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All Juniors to register for ACT/SAT exams in

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All 11th grade students at HSP will be registering for the Spring 2021 ACT administration in February 2021.

This exam is being offered during the day to all La Joya ISD 11th grade students.

This test administration will not use one of your four fee waivers for the ACT-the district is paying for this once-a-year during the week exam.

All ACT and SAT exams are offered on Saturdays; however ACT has created this special administration during the weekday to enable more students to take the ACT.

The timeline for high school students to take their ACT/SAT exams is as follows:

Spring of Junior year:
ACT and/or SAT

Fall of Senior year: ACT
and/or SAT

More information will be forthcoming regarding the registration for this February ACT.

All juniors are encouraged to use their fee waiver to sign up for an additional Spring 2021 administration, remember the district will give you six fee waivers that will pay for four ACT's and two SAT's.

Please ensure that you have a valid email address; it will be required for registration.

You will need to upload a photo for your test ticket. A photo ID will also be required on testing day.

On the day of the test, you are only allowed a pencil, eraser and approved calculator for the math portion only.

Free study programs are available online for you to practice:

www.act.org

www.princetonreview.com

www.shmoop.com

Spring 2021 ACT test dates:

February 6, 2021-registration
deadline (RD) 1/8/2021

April 17, 2021-RD: 3/12/21

June 12, 2021-RD: 5/7/21

July 17, 2021-RD: 6/18/21

Spring 2021 SAT test dates:

March 13, 2021-RD:
2/12/21

May 8, 2021-RD: 4/8/21

June 5, 2021-RD: 5/6/21

Application open for STC Dual Enrollment Academies

10th Grade: If you are interested in applying for the Dual Enrollment Academies at South Texas College, please begin your application process now.

Deadline: March 2021

Required: Essay, Resume, TSI Complete, ApplyTexas application to STC, Dual Enrollment Academy online application, (3) Teacher recommendations.

Degrees being offered: Biology, Engineering, Criminal Justice, Visual Arts, Math, Business, Pre-Pharmacy, Education.

Access the STC Dual Enrollment Academies Webpage for more information:

<https://www.southtexascollege.edu/dual/academies/>

CHARACTER TRAIT OF THE MONTH: RESPONSIBILITY

The ability to be trusted to complete a task.

Responsibility is a character trait that is learned early in life and it is how one earns trust. When you consistently show through your actions that you behave responsibly, you earn trust and are labeled as responsible. Your parents, teachers and employers will view you as a mature, responsible and capable young adult who can be trusted with important tasks .

Online Classroom Etiquette

1. **Be respectful. If you wouldn't say it to someone's face, don't say it online either.**

2. **Be aware of strong language, all caps, and exclamation points. Tip: Read everything out loud before you send it.**

3. **Be careful with humor and sarcasm.** Make sure that it is clear you are being funny and not being rude. Emoticons and smileys can be helpful when conveying humor or sarcasm so that it is read correctly.

4. **Yes, grammar and spelling matter.** While texting, textspeak can be great for your friends. In an educational setting (even online) however, keep it formal.

5. **Cite your sources.** Whenever you are sharing an idea that originated from someone else (even if it is not word for word), it is good practice to cite that source. If you read a great thought in your text, share it, but be sure you let your audience know where you saw it first.

6. **Don't post or share (even privately) inappropriate material.** Enough said there. Nothing is truly private online.

Counseling and Guidance: November Sexual Harassment and Abuse

Sexual harassment is any unwanted physical or verbal advances that have sexual overtones. Examples of behavior that is considered a form of sexual abuse:

- ◆ Sexual jokes
- ◆ Touching in an inappropriate way
- ◆ Inappropriate gestures
- ◆ Spreading rumors about another person's sexual behavior
- ◆ Drawing sexually explicit pictures and passing them around
- ◆ Rubbing up against someone in a provocative way

If you feel you have been the victim of sexual harassment/abuse please speak up and tell a trusted adult.

Clubs and Organizations at AHSP & STEM

The following clubs and organizations are active at AHSP, if you are interested, please contact the sponsors below:

**La Joya Fellowship of Christian Athletes-
Mr. J. Kazmierczak**

**You can contact Mr. Kohn about the
clubs and organizations below:**

Gay-Straight Alliance Club-Google Classroom code: x3qd4og
**Among Us Club (video game club)-
Google Classroom code: k6zlja7**
**Student Council-Google Classroom code:
elpbhtg**

Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Passing Scores

MATH	350	READING	351
WRITING	Essay score of 5 OR Essay score of 4 AND Multiple Choice of 340		

Note:
In January 2021, TSI will change to one ELA exam to replace the current reading & writing exams.

How to register for a TSI Exam:
All TSI Exams are coordinated through your AVID teacher. You will be prepared with TSI practice in your AVID class through Edgenuity. Once you have demonstrated mastery in your Edgenuity modules, your teacher can submit your name to the TSI Proctor to arrange for a test date.



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COLLEGE**

Important Dates for STC Fall 2020 Semester Dual Students

Last day to drop a class: November 13, 2020

STC closed for Thanksgiving: November 26-29, 2020

STC Final Exams: December 7-13, 2020

Degree Plans

Think of your degree plan in the same terms as your high school graduation plan: You need to complete so many credit hours in order to receive your diploma.

A college degree plan outlines what classes you will take every se-

mester you are in college.

You must decide before you apply to college what degree plan you wish to follow, this includes dual enrollment.

There are dozens of degree plans to choose from; you must make that decision with your

family.

Take time to research which college or university offers the degree plan that best matches your career goals; not every university will offer what you want to major in so do your research.

Automatic Admissions Top 10 Percent

Students that graduate under the Distinguished Level of Achievement plan are eligible for top 10% Automatic Admission to Texas public universities. The only exception is UT-Austin, which will be top 6%.

Automatic Admission means that you will be admitted to the public university of your choice in the State of Texas.

However certain programs of study will still require specific scores for admission to their programs so do not rely solely on your top ten percent status to gain admission to your preferred program. The same applies to TSI scores; certain exemptions will not apply in college.



Senior Page of Events

Seniors, a few things to note:

- Senior BBQ is scheduled for November 18, 2020, either in person or curbside! To qualify you must complete your five college applications and your financial aid application.
- Important dates to remember for UTRGV: **December 1, 2020**: For merit-based scholarships you must be **admitted** by Dec. 1st, FAFSA/TASFA must be submitted, STC transcripts must be sent to UTRGV, Excellence Scholarship deadline-all December 1st!
- Remember to check the Counselor Senior Google Classroom Page regularly for important updates, notices, scholarship information, etc.

Event	Date/Time	Place
Apply to five college/universities	Month of October 2020	AVID 4 Classes
Apply for FAFSA ID for both self and one parent	1st week of October 2020	AVID 4 Classes
Apply for Financial Aid with FAFSA or TASFA	Opens October 1, 2020-complete before Nov. 18th to qualify for Senior BBQ	Online
1st Senior Ranking	October 9, 2020	Online
UTRGV College Rep Presentation	October 12, 2020	AVID 4 Classes
UTRGV Excellence Scholarship Drive	October 26, 2020	AVID 4 Classes
College application priority deadline	November 1, 2020	Online
Senior Good Life Celebration "Apply Before the Pie!" BBQ	November 18, 2020	AHSP-In person or curbside pickup
College application regular deadline	December 1, 2020	Online
Financial Aid State deadline *Most colleges are Dec. 1st.	January 15, 2021	Online
Seventh Semester Ranking	February 3, 2021	Online
Final Senior Ranking	April 26, 2021	Online
Invitation for Honor Banquet distributed	April 26, 2021	Online
Honor Banquet for Top 25	April 30, 2021	TBD
Graduation	June 6, 2021 LJHS-8:30am, PHS-12:30pm, JLHS-3:30pm	Payne Arena Hidalgo, TX
Josten's Cap and Gown Order Dates	TBA	Online
Senior Parent Night	TBA	Online
Senior Pictures (formal) and Cap and Gown Pictures	TBA	TBA
GenTX Decision Day	TBA	TBD
Scholarship Awards Night	TBA	TBD