12th grade Checklist

Getting Started

Graduation should be your #1 priority; attendance in school is important

Meet your Advising Specialists at the College Center

Download the TEAMS app and activate notifications

Set up SchooLinks and complete your FERPA Waiver

Explore colleges via College Search and career options via Career Center on SchooLinks

Your midyear transcript reports CAN impact your admissions decision even AFTER being admitted

August - September

Register for the ACT/SAT

- Collegeboard.org
- Act.org
- Create your college application profiles:
- Applytexas.org (Texas Colleges/Universities)
- Commonapp.org (Out-of-State Colleges/Universities)
- Develop first draft of personal statement or Essay A
- Review & Revise your essay (at least 2 people)
- Research Scholarships via SchoolLinks Finances tab under Scholarship Matching \mathbb{Z}_{2}

October

Determine your financial aid eligibility & Create your financial aid account

- FAFSA (Studentaid.gov) U.S. Citizens, Permanent Residents, Eligible non-Citizens
- TASFA (bit.ly/TASFA25) Students without citizenship status but have lived in Texas for at least 3 years
- Request recommendation letters from teachers, school counselors, employers or community members (as needed)
- Consider your priority deadlines and submit your applications on time!

November - December

Priority Deadline and Early Decision Deadline - November 1st

- Complete the Self-Report Academic Record for the universities that require it before the deadline
- Verify your transcript and fee waiver has been submitted via SchooLinks
- Send your test scores to the colleges through websites
 - SAT Colleboard.org
 - ACT Act.org

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FAFSA/TASFA opening date - December 1st
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Create your college student portals & Keep track of your logins

Complete your college student checklist items

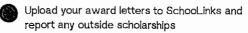
TSIA2 Exam Scores

- All Texas colleges/universities will require a TSIA2 exam to determine college readiness and placement in both English and Math
- TSIA2 Test Exemptions:
 - SAT score of 480 on EBRW and a 530 on Math
 - ACT combined score of 40 on ELA/R and 22 on Math
- Record your Acceptance letters via SchooLinks

Complete your FAFSA/TASFA by January 15th & Upload your SAI Report to SchooLinks

- Check if you have been flagged for verification
- from the college & submit documentation

Keep applying to scholarships!

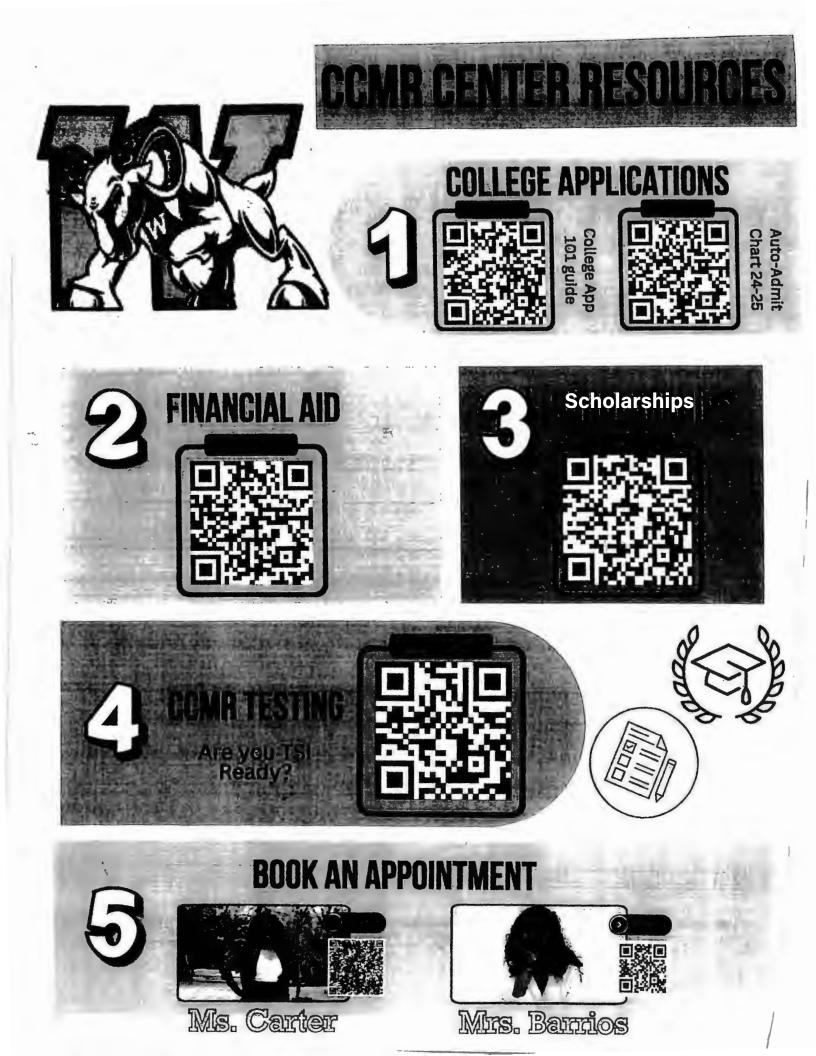


Apply for student housing

Submit Meningitis Vaccine Records
. Required for all students planning to attend college

Register for New Student Orientation / New Student Conference





IS YOUR TASFA READY TO BE SUBMITTED?

Name:

Date: ____

TASFA Application is COMPLETE

□ 2025-26 TASFA APPLICATION

O Complete online TASFA: <u>bit.ly/eTASFA</u>

□ Parent/student 2023 Tax Transcript

O Request here: <u>bit.ly/IRS-tt</u>

□ Parent/student 2023 W-2s

□ Residency Affidavit

□ Selective Service Registration form (Male students only)

Non-Filers

□ IRS Verification of Nonfiling (Form 4506-T)

OR

Earnings Statement

o Create form here: bit.ly/SWIFTform

(Financial aid offices may request student to complete additional documentation)

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24-25 FINANCIAL AID CHECKLIST

Gather the following applicable information to complete your 2025-2026 financial aid application by March 15th:

Stud	ent and	Parent 2023	Tax Return(s)	and W2(s)
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