

Greetings Seniors and Parents,

It is our pleasure to announce that beginning with the graduating class of 2023, students who have completed one or more College, Career, and Military Readiness indicators will receive cords to wear at graduation that align with their achievement. We are excited to extend this opportunity to our Senior 2023 class this year **free of charge**. Students have the opportunity to earn one cord per CCMR category in the following ways:

Category I: College Ready - meet **one** option below

- Meet the TSI College-Ready Criteria in ELA **and** Math (including TSI, SAT, ACT, or College Prep Course completion)
- Earn 3 hours of dual credit in math or English
- Earn 9 hours of dual credit in any combination of subjects
- Make a 3+ on one or more AP Exams
- Earn an Associate Degree
- Qualify for OnRamps College Course Credit

Category II: Career Ready - meet **one** option below

- Earn an approved industry-based certification (IBC)
- Graduate with completed IEP and workforce readiness
- Graduate with an advanced degree plan and received special education services
- Earn a Level I or Level II certificate

Category III: Military Ready

- Enlist in the U.S. Armed Forces (Signed DD4 form must be submitted to CCMR Counselor)

The CCMR cords will be distributed as follows:

Earn an indicator in 1 category – receive a single crimson cord

Earn an indicator in 2 categories – receive a crimson cord and platinum cord (knotted)

Earn an indicator in all 3 categories – receive crimson, platinum, and tri-color cords (knotted)

**Students who earn a point from Category III (Military Ready) will always receive a tri-color (crimson, platinum, royal blue) braided cord regardless of other points earned.*

There are still opportunities to earn a CCMR indicator before the end of the school year.

If you are in a CTE program of study, ask your CTE teacher if/when an Industry-Based Certification (IBC) test will be offered. If you pass the IBC, you may earn a CCMR cord. Not all certifications count for career readiness and earn a cord, so please check with your teacher on the specifics of your pathway.

The TSI test will be offered at CHS on the following days:

-March 1st ([register here through February 24](#))

-Additional dates are being planned and will be announced ASAP

SAT will be administered in the local area on March 11 and May 6. You may [sign up here](#). Unfortunately, Central's fee waivers have been exhausted for the 2022-2023 testing cycle and College Board will not provide more until the October 2023 test.

ACT will be administered in the local area on April 15. You may [sign up here](#). If you receive free/reduced lunch, see the counseling secretary for an ACT fee waiver.

You and your student will be notified of the cord pickup schedule later this semester. There are no actions you need to take or order or secure your cord other than completing the qualifications listed.

If you have any questions, please contact Kelli Adams, the CHS CCMR Coach at kelli.adams@kellerisd.net

Sincerely,

Central High School Counseling Department