

Timber Creek High School  
Just for Juniors  
Class of 2024



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# WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO BE DOING?

**YOUR JUNIOR YEAR IS UNDER WAY (YAY!) NOW WHAT.....**



Study for  
SAT and/or  
ACT!

Start  
building a  
resume  
or "brag  
sheet"

Create  
**FSA ID**  
(Student & Parent)

Start making a  
College list.

Start writing your  
admissions  
essay!

Watch  
virtual  
tours  
about  
colleges!

VISIT  
COLLEGES!

Research  
post-secondary  
institutions!



GET A  
JOB!

VOLUNTEER!






# College Research: 2 or 4 year College & Trade/Technical School

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- Niche
- College Navigator
- Edmit
- Big Future

# Junior Checklist (from College Board)

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



CollegeBoard Access

11<sup>th</sup> Grade

## College Planning: 11th Grade

Junior year marks a turning point. This is because for most students and families, it's when college planning activities kick into high gear. Here are some things you can do this year to stay on track for college.

### FALL

- Start with you:** Make lists of your abilities, social/cultural preferences, and personal qualities. List things you may want to study and do in college.
- Learn about colleges.** Look at their websites and find colleges at [bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search](https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search). Talk to friends, family members, teachers, and recent grads of your school now in college. List the college features that interest you.
- Resource check:** Visit the counselling office and meet the counselors there. Is there a college night for students and families? When will college representatives visit your school? (Put the dates in your calendar.) Examine catalogs and guides.
- At school, speak to your counselor about taking the PSAT/NMSQT<sup>®</sup>,** which is given in October. If you plan to ask for testing accommodations (because of a disability), be sure the College Board has approved your eligibility.
- Make a file to manage your college search, testing, and application data.** If appropriate (for example, if you're interested in drama, music, art, sports, etc.), start to gather material for a portfolio.
- Estimate your financial aid need.** Financial aid can help you afford college. Use the College Board's *Getting Financial Aid* and the financial aid calculator at [bigfuture.org](https://bigfuture.org) to estimate how much aid you might receive.

# FALL SEMESTER

## SENIOR YEAR

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- Start applying for colleges- pay attention to application deadlines!
  - Submit transcript
  - Letters of recommendation
  - Essays- always do them!
- FAFSA opens October 1<sup>st</sup>- free money goes fast!
- Look and apply for scholarships!
- Testing: ASVAB, SAT, ACT, TSI (take SAT/ACT no later than December - earlier is better)
- Update resume and/or “brag sheet”
- Keep grades up!



# COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

## WHAT DO THEY LOOK FOR?

Grades (transcript)

GPA

Rigor of courses

Class Rank

Extracurricular activities

Essays

Volunteer and Work

Leadership

Letters of Recommendation

Test Scores Optional on  
Application?



## TOP 10% RULE

- Automatic Acceptance
- Texas Public Universities
- U.T. only top 6%
- U.N.T. accepts top 20%  
(you still must apply and send all docs to be admitted)



# COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

The screenshot shows the ApplyTexas website homepage. At the top left is the ApplyTexas logo with the tagline "Many Schools. One Application." and navigation links for "About ApplyTexas", "Help", and "Counselors & Administrators log in here". The main heading is "Explore. Apply. Repeat." Below this, there are three columns of text: "Research your options.", "Apply online.", and "Do it again.", each with a brief description and a "Get started now" link. A section for "Essay prompts" is also visible. At the bottom, there are two buttons: "Get started" for new users and "Log in now" for existing users. A login form with fields for "username" and "password" is present, along with a "Log in" button and a link for "Problems logging in? Click here". The footer includes the date "Last updated February 03, 2021" and a "SecureTrust" logo.

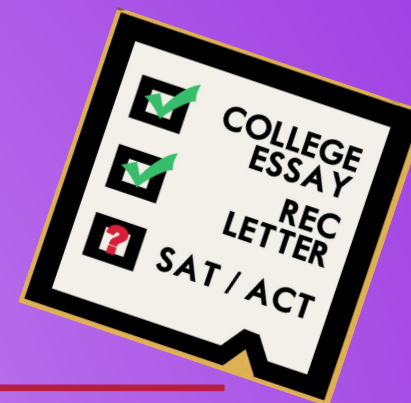
[www.goapplytexas.org](http://www.goapplytexas.org)

The screenshot shows the Common App website homepage. At the top left is the Common App logo with navigation links for "FIND A COLLEGE", "Plan for college", "Apply to college", and "Support your students". There are "Sign in" and "Create an account" buttons. The main heading is "Your future starts here" over a background image of a smiling young woman with curly hair wearing headphones. Below the heading is a "Start your application" button. A section titled "Explore more than 900 colleges on Common App" features a search bar with the placeholder text "Enter college name" and a magnifying glass icon.

[www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)

# ??TEST OPTIONAL??

What Test Optional  
Really Means



## YOU SURE ABOUT THAT?

“Test optional” only applies to the application. You do not have to submit test scores with the application.....

However.... In the state of Texas a student must prove they are “college ready” by submitting test scores!  
(if attending a public TX college or university)

*Texas Success Initiative*

“college ready” = TSI met or TSI exempt

How to be TSI exempt -  
SAT and/or ACT scores

**SAT** = 480 on reading and/or 530 on math

**ACT** = 23 overall and a 19 on reading and/or math

Don't have the SAT or ACT scores?  
You will take the TSI test!

Don't meet minimum standards on TSI? You will take Developmental or Remedial Courses first



# SAT VS ACT



	ACT	New SAT	
2 Hours 55 Minutes	<b>36</b> ← TOP SCORE	<b>1600</b> ← TOP SCORE	3 Hours
	<b>MATH SECTION</b> 1+1= No Formulas given Calculator for ALL sections No Grid-in Answers	<b>MATH SECTION</b> Lots of Formulas given Calculator for ONE section Grid-in Answers 1+1=	
	<b>TOPICS</b> → Geometry Algebra Arithmetic Trigonometry	Some Geometry & Arithmetic Advanced Algebra Some Trigonometry Interpretation of Data ← <b>TOPICS</b>	
4 SECTIONS	<b>READING SECTION</b> 8% Vocabulary	<b>READING/Writing SECTION</b> 17% Vocabulary (Reading Questions) 7% Vocabulary (Writing Questions) Questions based on Graphs & Charts	2 SECTIONS
	<b>ENGLISH/Writing SECTION</b> 3% Vocabulary		
	<b>SCIENCE SECTION</b> Interpretation of Data Graphs & Charts	<del>SCIENCE SECTION</del>	

Most colleges will accept either test!

Registration:

SAT = [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

ACT = [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

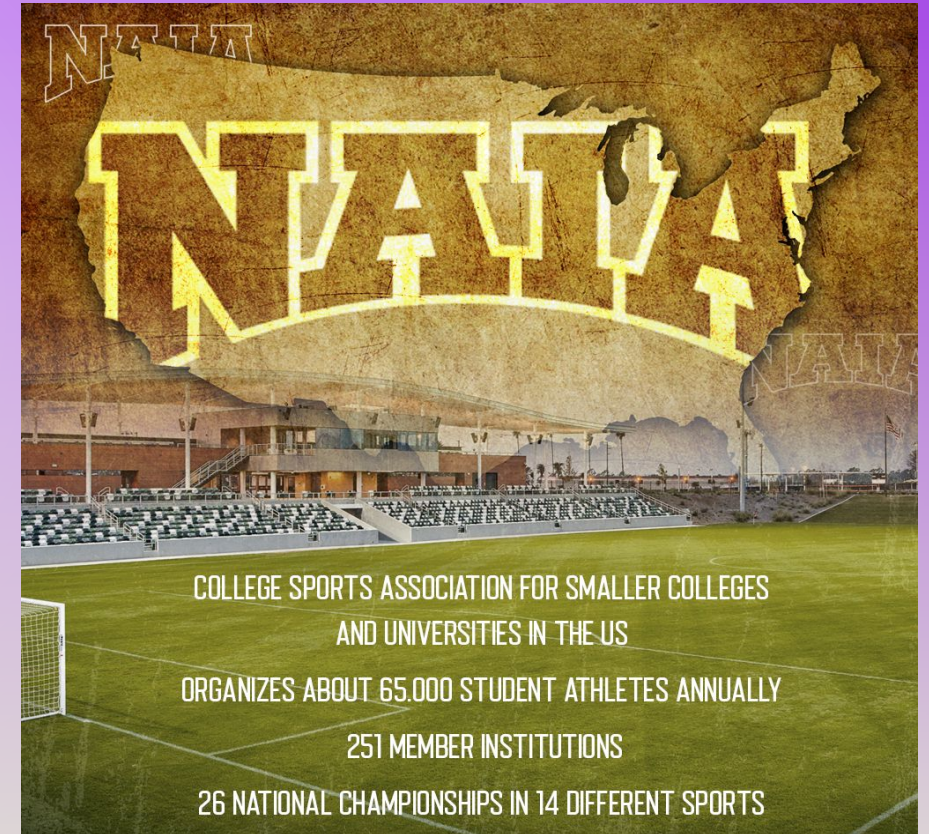
FREE study resources available for both tests!

# COLLEGE ATHLETES NCAA OR NAIA



Students planning to play college level athletics should register for NCAA or NAIA Eligibility Center

Instructions for registering are found [HERE](#)



# “NON-UNIVERSITY” OPTIONS

## MILITARY

Air Force      Marines  
Army      National Guard  
Coast Guard      Navy  
Reserves



## Technical Schools

T.S.T.C      U.T.I.  
DuVall's School      Toni & Guy  
Parker University      Devry  
Art Institute      Court Reporting  
Culinary Schools  
Dental Assisting Academy

## Community College

(these also offer tech/trade programs)  
Tarrant County College  
Dallas Community Colleges  
Weatherford College





# Technical Programs

- Tarrant County College: Registered Nurse (RN), Automotive Service Technology, Aviation Maintenance, Construction Management, Firefighter Certification, HVAC (Air Conditioning), Real Estate
- Texas State Technical College (Dallas): Architectural Design, Computer Networking, Cybersecurity, HVAC, Welding
- Parker University: Chiropractics, Health Sciences, Business & Technology
- Ogle School & L Makeup Institute (Southlake): Cosmetology, Esthetics, Manicurist, Stylist
- And so many more!

# ASVAB

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- Taken by students to find careers that match their skill levels and interests
- Offered to 10<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders
- Required to enter military
- Given at school each October & March, or students can choose to take it with a military recruiting station



# FAFSA

## FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID



- Create FSA ID: [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov)
  - Parent and student need an FSA ID
- Application opens October 1<sup>st</sup> (of senior year)
- Use previous year's tax returns
- Workshops available fall of senior year
- Colleges need FAFSA on file to determine financial need and award scholarships (or other money)
- Fill out FAFSA every year while in college

## Types of Financial Aid



### GRANTS

Needs-based  
Don't have to pay back



### SCHOLARSHIPS

Need or merit based  
Don't have to pay back



### WORK STUDY

Need-based  
Don't have to pay back



### LOANS

Pay back with interest  
Federal loans preferred over private





# SCHOLARSHIPS



NEVER pay for  
scholarships or  
scholarship searches

Often must have FAFSA on file  
before applying to 'campus  
specific' scholarships

TCHS will have local  
scholarships available  
(most in spring) on the  
TCHS CCMR website

## SCHOLARSHIP LIST

District wide scholarship google doc  
National & local scholarship applications

College, Career, and Military Readiness  
website has additional scholarship  
resources: KISD CCMR webpage


Pay  
attention to  
deadlines!!



# TRANSCRIPTS

<https://kellertx.scriborder.com/>





- ❑ 2 orders for free
  - ❑ 1 order can have multiple colleges
  - ❑ Order one for yourself- will be emailed to address provided
- ❑ First transcript requested will be from the end of junior year
- ❑ Final Official transcript requested in the summer of 2024



**KELLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**STUDENT RECORDS REQUESTS**

**Select To Get Started:**

-  [CLICK HERE if you are a CURRENT student looking to order your transcript.](#)
-  [CLICK HERE if you are a FORMER STUDENT and would like to order your student record or transcript](#)
-  [I am a college or university requesting a copy of a student record.](#)
-  [CLICK HERE if you are a BACKGROUND CHECK or CORPORATIONS, MILITARY, ATHLETICS](#)

**General Information**  
The Keller Independent School District now offers a secure site for current and former students to request records and transcripts.  
All requests for student records / transcripts must be submitted and paid for online. Walk-ins, mail, fax and phone requests are not accepted.  
Per the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and District policy student records are only released to the student or parent/guardian of a student under 18 years of age.  
**\*\*\*If the student is 18 year of age or older, school records will not be released to a parent, guardian or responsible person without the student's written consent.**  
Per District policy and Texas Education Agency requirements, "official" high school transcripts may not be issued directly to students, but must be sent directly to the college, employer, etc. **Any transcript given directly to the student will be considered "unofficial".**

**Please note the information below:**

- See below for cost of documents.
- Student record requests will be processed within 3 to 5 business days. Orders may be delayed longer than 10 days due to holidays, school breaks, and high volume months of July, August, January and May
- Requests are processed on normal business days during normal business hours (Monday – Friday 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM)

*All requests will be checked for accuracy. Any inaccurate information may result in your record not being processed. All communication with regard to your order, payment, our progress, and the records delivery will be sent via email.*

Please note that this website is optimized for IE 8.0 and higher, Safari, Chrome and Firefox.

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**Personality Assessment**  
5-minute interest inventory + career path  
*Fit Scores*



**Career Exploration**  
Career path test drives, occupation overviews, localized labor data & job growth outlooks



**Academic Planning**  
Align course selection to grad requirements and post-secondary goals



**Postsecondary Opportunities**  
Compare schools and search for financial aid - save items to your list of Favorites



**Resume**  
Write cover letters & build a digital resume to share with employers



**Work-Based Learning**  
Search and apply for internships & get on-the-job training from local employers



**LIVE THE LIFE YOU WANT!**

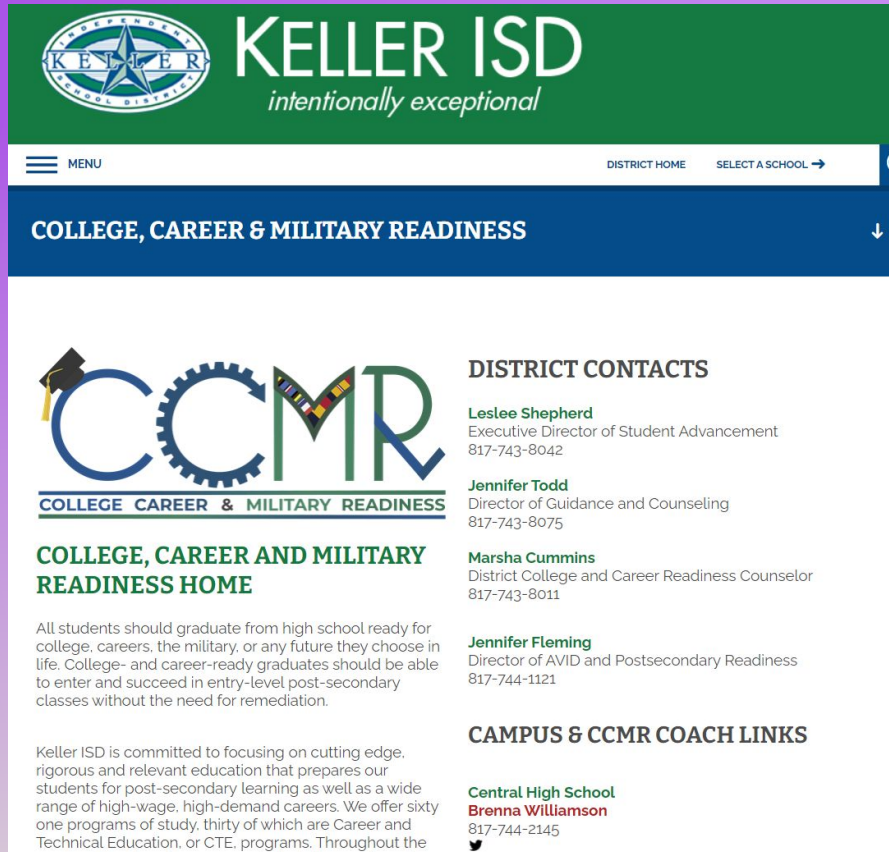


Log into Major Clarity:  
<https://platform.majorclarity.com/>

Scroll down and click on the continue with Google button.

Choose your school account to login.

# OTHER IMPORTANT WEBSITES



**KELLER ISD**  
*intentionally exceptional*

**COLLEGE, CAREER & MILITARY READINESS**

**CCMR**  
COLLEGE CAREER & MILITARY READINESS

**COLLEGE, CAREER AND MILITARY READINESS HOME**

All students should graduate from high school ready for college, careers, the military, or any future they choose in life. College- and career-ready graduates should be able to enter and succeed in entry-level post-secondary classes without the need for remediation.

Keller ISD is committed to focusing on cutting edge, rigorous and relevant education that prepares our students for post-secondary learning as well as a wide range of high-wage, high-demand careers. We offer sixty one programs of study, thirty of which are Career and Technical Education, or CTE, programs. Throughout the

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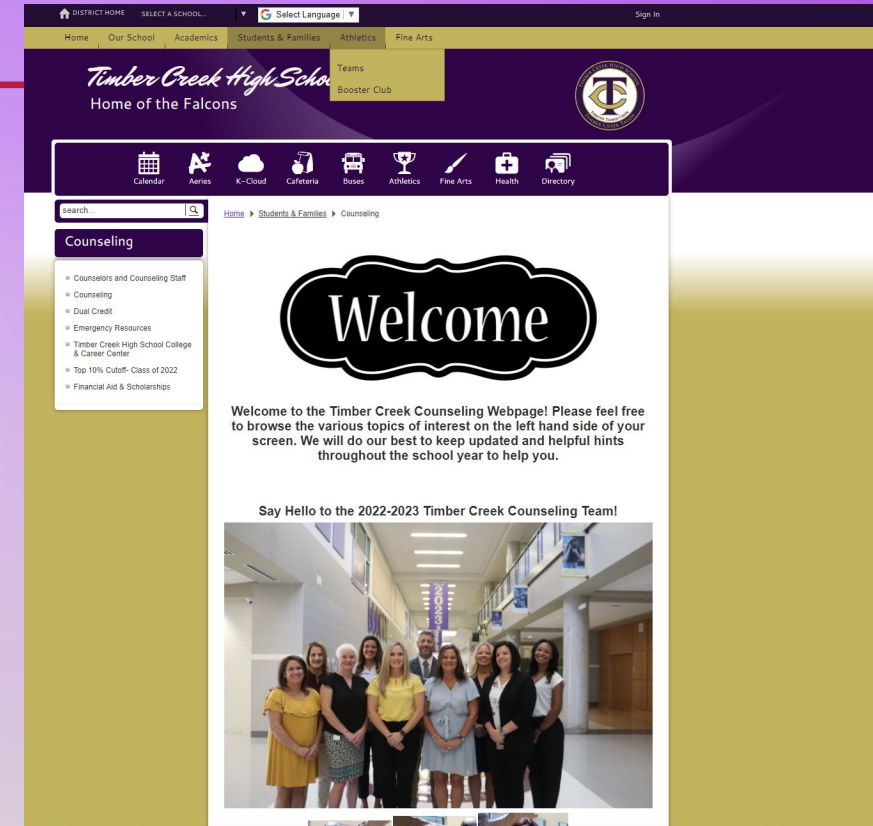
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**CAMPUS & CCMR COACH LINKS**

**Central High School**  
**Brenna Williamson**  
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<https://www.kellerisd.net/domain/3592>




**Timber Creek High School**  
Home of the Falcons

**Welcome**

Welcome to the Timber Creek Counseling Webpage! Please feel free to browse the various topics of interest on the left hand side of your screen. We will do our best to keep updated and helpful hints throughout the school year to help you.

Say Hello to the 2022-2023 Timber Creek Counseling Team!



<https://www.kellerisd.net/Page/6261>  
>Our School > Counseling

# Social Media

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Find us on Instagram and Twitter! We post information about upcoming events and information about registration, college, financial aid, and scholarships.



**Instagram: @tchs.counseling**



**Twitter: @tchsgo**

# IMPORTANT DATES

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- October 31st-November 4th: Junior Class Meetings
- November 1st, 6-8 PM, TCHS Lecutre Hall: Parent Connection Meeting-Unbranded Student- NEED TO GET BLURB
- November 7th-18th: Junior Individual Meetings with Counselor
- March 1st, 2023: SAT School day for Juniors