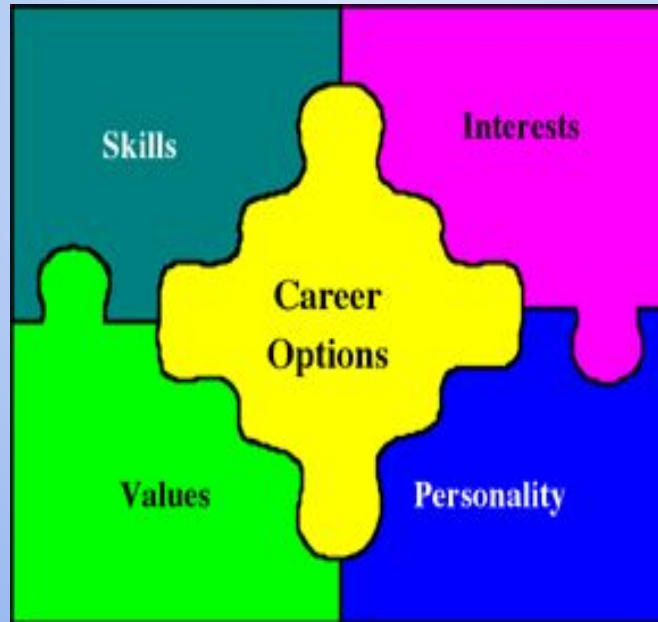


The screenshot shows the College Board Big Future website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'CollegeBoard', 'BigFuture', 'Sign In', and 'Search'. Below this is the 'BigFuture' logo and a navigation menu with 'Get Started', 'Find Colleges', 'Explore Careers', and 'Pay'. The main content area is a large green banner with the text 'There are more than 2,000 colleges in the United States. Find the right college for you.' Below the banner, there are two columns. The left column has the text 'Filter by location, major, and more.' and a 'Search for colleges' button. The right column has the text 'Already have a school in mind?' and a 'Look up a college by name' input field with a search icon.

Get to Know Yourself!

[Take a Career Interest Inventory](#)

[Take the ASVAB](#)



Career Interest Inventories & Personality Tests— Google: “Keller ISD CCMR”



The screenshot shows the Keller ISD website with a green header and a white navigation bar. The main content area is white with a blue sidebar on the left. The sidebar contains a list of links under the heading "COLLEGE, CAREER & MILITARY READINESS". The main content area features a section titled "CAREER EXPLORATION" with a sub-section for "Career Interest Inventories". This section includes a paragraph of text and a bulleted list of resources. Below this is a "Career Search Sites" section with two sub-sections: "Career Coach" and "Career One Stop".

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COLLEGE, CAREER & MILITARY READINESS

- [College, Career and Military Readiness Home](#)
- [ACT/SAT/TSI Resources](#)
- [Advanced Placement, Dual Credit & OnRamps](#)
- [AVID](#)
- [Career Exploration](#)
- [Checklists](#)
- [College Applications](#)
- [College Searches](#)
- [College Visits](#)
- [FAFSA, TASFA & Financial Aid](#)

CAREER EXPLORATION

Career Interest Inventories

The following are a few inventories or profile assessments that you may find helpful when trying to decide on a career or major to study.

- [Personality Type Guided Activity](#)
- [Careeronestop Interest Assessment](#)
- [Education Planner.org](#)
- [O'Net Interest Profiler](#)
- [Texas Career Check Interest Profiler](#)
- [Jung Typology personality test](#)
- [Enneagram Personality test](#)
- [123Personality test](#)

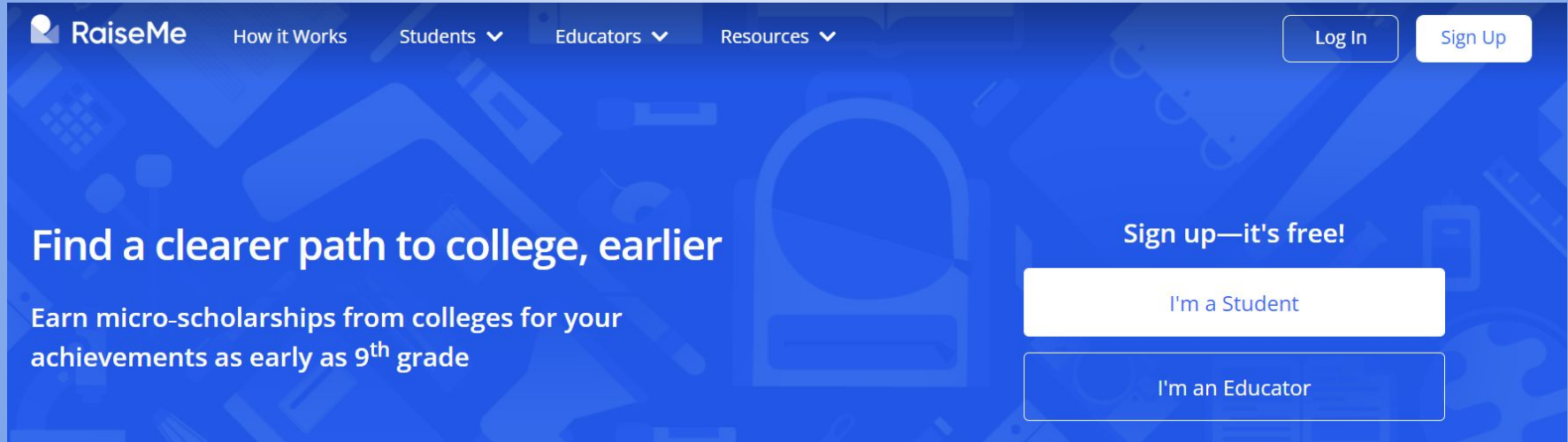
Career Search Sites


Career Coach
This amazing FREE online tool from Workforce Solutions gives Tarrant County residents the ability to research local careers and training programs like never before.

Career One Stop
A source for career exploration, training and jobs, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor.

Get Schooled
Thinking about pursuing a trade career after graduating high school? Trades are professions like electrician, plumber, welder, auto-mechanic, construction, carpenter - generally professions that require specific training and manual work. This site offers great insight into how trade schools differ from college and some things to consider when looking into those programs.

Start Looking for Micro Scholarships: Raise.me (Even in 9th Grade)



 [How it Works](#) [Students](#) [Educators](#) [Resources](#) [Log In](#) [Sign Up](#)

Find a clearer path to college, earlier

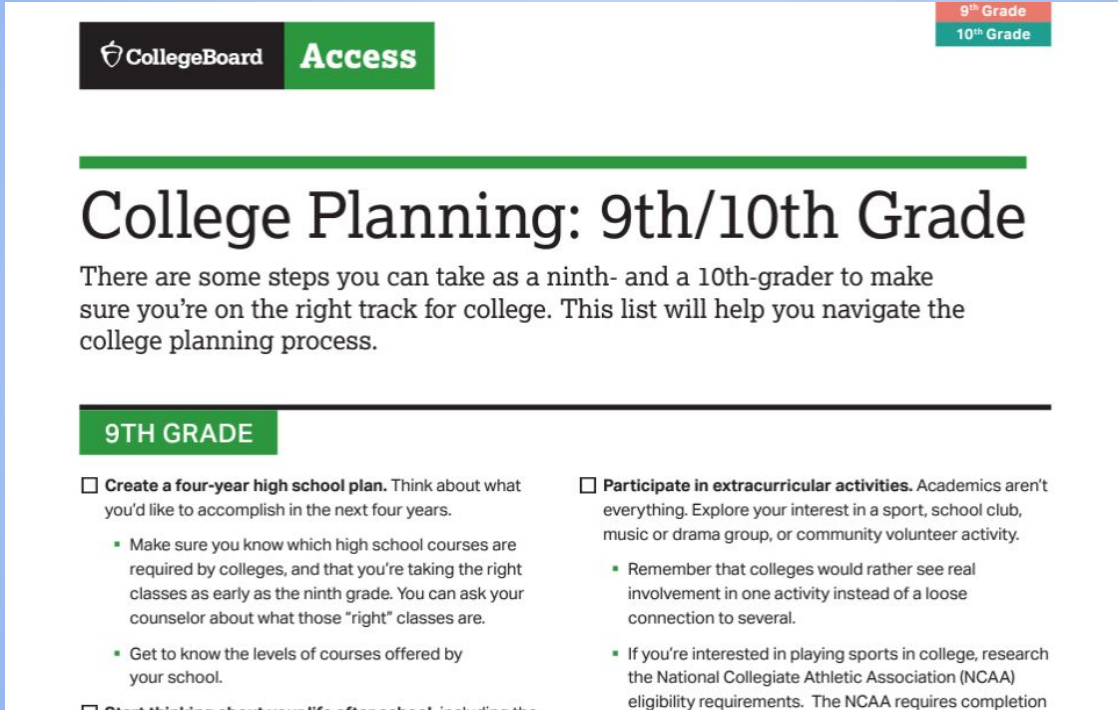
Earn micro-scholarships from colleges for your achievements as early as 9th grade

Sign up—it's free!

[I'm a Student](#)

[I'm an Educator](#)

College Board Checklists for Each Grade Level



The screenshot shows the top portion of a webpage. At the top left is the CollegeBoard logo and the word "Access" in a green box. At the top right are two tabs: "9th Grade" (highlighted in red) and "10th Grade" (highlighted in green). Below this is a green horizontal line. The main title is "College Planning: 9th/10th Grade". Below the title is a paragraph of introductory text. A black horizontal line separates the title from the checklist. Below this line is a green box with the text "9TH GRADE". The checklist consists of two main items, each with a checkbox and a bulleted list of sub-points.

CollegeBoard Access

9th Grade
10th Grade

College Planning: 9th/10th Grade

There are some steps you can take as a ninth- and a 10th-grader to make sure you're on the right track for college. This list will help you navigate the college planning process.

9TH GRADE

- Create a four-year high school plan.** Think about what you'd like to accomplish in the next four years.
 - Make sure you know which high school courses are required by colleges, and that you're taking the right classes as early as the ninth grade. You can ask your counselor about what those "right" classes are.
 - Get to know the levels of courses offered by your school.
- Participate in extracurricular activities.** Academics aren't everything. Explore your interest in a sport, school club, music or drama group, or community volunteer activity.
 - Remember that colleges would rather see real involvement in one activity instead of a loose connection to several.
 - If you're interested in playing sports in college, research the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) eligibility requirements. The NCAA requires completion

<https://www.kellerisd.net/Page/6478>

Questions/Discussion??

Get Copies of the College Planning Checklists