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CLASS OF 2024

Senior Class Meeting

MEET YOUR COUNSELOR

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Mr. Hord Le – Ri

Mrs. Boyd Ro – Z

Mrs. Parsons Testing



AMCHS COLLEGE COUNSELING CENTER

Joshua Fleming - College Advisor

What is Advise TX?

Advise TX is part of the College Advising Corps. Our goal is to make college accessible for students by helping navigate the college application and admissions process.

How can I help?

- College Applications
- Scholarships
- SAT/ACT Registration
- Financial Aid
- Helping you prepare for life after high school!



A business card for Mr. Joshua Fleming, a College Advisor. The card has a dark red background. On the left, there is a circular portrait of Mr. Fleming, a Black man with glasses, wearing a suit and tie. To the right of the portrait, the text reads: "MR. FLEMING" in large white letters, followed by "Contact Info" in smaller white letters. Below this, there are three contact points: an email icon followed by "Jfleming@csisd.org", a globe icon followed by "https://amchs.weebly.com/", and a location pin icon followed by "You can find me in the Counseling Office Room 1117". In the top right corner of the card, there is a small logo for "ACM".



CREDIT CHECK!

* 17 Credits = Senior

* 26 credits = Endorsement Plan

* 22 credits = Foundation Plan

Subject	Endorsement	Foundation
English	4	4
Math	4	3
Science	4	3
Social Studies	4	3
Foreign Language	2	2
PE or substitute	1	1
Fine Art	1	1
Electives	6	5
TOTAL	26	22

How many absences can I have & still be eligible to exempt* my final?

5

absences



grade of

90

or higher

4

absences



grade of

80

or higher

0

absences



grade of

70

or higher

* other criteria must be met in order for exemption to be approved



COLLEGE VISITS

- Colleges are doing in-person visits again – check your college website for details
- Most schools are offering VIRTUAL TOURS
- Get your permission slip from the attendance office BEFORE you go.
 - <https://www.youvisit.com/collegesearch/>
 - <https://campustours.com/>

ARE YOU COLLEGE READY?

TSIA COLLEGE READY SCORES

Reading - 945 & essay of at least 5

Math - 950

SUBSTITUTES FOR TSIA

SAT - Reading - 480

SAT - Math - 530

OR

ACT - English - Combined score of 40 on English & Reading

ACT - Math - 22

OR

Passing a semester of Dual English

OR

Completion of Texas College Bridge

PLEASE NOTE: A STUDENT CAN "MIX & MATCH" SCORES FROM ALL OF THE SOURCES LISTED IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED COLLEGE READY.



- Check your school's requirements
- Most schools require some kind of “college ready” score
- Some people qualify for waivers – see the Counseling Office

@ Blinn

\$45

Monday – Saturday

@ Consol

\$15/exam

Fall and Spring

2023-2024

Sign Up on
 Schoology

TSI ASSESSMENT

- REQUIRED for all Texas public colleges
- Used for placement, NOT admission
- Must take prior to registering for classes
- EXEMPTIONS available!

LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

Work

**Brazos
Valley
Workforce
Solutions**

Military

**Recruiters
in the Mall
& at Lunch**

**Trade
School**

**TSTC in Waco
Cosmetology
Blinn/RELLIS**

College

**Start
applying
now!**



- **Research**
- **Narrow your choices (3 – 5)**
- **Factors to consider**
 - **Academic programs**
 - **Size**
 - **Location**
 - **Costs**
 - **Chance of admission**
 - **Social activities**
 - **Living conditions**





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APPLYTEXAS

- Application tool for ALL TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS (including junior & community)

THE COMMON APPLICATION

- Application tool for many universities (NOW includes UT & TAMU)
- Must input your Counselor's information (name, email, phone #)

ESSAY

Apply Texas: Essay Topic A

Tell us your story.

What unique opportunities or challenges have you experienced throughout your high school career that have shaped who you are today?



College admissions spend an average of 2 minutes reading each essay



Capture the reader immediately



Respect the word limits (500-700 recommended)



UT and TAMU will only read ESSAY TOPIC A



Write about what sets you apart from everyone else



Include any challenges you have overcome

(EXTENDED) RESUME

- Optional but recommended
- Colleges want to know you outside of your Academic Record
- Volunteer hours? Have a job? Community service? Extracurricular activities? Part of a club/organization? Leadership positions? Mentoring? Tutoring? Recognitions? Awards?
- Give details – explain what you did, your responsibilities, who you helped, etc
- Can be as many pages as it needs to be
- It's not too late to get involved!

FAFSA

- EVERY STUDENT is REQUIRED to complete FAFSA or fill out a waiver. Waivers are available in the counseling office and in Schoology.
- Completed application OR waiver due March 1
- Determines your financial need
- Opens on December 1
- Submit college application before FAFSA
- FAFSA Workshops will be offered this fall



THE COLLEGE CHECKLIST



- College Visits/Do your research
- Complete the Application
 - all requirements (SRAR for TAMU)
- Letters of Recommendation
- Pay Application Fee or Get Fee Waiver
- Take an Entrance Exam & SEND YOUR SCORES
- Send your Official Transcript
- Complete the FAFSA
- Scholarships



TRANSCRIPTS

- Electronic Official Transcript – most colleges
 - Request through a Google Form on AMCHS Counseling Website:
<https://amchs.weebly.com/transcripts.html>
- TAMU: Self-Reported Academic Record
- Paper Official Transcript
 - Request in Counseling Office
- Unofficial Transcript
 - Access on your HAC account

DEADLINES

- Transcripts: Request at least 5 school days before deadline
- Counselor Recommendation Letters: Request at least 10 school days before deadline
- Teacher Recommendation Letters: Request at least 10 school days before deadline
- KNOW ALL YOUR DEADLINES!
- Honors Colleges/Programs may have separate deadlines



SCHOLARSHIPS

Local (More likely to be chosen):

- Applications available starting in December/January
- Found in your Xello account, instructions on AMCHS website
- Link to Xello - [click here to show example](#)

Nationwide (Less likely to be chosen):

- Try CollegeforTexas.com
- Do your own internet search

College Specific:

- Check with your college of choice
- Apply before the PRIORITY DEADLINE
- Usually based on FINANCIAL NEED or ACADEMIC MERIT

Is there a possibility you could be a Student Athlete next year?

1. You MUST register with the NCAA
 - www.eligibilitycenter.org
2. Take the SAT/ACT ASAP
3. Send an official transcript to the NCAA Clearinghouse
4. Request to have your SAT/ACT scores sent to school code 9999

Sign up to see Mrs. Boyd in the Counseling Office if you need more help with NCAA



- Sign up through your College Board account - your AP Teacher provides a “join code” to join his/her AP classroom
- \$97 or \$40 (free and reduced)
- Sign up due Nov 8 - \$40 deposit per exam due by Nov 8 - inTouch account or in person in the Counseling Office
- Full payment due March 7

Brazos Valley College & Career Night

Universities ● Colleges ● Technical ● Workforce ● Military

FREE to the public!

(within the Brazos Valley)

*What's next
after high
school?*

**Financial Aid
Presentations**

6:15
&
7:15

When & Where?

Monday, October 23

5:30-7:45 PM

RELLIS Campus

Blinn Buildings
3100 TX-47, Bryan, TX 77807



This event is open to all Brazos Valley High School students and features a college fair and financial aid sessions.

Free parking and school buses are welcome!

Come See Us!

Use the QR Code to sign
up to see your counselor
or Mr. Fleming!

