



Senior Guidance

What all seniors should know about graduation credits, transcripts, grades and the college admission process.

Carroll Senior High School

Fall 2011

Meet Your Counselor

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Team Carroll: "A" CSHS/ "B" CHS

Team Dragons: "A" CHS/ "B" CSHS

Sexual Harassment

- Sexual harassment includes any unwelcome verbal or physical contact that makes you feel uncomfortable.
- No one has the right to make you feel uncomfortable. Sexual harassment may involve teacher to student, student to student, or student to teacher or other adult.
- Be aware of your conversations (*Facebook*, texts)
- Any student or teacher who believes he/she has experienced harassment should report the problem, IMMEDIATELY, to a teacher/counselor/administrator/parent.
- Sexual harassment is against the law.

Diversity/Respect for Others

- Prejudice: an opinion about a person or group of people formed without knowledge, or with limited knowledge.
- Stereotype: a general viewpoint about a group of people.
- Be aware of your comments. What one person considers appropriate may be offensive to another person. Be able to self-evaluate.
- Help create an environment that is comfortable and supportive. Work together to bring out the best in others. Don't put other people down.

Be Safe

DO NOT

TEXT & DRIVE

Transcripts

What is a transcript?

A transcript shows all courses a student has taken for high school credit. All grades, including grades below 70, will be recorded.

Transcripts will show the following:

- Completed Courses
- Summer School Courses
- Correspondence Courses/Credit By Exams
- GPA
- Graduation Plan

****Seniors have one complimentary, unofficial transcript available for pick up in the Guidance Office.**

Requesting a Transcript

All transcripts must be requested.

Transcript request forms are located in the Guidance Office and on the website at:

<http://www.southlakecarroll.edu/CSHS08/Files/transcript%20alternate%20request.pdf>

Allow two weeks for processing

Cost:

Official Transcripts are \$5.00

Unofficial Transcripts are \$2.00

****All post high school institutions require one official transcript.**

Credits and Graduation Plans

26 credits required for graduation

Recommended Plan

Distinguished Achievement Plan

All sections of the TAKS must be passed

Grades

Credits are awarded on a semester-by-semester basis. Students earn $\frac{1}{2}$ credit per semester. If a student fails the first semester of a full year course and passes the second semester, the two semester grades will be averaged to determine whether the student has earned a passing grade for the year.

Example:

Semester 1: 68

Semester 2: 98

Average: 83

Student will earn a full credit for the course

Grades

If a student passes the first semester of a full year course, but fails the second semester, the second semester grade will **NOT** be averaged, and the student must repeat the second semester of the course.

Example:

Semester 1: 98

Semester 2: 68

In the above grading scenario, a student would NOT receive a full year credit. This could adversely affect a student's graduation.

Success Scholar

Success Scholar distinction requires you successfully complete all of the Recommended Plan requirements plus:

- Third year of same World Language
- A 70 or higher average in every course taken
- 100 hours of Community Service

Community Service cards are located in the Guidance Office. Hours are approved approximately once a month. All totals are dated, on a bulletin board, outside of the Nurse's Clinic.

Community Service Contact: carrollcommervice@gmail.com

College Applications

- **National Common Application**
www.commonapp.org
- ***ApplyTexas* Application**
www.applytexas.org
- **College specific application**

College Application Plans

- 1. Regular Admission**
- 2. Rolling Admission**
- 3. Early Decision (1 choice)**
- 4. Early Action**
- 5. Open Enrollment**

The Application Process

1. **Secure an application.**

Go to the school's website, download and print. If you are using the Common Application or Apply Texas, go to the website, download and print.

2. **Separate the “pieces” of the application.**

3. **Read through the application.**

Look for specific recommendation forms, evaluations, SSR, essay topics, etc.

4. **Complete the Parent Information Form, the Student Information Form & develop a resume.**

Return the forms and your resume to your counselor.

The Application Process

5. **Make copies of all application materials** before mailing them to the college.
6. **If you apply online, print your application and edit before sending;** colleges prefer that you apply online.
7. **Request your SAT or ACT scores be sent.**
8. **Request a transcript:** Be sure and paperclip any Secondary School Reports/specific Counselor Recommendation Forms/Evaluations to the Transcript Request form. This will ensure all items are mailed together.

MEET ALL DEADLINES!

Reporting ACT and SAT Scores

Colleges will **NOT** accept ACT or SAT Scores from your high school. You must login to your ACT or SAT account and send your scores to specific schools.

Be aware, sending scores can take several weeks. Do not wait until the college application is due to request your scores be sent.

www.act.org

www.collegeboard.org

Apply 1st then request a transcript

Students should submit their application **before** requesting transcripts.

Once the application is submitted the institution has the application on file. This ensures test scores, letters of recommendation, secondary school reports, etc. are attached to the correct application.

Students need to attach any Secondary School Reports, specific Counselor Recommendation Forms or Evaluations (if the application has these documents) to their Transcript Request. This will ensure all items are mailed together.

Counselor: Letter of Recommendation

1. See your Counselor to discuss your recommendation.
2. Return the Parent Information Form, Student Information Form and your resume to your counselor. No recommendation letter will be written without these documents.
3. Allow your counselor at least **3 Weeks** to write your letter before it must be MAILED.

Teacher: Letter of Recommendation

1. Politely ask for teacher recommendations.
2. Be sensitive to a teacher's hesitancy.
3. Give the teacher **3 Weeks** notice.
4. Provide the teacher with the following:
 - Resume'
 - Teacher Recommendation Form
 - Name of college and DEADLINE
 - Self-Addressed, Stamped Envelope
(do not put your return address on the envelope)
5. Follow up with the teacher.
6. Write a Thank You note.

Outside: Letter of Recommendation

USE CAUTION

- Outside letters should provide important information about you that the application does not address.
- If your file is filled with “extra” letters, the admissions committee might never read the important letter from your teacher who saw your great potential and academic growth.

NCAA Clearinghouse

Are you hoping to play Division I or Division II college athletics?

If so, you are required to register with the NCAA Clearinghouse.

Register Online:

www.ncaaeligibilitycenter.net

Military Opportunities

Process for military academy appointments, ideally, should have begun in the junior year. If you are interested and have not started this process, see your counselor immediately.

If you are interested in ROTC programs or other enlistment opportunities, see your counselor.

Financial Aid

Types of Financial Aid:

- **Free Money:**
Scholarships
Grants
- **Self-help:**
Loans
Work Study programs

Applying for Financial Aid

How to apply?

1. Fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

www.fafsa.ed.gov

2. Fill out the CSS/Financial Aid Profile

<https://profileonline.collegeboard.org/>

Scholarships

National and College-specific Scholarships

- Check with each college for opportunities.
- Read the *Dragon Diary* and the *Senior Newsletter* for scholarship opportunities throughout the year.
- Many applications available in scholarship file cabinet in the Counseling Office.
- Local scholarships (ex. Rotary Club, Southlake Women's Club, etc.) become available in the SPRING.

** The Mark Jameson Allstate Scholar/Athlete Scholarship is awarded each month.

October's deadline is October 15 – pick up the application in the Counseling Office.

State University Updates



Basic Application Components

ApplyTexas online application

Essays (required and optional)

Official High School Transcript

Resume (optional but **highly** recommended)

Application Fee

*Please be aware that the above listed components are for a basic application only. Read each application, carefully, to ensure you have all required documents.



University of Texas

Check out www.bealonghorn.com for info.

- Admission Deadline: December 1, 2011
- Scholarship Deadline: December 1, 2011
- Test scores must arrive by Dec. 31, 2011

Rules regarding Automatic Admission:

Top 9% (by admission deadline)

Graduate from a Texas high school

Recommended/Distinguished Graduation Plan

4x4 Curriculum



University of Texas

Pathways to UT

- Automatic Admission for the top 9%
- Competitive Admission Review for non-top 9%
- Successful completion of the Coordinated Admissions Program (CAP)

UT Arlington, UT Dallas, UT El Paso, UT Pan American, UT Permian Basin, UT San Antonio, UT Tyler, and UT Brownsville

- Transfer Admission



UT CAP Program

The Coordinated Admission Program (CAP) was developed by The University of Texas System to expand the admission options available to students interested in enrolling at The University of Texas at Austin.

In general the Coordinated Admission Program (CAP) makes it possible for some freshman applicants to UT Austin to begin their studies at another UT System university. After completing the CAP requirements during their freshman year, such students transfer to UT Austin to complete their undergraduate studies.

For more information, basic facts and obligations, please see:
<http://bealonghorn.utexas.edu/cap>



Texas A&M University

Check out www.tamu.edu for info.

- Admission Deadline: January 15, 2012
- Scholarship Deadline: December 1, 2011

Rules regarding Academic Admission:

Top 25%

SAT: 1300 (600 minimum for both Math & Rdg)

ACT: 30 (27 minimum for both Math & Rdg)

(Writing Portion MUST BE taken for Math & Reading scores to be considered)

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Successful completion of the 4x4 Curriculum



Texas A&M University

Who Gets In? – Holistic View

Applicants who do not qualify for Top 10% or academic admission will have their complete file reviewed if they have met the state of Texas Uniform Admission Policy.

TUA Policy:

Recommended/Distinguished Graduation Plan

SAT: 1500 (out of 2400)

ACT: 18 English, 21 Reading, 22 Math, 24 Science

Holistic Review:

Percentile rank, test scores, essays, leadership, extra-curricular activities, work experience, school & community service, socio-economic status, overcoming adversity.



Pathways to Texas A&M

- Wait List or Blinn TEAM (if offered)
<http://blinnteam.tamu.edu/>
- Summer Gateway Program (if offered)
<http://gest.tamu.edu/gateway/default.aspx>
- Transfer Admission
- Program for System Admission (PSA)
West TX A&M, Tarleton State, TX A&M Laredo,
TX A&M Texarkana, TX A&M Commerce, Prairie View A&M,
TX A&M Corpus Christi, TX A&M Kingsville



Texas Tech University

Check out www.ttu.edu for info.

- Priority Admission Deadline: March 1, 2012
- Scholarship Deadline: February 1, 2012

Optional additions to your Texas Tech Application:

1. You may submit a separate resume in addition to, but not in place of, the activities listed on the application.
2. Essay – Topics A, B, C or D of the *ApplyTexas* Application
3. Letters of recommendation – up to three
4. Please submit a transcript from any college where you have completed dual credit or college-level coursework.



Texas Tech University

Rules regarding Automatic Admission:

<u>Rank</u>	<u>SAT</u>	<u>ACT</u>
Top 10%	No minimum	
1st Quarter	1140	25
2nd Quarter	1230	28
3rd/4th Quarter	1270	29

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College Fair

November 2, 2011

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

CSHS SAC

**Meet College Representatives
Attend a Financial Aid Workshop**

Important Website

Carroll Senior High Guidance Website

http://www.southlakecarroll.edu/carrollsrhigh_guidance-general.aspx

You will find the following (plus much more):

1. This presentation is located on the Guidance Page.
2. Scholarships are listed along with deadlines
3. *Senior Newsletter*
4. Campus Chats: college visits to CSHS.
This site provides the dates and times.
5. Transcript Request Forms
6. AP Test Registration

<http://connection.naviance.com/carroll>

Each student received a username and password, during their Junior Conference (last Spring), and should login for the following:

1. ACT and SAT Practice
2. College search
3. Career Interest Inventories

If you have misplaced your username or password, see your counselor.

Informative Websites

<http://connection.naviance.com/carroll>

www.fastweb.com

www.collegeboard.com

www.act.org

www.princetonreview.com

www.kaplan.com

www.essayedge.com

What's next?

1. Schedule an appointment with your counselor to answer any questions or for more help.
2. Research! Look for post high school opportunities that match your interests/goals.
3. Apply to schools of your choice.
4. Apply for scholarships
5. Continue to study hard!



We look forward to working with you!

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