

Next Steps After High School

“need to know”

All Grade Checklist (Blue Folders)

7 STEPS TO YOUR NEXT STEP

STEP 1: EXPLORE & DEFINE

STEP 2: LEARN & GROW

STEP 3: INVESTIGATE & DECIDE

STEP 4: EVALUATE & ASSESS

STEP 5: APPLY & ACCEPTANCE

STEP 6: FINANCE & SECURE

STEP 7: TAKE THE NEXT STEP

EXPLORE & DEFINE

Career Investigation

ASVAB Exam (for career exploration only)

- Suggest careers based off of your knowledge

Texas Gear-Up

- Take a quiz to find jobs that match your strengths
- <https://www.texasgearup.com/discover>

O'Net

- Explore careers, including educational requirements and if there is expected need in the field.
- <https://www.onetonline.org/>

EXPLORE & DEFINE

Pathways After High School

UNIVERSITY

- 4 year degree (Bachelors)
- Able to continue on to Masters or Doctorate degree
- Traditional pathway

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- 2 year degree (Associates)
- Able to transfer to a University
- Fairly inexpensive
- Small class size
- Acceptance rate high

TRADE SCHOOL

- Certification in particular trade
- 9 month - 11 month programs
- No academics, only trade
- Example: Culinary, Welding, Electrical, Construction, Cosmetology...

MILITARY

- Service of your Country
- Time frame depends on what you sign up for
- Benefits for post secondary schools

INVESTIGATE & DECIDE

University/College/Trade School/Military Visits

OCT 11TH: University of Oklahoma (virtual)
OCT 12TH: University of the Incarnate Word
OCT 13TH: University of Texas San Antonio (UTSA)
OCT 14TH: University of Arizona
OCT 15TH: St. Edwards University*
OCT 20TH: TACRO FAIR**
OCT 25TH: Texas A&M University Visit
OCT 26TH: Texas A&M University of Kingsville
OCT 28TH: Texas Tech University
OCT 29TH: Southwestern University
NOV 3RD: Texas A&M University College of Engineering
NOV 11TH: Texas Lutheran University (TLU)

**All college visits will be during
Advisory (11:40-12:05) in the
NEXT STEPS CENTER.**

*St. Edwards will be 3-4pm outside in
front of the library

**TACRO Fair will be 1-3pm in the
Competition Gym

INVESTIGATE & DECIDE

University/College/Trade School/Military Visits

College Visits/Campus Tours: Students can tour college campuses and bring a note from the college for excused absences. This includes Trade Schools, Community Colleges, and Universities.

- Two college visits Junior year
- Two college visits Senior year

**Military has their own form and regulations for recruiting visits.

EVALUATE & ASSESS

Entrance Exams

- **UNIVERSITY: SAT/ACT** (recommended not required depending on University)
 - Collegeboard.org (SAT)
 - Act.org (ACT)
 - Next available dates: Nov. 6th (SAT) & Oct. 23rd (ACT)
- **COMMUNITY COLLEGE: SAT/ACT or TSI** (not needed for acceptance but for placement)
 - Collegeboard.org (SAT)
 - Act.org (ACT)
 - Next available dates: Nov. 6th (SAT) & Oct. 23rd (ACT)
 - TSI taken at Community Colleges (offered every week)
- **TRADE SCHOOLS: TSI**
 - TSI taken at any Community College or sometimes offered at Trade School
- **MILITARY: ASVAB**
 - With Military recruiter
 - We will have one in Spring at NBHS but no date set yet

EVALUATE & ASSESS

Practice/Study Guides for Entrance Exams

- **UNIVERSITY: SAT/ACT**
 - Khan Academy for the SAT
 - ACT has free practice exams on the act.org website
 - SAT/ACT practice guides and resources in the Library (printed and electronic books)
- **COMMUNITY COLLEGE: SAT/ACT or TSI**
 - TSI practice guides and resources in the Library (electronic books)
- **TRADE SCHOOLS: TSI**
 - TSI practice guides and resources in the Library (electronic books)
- **MILITARY: ASVAB**
 - ASVAB practice guides and resources in the Library (printed books)

APPLY & ACCEPTANCE

- UNIVERSITY
 - Apply Texas, Coalition, Common App, College website
 - Goapplytexas.org (all public universities in the state of Texas)
 - Coalitionforcollegeaccess.org (public/private universities in state and out of state)
 - Commonapp.org (public/private universities in state and out of state)
- COMMUNITY COLLEGE
 - Apply Texas, College website
 - Goapplytexas.org (all public universities in the state of Texas)
- TRADE SCHOOL
 - Trade School website
- MILITARY
 - Military recruiter

APPLY & ACCEPTANCE

Important items on the applications

- **Essays** (have an english teacher/professional review your essay)
 - Stay on the prompt
 - Use the essay to sell yourself and your story
- **Optional short answer essays or essays**
- **Recommendation Letters**
 - Give your recommenders plenty of time
 - Provide them with your resume (or 3 words to describe you as a person)
 - Send them a Thank you note afterwards
 - Who to ask for Recommendation letters
 - Coach, sponsor, ect..
 - Work boss, manager, mentor, ect..
 - Teacher who knows your work ethic is school

TRANSCRIPT REQUEST (Parchment)

- All pathways are going to need a high school diploma
- Transcripts demonstrate completion of high school
- Difference of Unofficial & Official Transcripts
- How to send/view Transcripts
- Difference between Unweighted and Weighted GPA

FINANCE & SECURE

- **FAFSA/TAFSA: Financial Aid (Opens on OCT 1st)**
 - FAFSA informational night OCT 5th
 - More workshop dates to come
- **SCHOLARSHIPS: Merit and Need based**
 - Find online
 - Find through Post Secondary website
 - Find @ the NEXT STEPS CENTER
 - Local Scholarship packet
- **STUDENT LOANS**
 - Federal vs. Private
 - OCT 28th difference in student loans and ways to manage money

TAKE THE NEXT STEP

ONCE YOU HAVE GOTTEN ACCEPTED & CHOOSE YOUR
SCHOOL OF CHOICE, BRING ME A COPY OF YOUR
ACCEPTANCE LETTER.