

SENIOR CLASS OF 2021



SENIOR TIMES

You made it to your senior year, so it is time to finalize your college choice. This is unusual, but it is still filled with completion of admission applications, scholarship essays financial aid information and the need to meet deadlines. Throughout your senior year, continue to build your resume by achieving academic success, as well as participating in extracurricular activities. Colleges are very interested in well-rounded students, so remember your senior year does not end until May 2021!!

APPLY, APPLY, APPLY – The college application process has started, so make sure you pay attention to college deadlines and review each universities test optional policies.

[Apply Texas](#)

[Common Application](#)

[Common Black Application](#)

[Coalition Application](#)

Military Academy Websites

- Military - [link](#)
- Navy - [link](#)
- Air Force - [link](#)
- Merchant Marines - [link](#)
- Coast Guard – [link](#)

TSI Testing– Pearland High School offers limited testing for students. This test determines if a student is academically eligible to take college algebra and college English the first semester of their freshman year. Please register by going on the Pearland High School website, then click academics and TSI testing. Click on this [link](#) to view the fall testing dates.

Senior Profile– This profile gives teachers, counselors and administrators information needed to write a letter of recommendation. Students are asked to complete this profile and submit a copy to the person who is writing the letter. The profile sheet for our campus is attached.

Pearland High School

School Day SAT– Wednesday, October 14, 2020



Financing College

Scholarship Bulletin-The bulletin is updated and on our website under counselors and [scholarship information](#). You may follow us on Twitter@PearlandHS as well.

College Virtual Preview Days- This is a time when students may virtually visit college campuses to learn more information about majors and campus life. To view a comprehensive list of the universities and dates of their scheduled virtual open house, please click on this on [college visitations link](#).

FAFSA

FAFSA is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid form that can be prepared annually by current and prospective college students in the United States to determine their eligibility for student financial aid. This program provides grants, loans, and work-study funds to students attending college or career school. The financial aid application is free and opens on October 1st of each year.

TAFSA

TASFA is the Texas Application Student Financial Aid. This application is for students who are not U.S. citizens, U.S. legal permanent residents, or eligible noncitizens who do not qualify for *federal* financial assistance (FAFSA) to pay for college. In this instance, students may be eligible to be classified as a Texas resident for tuition purposes.

Video resources in English and Spanish explaining the completion of the TASFA/FAFSA are available on [AIE link](#).

Texas Veterans Hazelwood Act- Military Benefits

The Hazlewood Act is a State of Texas benefit that provides qualified Veterans, spouses, and dependent children with an education benefit of up to 150 hours of tuition exemption, including most fee charges, at public institutions of higher education in Texas. This does NOT include living expenses, books, or supply fees. For more information, visit the [Texas Veterans Commission](#) website.

Mental Health News

Our campus Student Support Counselor, Ms. Jimia Baker, will continue to provide both individual and group counseling this school year. She has posted a wealth of information on her website including a newsletter on [How to Start a Conversation about Mental Health](#) . If you have questions, please contact her directly on this [link](#) to request counseling services.





Did You Know??

Fee Waivers

SAT/ACT Fee Waivers are available via email from Mrs. Dana Williams (williamsdn@pearlandisd.org) in the counseling office for any student on free or reduced lunch or who has a documented economic hardship.

College Application Fee Waiver?

Every senior who uses an SAT fee waiver will receive four [college application fee waivers](#) from the College Board. These waivers will be delivered directly to students via their College Board online accounts and do not require counselor verification.

Official transcript requests

Students can request an official transcript using the online [link](#) from the registrars office. The cost is \$1 per university/college transcript requested.

Test Dates and accommodation requests

SAT -You must register online through [College Board](#) or use your existing College Board account user name and password.

ACT -You must register online at [ACT website](#) or use your existing ACT account user name and password.

If students would like to have their SAT or ACT scores sent to the university or college, they must have their test results sent directly from the SAT/ACT Program.

Upcoming Virtual September Events

- [Coaliton for College Virtual Fair](#) link (several September events)
- 14th [Coast to Coast Virtual Fair link](#) (UC Berkley, Princeton, Vanderbilt and more)
- 14th Texas A&M University at College Station- Freshman Information Session- [Register Now](#) All other Houston Prospective Center Events are located on this [link](#).
- 22nd ACC Dual Enrollment Virtual Student Support workshops(Flyer attached)
- 24th PISD- Becoming a Longhorn event registration [link](#). This event is open to ALL PISD families.
- College Greenlight Fly-in Virtual Programs [registration link](#) (Dates vary by program/university)