

## Sophomore Checklist for College Readiness (Class of 2023)

### Fall

#### Plan for the Year Ahead

- Meet with your counselor to discuss your college plans, course schedule and endorsements . Review your schedule to make sure you are enrolled in challenging and rigorous classes. A wide variety of advanced courses are available to you including AP, Dual Credit, Dual Enrollment, etc. Also, keep in mind that colleges prefer at least three years of a foreign language and four years of core classes.
- Start a calendar of important dates and deadlines.
- Get more involved in extracurricular activities and begin to make a resume of your activities. This will be of great use for you when starting to apply for college admissions, as well as jobs.
- Attend college fairs. Ask lots of questions about majors, financial aid, supports /resources available, etc.
- Prepare for your semester exams.

#### Take the PSAT (NMSQT)

- Take the PSAT and do your best. The PSAT is tentatively scheduled to be administered on January 26, 2021 (you will get information from your campus once plans are finalized). AISD will pay for you to take it and there is no need to pre-register. Be ready to do your best as the PSAT scores is not only a predictor of how well you will do on the actual SAT but also it is used as a measure of College Readiness! (You will retake the PSAT one more time in the fall of your Junior year).
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## Resources

### Academic Resources

How To Start Making Your College Dream A Reality: <http://www.ownyourfuture.com>

What's Avid?: <https://austinisd.org/avid>

SAT Customized Test Prep: [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org)

ACT Personalized Practice: [www.academy.act.org](http://www.academy.act.org)

TSI Test Prep Through ACCUPLACER & Download the APP: <https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/student/practice>

TSI Test Prep Through through the ACC Website: <http://sites.austincc.edu/tsiprep/>

### College Resources

Explore And Compare College Options: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search>

Naviance College Match: [www.student.naviance.com](http://www.student.naviance.com)

Compare Colleges: <https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/>

Get Financial Aid Guidance: <https://StudentAid.gov>

### Career Resources

Where To Learn About Careers? <https://roadtripnation.com>

Explore Careers: Naviance Student App: ([www.student.naviance.com](http://www.student.naviance.com))

Other Career Exploration Tools: <http://launchmycareertx.org>

\*Texas Workforce Commission (TWC): <https://lmci.state.tx.us/explore/TSC/k12.asp>

Careers In The Military: <https://www.careersinthemilitary.com/>

ASVAB Test: Contact a Recruiter: <http://www.todaysmilitary.com/>

### College Fairs

NH College Fair—Early March -- date and location TBD

NACAC Austin National College Fair—late March --format and location TBA