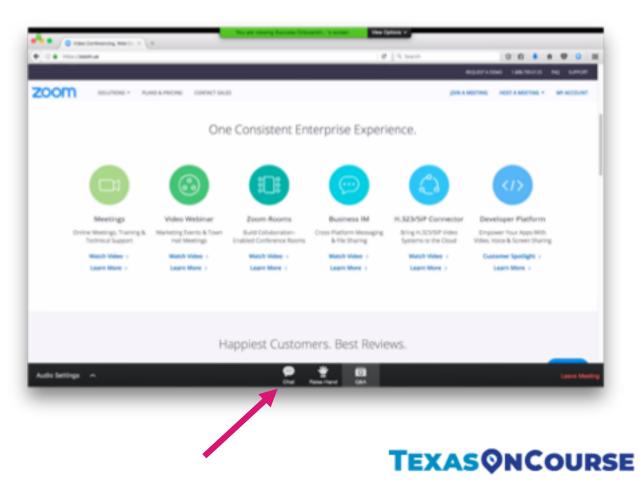
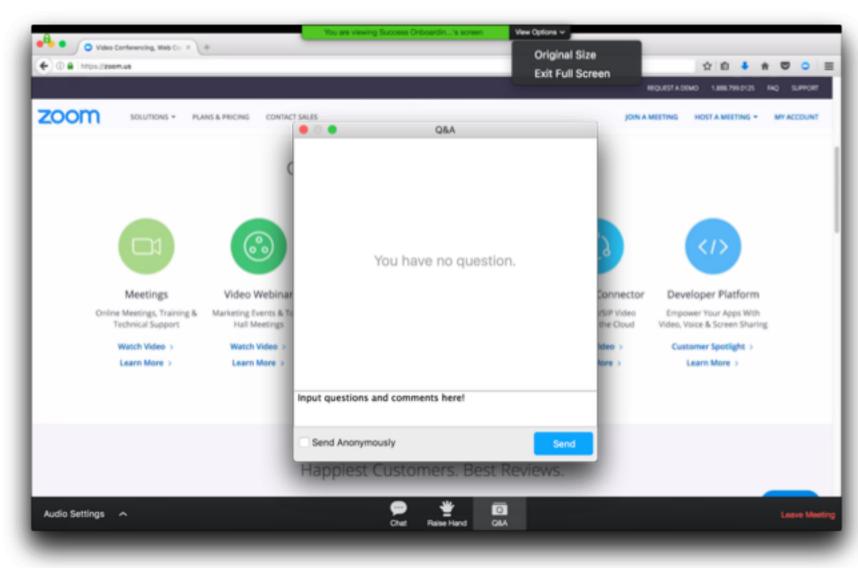
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While we wait for everyone to get started...

- Use the chat box to tell us about yourself
 - Name
 - Role
 - ISD/Institution/Organization



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• Welcome THECB College Enrollment Updates and Trends Dakota Doman, Senior Director for Strategic Initiatives and Policy Implementation Texas OnCourse Resource Spotlight Samantha Gonzalez, Content and Resources District Perspectives and Student Engagement Kaitlyn Watson, College and Career Coordinator, Jarrell ISD Questions and Discussion

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What are some college planning questions you'd like us to cover in this webinar?

Please type your responses in the chat box.















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Presentation Objectives:

- Discuss Fall 2019 Enrollment Trends at Two-Year and Four-Year institutions.
- Understand Various Financial Aid Packages.
- Recognize Cost of Attendance Factors.
- Comprehend New Testing Requirements.
- Provide Resources to Support Counselors.





Enrollment Trends at Two-Year and Four-Year institutions

Two Year Environment:

- Many community colleges are reporting a decrease in their Fall 2020 enrollment.
- Decrease is due to lower CTC courses and Dual Enrollment from partnerships with local area secondary institution.





Enrollment Trends at Two-Year and Four-Year institutions

Four-Year Environment:

- Many Four-Year institutions are experiencing flat enrollment or a slight increase.
- First Time in College (FTIC) population is usually up.
- Transfer student population and returning student population is down.





Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA)

> Toward Excellence, Access and Success (TEXAS) Grant

- Funds are available to eligible students attending General Academic Teaching Institutions.
- TEXAS Educational Opportunity Grant (TEOG)
 - Funds are available to eligible students attending community colleges and public state colleges and technical institutes.
- Tuition Equalization Grant (TEG)
 - Funds available to eligible students attending private or independent colleges.





What Makes a Student Eligible for TEXAS Grant?

- Eligible Student:
 - Be a resident of Texas.
 - Exhibit financial need.
 - Be a graduate of an accredited high school in Texas after 1998-1999 school year.
 - Not have been granted a baccalaureate degree.
 - Enroll in undergraduate degree or certificate program on at least three-quarter time basis.





What Makes a Student Eligible for the TEOG?

- Eligible Student:
 - Be a resident of Texas.
 - Exhibit financial need.
 - Not have been granted a baccalaureate degree.
 - Enroll in an associate degree or certificate program on at least half-time basis.





What Makes a Student Eligible for the TEG Program?

- Eligible Student:
 - Be a resident of Texas.
 - Exhibit financial need.
 - Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress in program of study
 - Enroll in an associate degree or certificate program on at least three-quarter basis.
 - Not be recipient of any form of athletic scholarship during the semester (s)he receives a TEG.





Work-Study and Scholarships

- Texas College-Work Study (TCWS)
 - TCWS program funds are available to eligible students attending public and private/independent institutions of higher education.
- Work-Study Student Mentorship Program
 - Purpose of the mentorship program is to provide employment to eligible students to mentor, tutor, or advise students at participating institutions of higher education or high school students within local school districts and non profit organizations.





Cost of Attendance Factors

- Cost of Attendance: Estimated annual cost to attend a particular college. Includes: Tuition, Room & Board, Supplies, Transportation, and other miscellaneous items.
- Distance Learning Fees: Sticker Shock
 - Some institutions have increased their Fall 2020 online course offerings by more than 25%.
 - Tuition has increased by 2.5% at some institutions.





Open Educational Resources

- In August 2020, THECB launched OERTX, a digital repository of open educational resources for Texas students and educational institutions.
- > All OERTX resources are free and available to any user.
- Resources include: e-textbooks for Texas Core Curriculum courses.





Testing Requirements

> COVID-19 has disrupted regular SAT & ACT Testing.

- > Many Texas institutions are becoming "test optional".
- Some institutions are considering permanently waiving ACT & SAT testing requirements.
- > Implications of new testing requirements environment.





Counselor Support

Professional Development Opportunities

Collaboration and Partnerships

> ADVi





Virtual Advising Project: Meet ADVi

- THECB developed the virtual advising project a chatbot named "ADVi" (short for adviser) – to reach students via text message. Trained advisers back up the chatbot and provide extra support for any student who needs it.
- While nothing replaces the relationships you have with your students, ADVi can help expand your capacity and add another layer of support for students.
- > What students receive when they opt in to support from ADVi:
 - The ability to ask questions about college 24/7 via text,
 - Backup support from our Virtual Advisers if a student has needs or questions beyond what ADVi can provide,
 - Student-friendly, accurate, and engaging messages about key milestones, financial aid, and resources to help navigate the transition to college.

Students can opt in by texting "COLLEGE" to 512-829-3687 or by starting their freshman ApplyTexas application.



Check www.askadvi.org for more information!



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Texas OnCourse Academy Resources Spotlight

College Planning Resources

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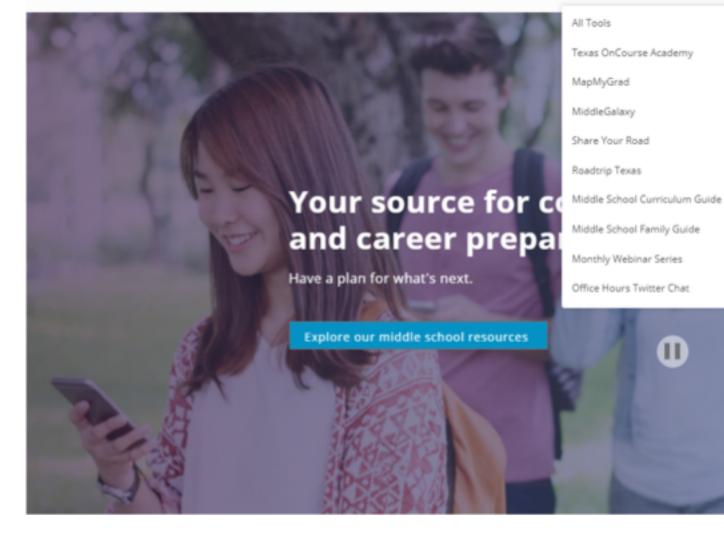
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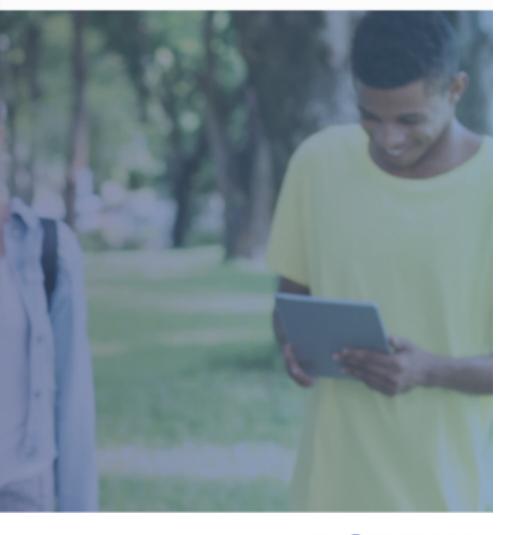


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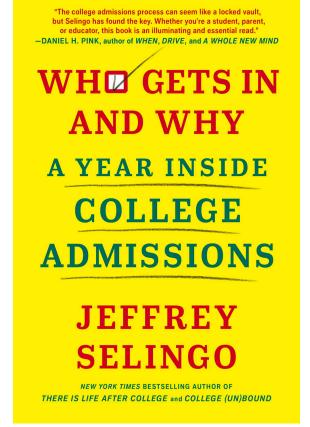




Tips from PrepMatters Town Hall

Who Gets In and Why: A Year Inside College Admissions by Jeff Selingo

- Focus on grades and curriculum
- Explore testing options
- Make your application tell a complete story
- Create a diverse college list
- Make your essay stand out



Tuition Guarantee Programs

- Free tuition programs across Texas
- Eligibility requirements
- College Finances > Unit 1 > Quick Guide to College Costs

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Financial Aid: Federal Policy Update

Completing Verification

Acceptable documentation:

- A signed statement
- Copy of IRS Form W-2 (or paystub, an employment offer letter, evidence of direct deposit from an employer)



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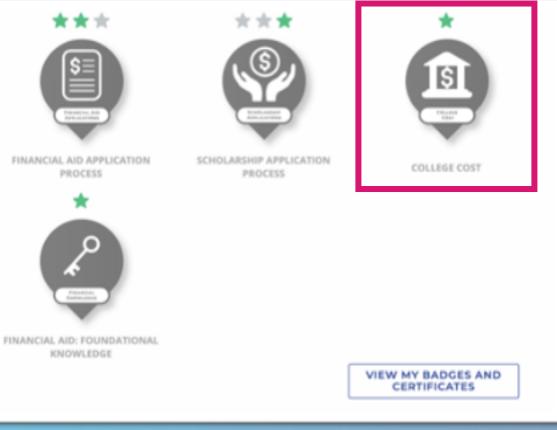
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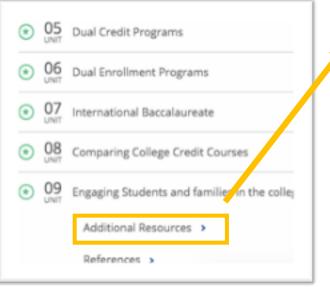


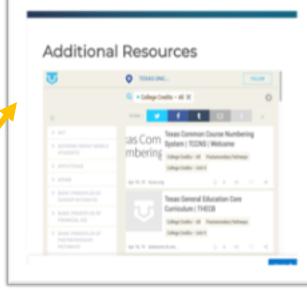
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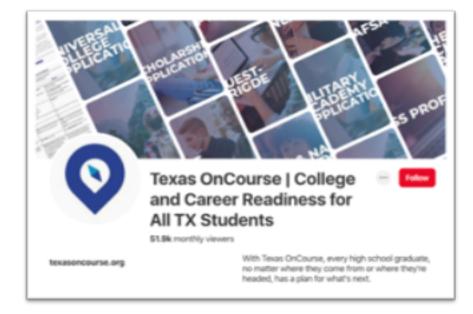
Texas OnCourse Academy Modules

Additional Resources





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Program Updates

Allison Rizzolo, Texas OnCourse

New Resources to Support College Enrollment

Despite COVID-19

- **College and Career Support from Texas College Bridge:** New advising guide for educators supporting students enrolled in the Texas College Bridge program. Free for all Texas educators, helps students attain college readiness.
- Future Focused TX: Campaign supporting Texas counselors and high school students with free digital resources. It targets college persistence and matriculation for the class of 2020. It also aims to reduce COVID's impact on FAFSA completion and college admission for the class of 2021.

College and Career Support Advising Guide

Texas OnCourse College and Career Support Guide

We recognize that a number of your students may be participating in the Texas College Bridge Program, so we've developed this High School Academy Guide to aid your advising efforts. We recommend you explore the modules listed to fully prepare for questions your students may have. In the table below, we've provided the college and career support topics your students will be learning, relevant Academy modules, and supplemental materials that support your professional development. Supplemental materials include extended learning opportunities through webinars, PDFs related to the topic and module, and blogs with additional resources by title and topic.

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Texas College Bridge

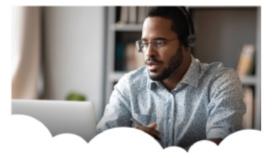


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Help students prepare for college

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Free and fully online, Texas College Bridge is a personalized, adaptive learning platform that helps prepare high school seniors for college. The easy to use platform guides students through individualized college preparation courses in math and English, at their own pace and with a teacher facilitator to help them meet their goals.



Teacher facilitator

Texas College Bridge includes customized teacher training and a data-rich dashboard that allows teachers to monitor a student's progress on each skill. Identify areas that need intervention and provide the support students need. Texas College Bridge gives you access to guide students to success, improve retention, and lay a solid foundation for college completion.

Advisor facilitator

Mastering the math and English skills that colleges want is not enough to help students successfully transition. That's where an advisor facilitator is key. Find advising resources and training materials for district and campus staff, so you have access to the information you need to successfully advise students. Coming soon!

College and Career Support

Are you ready for your next big step?

College and Career Support from Texas College Bridge, powered by College Forward, will guide you through the college application process and help you enroll in the college or degree program of your choice! We know that this journey can seem overwhelming, but we are here to help.

Here are some quick tips on navigating your college resources.

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Take your time to review the resources in each unit.

Unit One and Unit Two explore the value of earning a college degree, how you can show colleges that you are ready for college-level work, and why that's important.

These are great resources to revisit if you need a reminder of why you are embarking on your college journey.



Look out for the Next Steps.

At the end of each resource, we will give you a preview of what's coming in the next one.

Keep your Guided Activities handy.

In Unit Three, you will complete activities to explore your personality type and interests. These activities will help you find your unique career and education path. We will refer back to these as we start exploring colleges, so make sure to save your work.





Free Support for College Counselors & Advisors

> Weekly Student Activities

Digital Content Packages

> Monthly Webinars

Learn more at FutureFocusedTX.org

texasoncourse.org/tools/future-focused-tx/

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"Uncertainty marks today, tomorrow, and the foreseeable future ... accept what you can't change and try to focus on the things that you can."

Best Practices Right Now

- Virtual meetings
- Parent outreach and updates
- Providing updates and opportunities
- Collaboration with others involved, involve teachers and those who are interacting well and often
- Virtual college tours, enrichment opportunities
- Accessible websites with valuable resources
- Checklists: keep everybody informed and on track
- Check-ins

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Empowering Students

Create opportunities for students to take on responsibilities

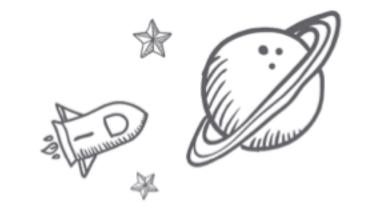
- If a student feels like they have responsibilities that are working toward a greater
- achievement/goal, it increases empowerment.
- Celebrate successes and student potential wherever possible!

Steps to get to a goal

- Make sure instructions are in bite-size pieces. We want our students to see the big picture
- while focusing on the tasks at hand.
- Support them along the way by breaking things down!
- Self-efficacy
 - The belief in one's ability to carry out specific tasks and reach their goals.

Communication

- Clear, direct, and frequent communication can help reduce anxiety and offer predictability in times of uncertainty.
- Explanation/breakdown of policy and procedural changes supports the adaptability we are all needing right now.
- Model flexibility, adaptability, and understanding. Be approachable and transparent!



Resilience

Encourage your students to use their past triumphs through trials. Remind them of how far they've come!

Embracing Supports

- Encouraging families to access support during a time of crisis
- Reframing ways to find strengths and silver linings
- Prioritize connection

- Provide opportunities for consistent, positive communication
- Collaborate with others
- Involve teachers and those who interact well and often

SUPPORTING SKILLS

Meet students where they are when it comes to COVID-related fears, needs, and concerns (including mindset, physical needs, health, etc.) Provide SEL curriculum for students on postsecondary anxiety, expectation, coping and life skills (including resume building, financial planning, etc.)

Supporting and encouraging future planning

(interest inventories, application support, academic updates, etc.)

Supporting Skills

Encourage future planning

- Meet students where they are at during COVID-19 regarding:
 - Fears, needs, concerns, mindset
 - Health, housing, physical needs
- Future planning
 - Interest inventories
 - Application support
 - Academic supports
- Provide SEL curriculum that covers:
 - Postsecondary anxiety
 - Expectations
 - Coping
 - Life skills



What other supports do you need in your college planning with students?

Please type your responses in the chat box.



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Thank You

Stay tuned for our email follow-up with all of this information. Take care and stay healthy and safe!