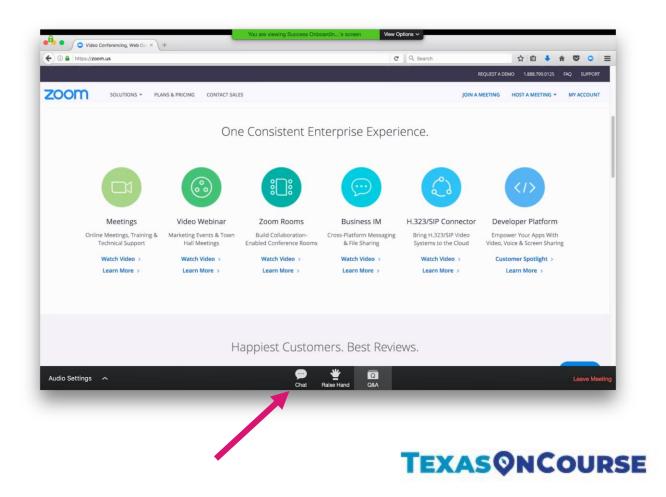
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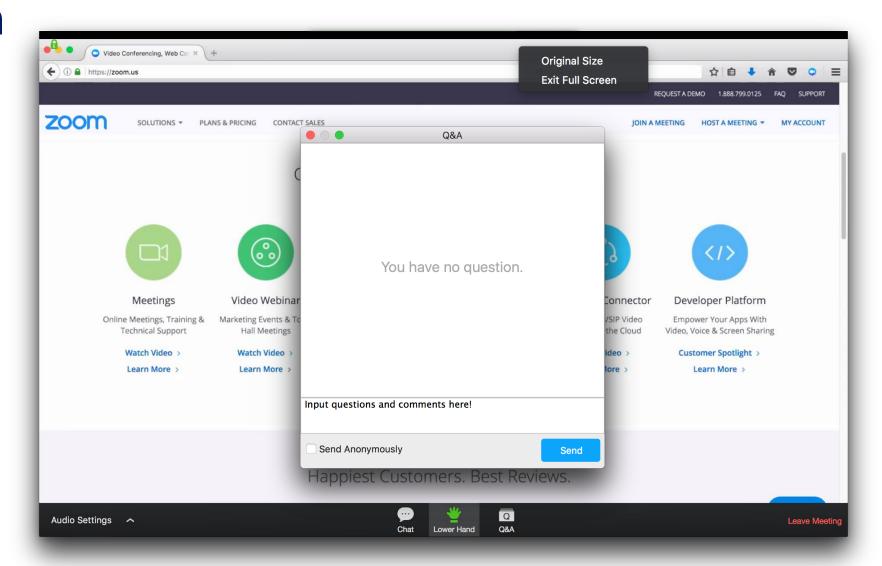
While we wait for everyone to get started...

- Use the chat box to say hello and tell us your name and role.
- What was your favorite holiday moment from 2021?

We will start at 10:00 a.m.!



Participation and Interaction





Family Engagement in Schools: Tomorrow Ready Texas, a new Texas OnCourse Resource

With Texas OnCourse, all Texas students, no matter where they come from or where they're headed, have a plan for success after high school.



Don't forget to like and subscribe on YouTube!







A couple of things....

Webinars

All our webinars are recorded
The recording is sent out to ALL registrants
Upcoming webinars and recordings are posted on our webpage
https://texasoncourse.org/educators/educator-development/monthly-webinar-series/



Agenda

- Welcome
- Tomorrow Ready Texas
 - Ronit Shaham, Senior Product Manager, Texas OnCourse
 - Samantha Gonzalez, Assistant Director, Content and Resources, Texas OnCourse
 - Resource Spotlight
 - Samantha Kimmel, HS Program Coordinator, Texas OnCourse
 - District Best Practices
 - Will Collins, Counselor, Kingwood High School, Humble ISD
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CCMR Resources for Families

- Parents are anxious and feel under-equipped when supporting their teen's transition into college or career after high school
- Existing online CCMR resources are lacking for parents and guardians



Research Highlights

- Low confidence understanding the college application process or preparing their child to be "work-place ready" and applying for jobs
- Don't know where to reliably find online resources
- Want all online CCMR information in one place
- Websites and mobile apps viewed as highly trustworthy



Tomorrow Ready Texas

Texas OnCourse, in partnership with the Texas
Workforce Commission, is building a **free online college & career readiness resource for parents & guardians of Texas teens**



Value Proposition

- Current, comprehensive and centralized CCMR resource
- Curated and organized into milestones and steps
- Built with parents, educators and students in mind
- Addressing needs of students with disabilities





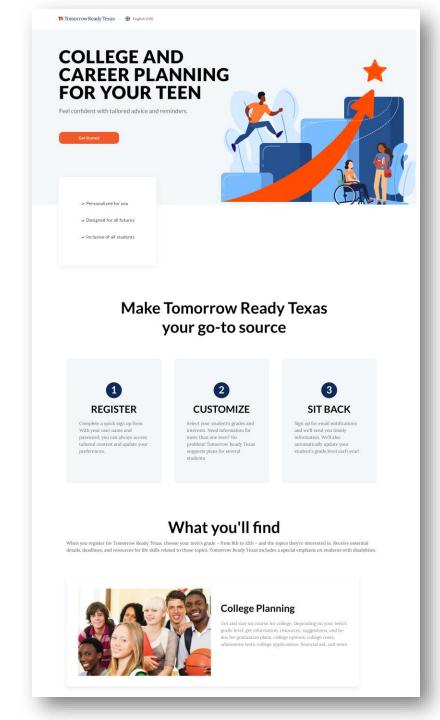
Main Features

Personalized Action plans **Email reminders** Sharing

Accessible Responsive Spanish support Free

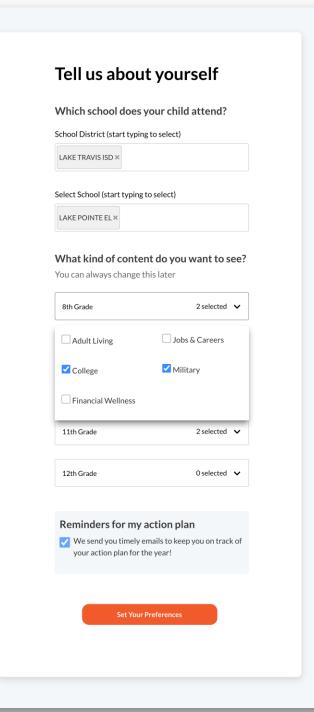


Homepage





Content Preferences





Welcome Ronit!

Your personalized dashboard

These action plans are based on your selected preferences. If you want to make changes, go to your account settings

11th Grade



Discover how to talk about money with your teen. You'll learn about budgeting, saving, and estimating the cost of college.



Learn about the US military and how your teen can get involved. You'll learn about the Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC) and enlistment.

College



There's a lot your teen can learn about managing money this year. This includes key financial terms and savings strategies.



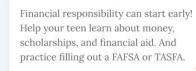
Your teen has options for joining the

this year to find the right military

pathway and career.

military. Learn the steps they can take

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Your junior can prepare to live on their own by practicing money management, healthy habits, and social skills. Learn how to support their transition into adulthood.



Action Plan

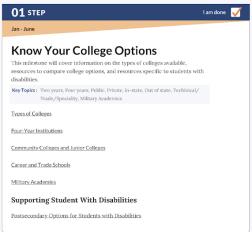


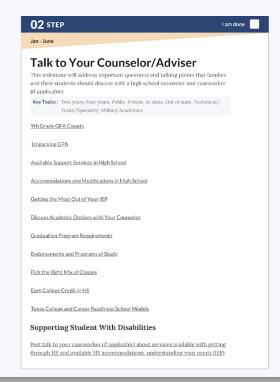
College Action Plan

Follow the steps in this action plan to help you stay on track. Check the box when you're done reviewing each step.



0/6 Steps Completed







Article

9th Grade

Texas College and Career Readiness School Models

6 min read





At a Glance/Quick Summary

- Most jobs and careers today require some type of education after high school but there are lots of postsecondary options available for your student
- Colleges come in all shapes and sizes public or private, in-state or out-ofstate, two-year or four-year.
- · Students can find colleges with a special focus or area of interest.

Think about it your ninth graders has persisted through nine years of school get where they are today. What a huge accomplishment! But now that they're in high school, it's time for them to get serious about what they want to do after high school.

Today, most jobs and careers require some level of postsecondary (or post-high school) education to meet their skill requirements. But gone are the days when a bachelor's degree was the only option for getting ahead in the workforce. Students can now pursue a number of jobs and career pathways with a two-year degree or even an industry-vetted certificate. Knowing the educational plans and credentials out there, as well as the opportunities they offer, will give your student a new perspective on what life after high school might look like.

To better understand your student's college and career school options, BigFuture gives a snapshot of the key characteristics that differentiate each type of postsecondary institution.



Inside Look at the Content

Tomorrow Ready Texas

Tomorrow Ready Texas

Content and Resources About College, Career Readiness and More

- Gives parents and guardians the opportunity to be involved at every step
- The content and resources included helps parents and guardians share important information and explain complex topics with their student
- For parents and guardians of students in 8th grade to 12th grade and covers topics in five areas:

College

Jobs and Careers

Military

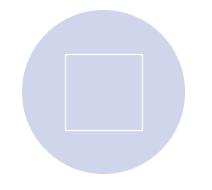
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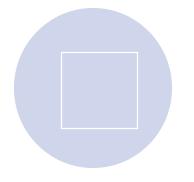




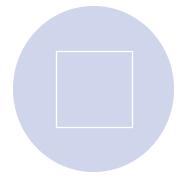
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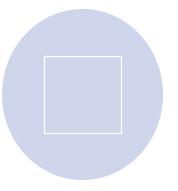
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IDENTIFY CONNECTION POINTS





College

Tomorrow Ready Texas covers information about:

- High school graduation plans
- College options
- College costs and financial aid
- Completing applications
- And more!

Family Activity: Strengths and Skills

Let's talk about what we like to do and what we do best!



Here's a fun family activity:

Get three or more family members together - this can be done th involved write a list of their top three interests and the top three t family member. The new person holding the list will add two mor repeating the steps until everyone has written on everyone's list,



Have everyone involved write a list of their top three interests and top three things they're skilled at.

Each pers will then sl their list v another fa member, and will then ad 12 more skill



Navigating Summer Melt

The summer before enrolling in college is a critical time for your student. Use the following tips to help navigate summer melt



Sometimes, a student is unable to fully enroll if there are missing financial documents, unaccepted aid, or if a balance is owed. Your student should monitor the following:

- O Check the status of financial aid O Check balances or set up a tuition payment
- Check health insurance plans Ask about tuition waiver eligibility (if
- Meet with your vocational rehabilitation (VR) counselor (if applicable)



Creating a support system early on can have a positive impact on the transition to and success of your student's postsecondary journey. Encourage your student to identify the appropriate points of contact that can serve as mentors in addition to their

- O Talk to mentors
- O Contact a school counselor over the
- O Contact the office of disability services and get to know your adviser (if applicable)

Submit Any Additional Documentation

Have your student consistently monitor their portal for any follow-up action items requested by the office of admission

- O Check the college portal
- O Complete placement testing before
- Submit any accommodations paperwork

Set Up Housing

Connecting with their roommate can help motivate your student for the fall. They can also begin a list of needed essential items.

- Verify that housing is confirmed
- O Connect with roommate(s)

Prepare for Leaving Home

Leaving home is the hardest part, but working through the items listed above can help ease the stress. The more prepared your student can be, the more excited they will become.

- Attend college orientation
- Gather school and dorm supplies

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Jobs and Careers

Tomorrow Ready Texas covers information about:

- Preparing for the workforce and learning soft skills
 - Resumes
- Job applications and interviews
- Connecting endorsements to careers
- And more!

Aligning Endorsements and Careers

Career pathways provide a great opportunity for your student to explore what careers are actually about. That way, your student can see if they like certain careers. Let's look at some sample pathways that will illustrate how a career

Endorsement	STEM	Business and Industry	Public Service	Arts and Humanities	Multidisciplinary
Interests/ strengths	Helping people through science and math applications	Enjoying knowing how systems work	Loving animals and taking care of pets	Engaging in critical thinking and learning about other cultures and histories	Analyzing architecture and real estate
Career	Pharmacist	Automotive technician	Veterinarian	Interpreter/ translator	Real estate appraiser
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Managing Conflict with a Friend	Managing Conflict with a Classmate	Managing Conflict with a Teacher	Managing Conflict with Family
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It's finally the weekend, so you text your friend Maria to see what she has planned. Maria says she's busy but doesn't provide much detail. Later that weekend, you get on social media and see pictures of Maria and a	You're assigned to a group project in science class. Two of your partners have been slacking off, and you've been having to do most of the work. It's annoying. The project deadline is approaching, and	Your English teacher assigns a short essay for homework. You work really hard on it, but you only receive a B This is the second time in a row that you've gotten this grade on your writing, and you can't figure	Before you can create new social media account, your caregivers want to set some family rules about appropriate online behavior. They think they should be able to monitor your account so they can

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their help.

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Military

Tomorrow Ready Texas covers information about:

- Choosing a military branch and career
- Preparing for the ASVAB
- Learn about the military academies
- Learn how to enlist
- And more!

Preparing for a Military Career in High School



Students who graduate with an endorsement must complete a coherent series of courses to satisfy that endorsement's requirements. Typically, this means taking four classes (or earning four credits) related to an endorsement area. Each of the five endorsement options can offer a way for your student to earn the skills and knowledge needed to prepare for a military career that interests them. Just keep in mind that not every military branch offers the same career opportunities.

Arts and Humanities Endorsement	Business and Industry Endorsement	Multidisciplinary Studies Endorsement	Public Service Endorsement	STEM Endorsement
Endorsement-Area Classes: Four levels of the same language in a language other than English	Endorsement-Area Classes: Four levels of courses from the Aviation Maintenance CTE program of study	Endorsement-Area Classes: A blend of advanced history and computer science classes	Endorsement-Area Classes: Four levels of courses from the Law Enforcement CTE program of study	Endorsement-Area Classes: Biology, chemistry, physics, and two additional approved science courses
Future Career: Interpreter or translator	Future Career: Aviation mechanic	Future Career: Cyber security specialist	Future Career: Military dog handler	Future Career: Meteorological specialist
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Service Branches Available:

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Description: Measures knowledge of life science, earth and space science, and physical science.

Arithmetic Reasoning (AR)

Time Limit (Minutes) CAT: 39

MET-site: 36 Questions: CAT: 16 MET-site: 30

Description:

Measures ability to solve basic math problems.

Word Knowledge (WK)

Time Limit (Minutes) CAT: 8 MET-site: 11

Questions: CAT: 16

MET-site: 35 Description:

Measures ability to understand the meaning of words through synonyms

Paragraph Comprehension (PC)

Time Limit (Minutes) CAT: 22

MET-site: 13 Questions:

CAT: 11 MET-site: 15

Description:

Measures ability to obtain information from written materials.

Shop Information (SI)

Mathematics Knowledge (MC) Electronics Information (EI)

Time Limit (Minutes)

MET-site: 24

Questions: CAT: 16

MET-site: 25

Description: Measures knowledge of

mathematical concepts and applications.

Time Limit (Minutes)

MET-site: 9 Questions:

Description

CAT: 16 MET-site: 20

Description:

Measures knowledge of electrical current, circuits, devices, and electronic systems.

Auto Information (AI)

Time Limit (Minutes)

MET-site: *

Questions:

CAT: 11 MET-site: *

Description:

Measures knowledge of automotive maintenance and

Time Limit (Minutes)

MET-site: *

Questions: CAT: 11

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Description:

Measures knowledge of wood and metal shop practices.

Mechanical Comprehension

Time Limit (Minutes) Questions CAT: 20

MET-site: 19

CAT: 16

Measures knowledge of the MET-site: 25 principles of mechanical devices, structural support, and properties of materials.

*The MET-site ASVAB combines the Auto & Shop Information subtest containing 25 questions to be completed in 11 minutes.

> ASVAB (n.d.). ASVAB fact sheet http://official-asvab.com/docs/asvab_fact_sheet.pdf





Adult Living

Tomorrow Ready Texas covers information about:

- Personal safety
- Conflict management
- Health and nutrition
- Community participation
- And more!

Medicaid Waivers: Information and Resources

How to Sign Up

Medicaid Waiver Program	Description	
Community Living Assistance and Support Services (CLASS)	CLASS provides home and community-based support to children and adults with related conditions.	i t
Deaf Blind with Multiple Disabilities (DBMD)	The DBMD waiver program provides home- and community-based services for youths and adults who are deaf-blind or who have a related condition that leads to deaf-blindness and another disability. This program is an alternative to institutional care.	i t
Home- and Community-based services (HCS)	The HCS program provides support to individuals with an intellectual disability or related condition who either live with their families, in their own home, in a foster/companion care setting, or in small group homes with no more than four people.	C c a r \ L s t \ L i a

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Example Resume - Skills Section



Want to Know

More?

Include soft interpersonal skills.

Related Experience



Social Media Coordinator
Experience in heightening organization recognition and reach across social media channels.

Highly creative and upbeat social media coordinator with four years of experience building social media presence for academic organizations and small business owners. Proficient in social media marketing and analytics, content writing, video editing, and digital photography.

Key skills include:

- Social Media: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, Pinterest, YouTube
- Content Editing: Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook), WordPress, Google Suite (Docs, Sheets, Slides)
- **Graphic Design:** Adobe Creative Cloud (Photoshop, InDesign)

List technical skills mentioned in the job posting.

The Balance Careers (2020). How to Write a Resume Skills Section.

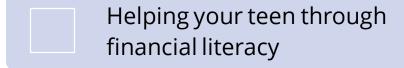
https://www.thebalancecareers.com/what-to-include-in-a-resume-skills-section-2063321





Financial Wellness

Tomorrow Ready Texas covers information about:



Paying for college

Practicing how to budget

And more!

Financial Aid Glossary

Financial Aid Term	Definition		
Financial Aid Office	The financial aid office at a college or university is responsible for helping students afford their college tuition. They are also usually in charge of actually disbursing aid to students. If you ever have any specific financial aid questions, it's always best to reach out directly to a college's financial aid office for their institution's answers.		
Cost of Attendance (COA)	A college's COA tells you how much money it will cost your student to attend that school in a given year. Not only does this figure include tuition, it also covers other necessary expenses, such as transportation and room and board.		
Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)	The Free Application for Federal Student Aid, commonly known as the FAFSA, is a financial aid application that students must complete before applying for virtually all forms of financial aid. Students who plan on attending college after high school will need to complete the application during the fall of their senior year. They'll		
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Direct Loans

How to Read a Paycheck Stub

Thanks to direct deposit, most people never see a physical paycheck. Reviewing your pay stub occasionally helps you catch any errors in your pay. Here's what you need to know about how to read your paycheck. A pay stub generally includes the following:

Gross Pay
Taxes

Withholding for federal taxes*, health insurance premiums, Social Security and Medicare

Texas does not have state income tax

DeductionsOther deductions and benefits, like childcare payments or retirement

Net Pay
Also called "take-home pay," or the

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Pay Period: 01/01/2020 - 01/31/2020

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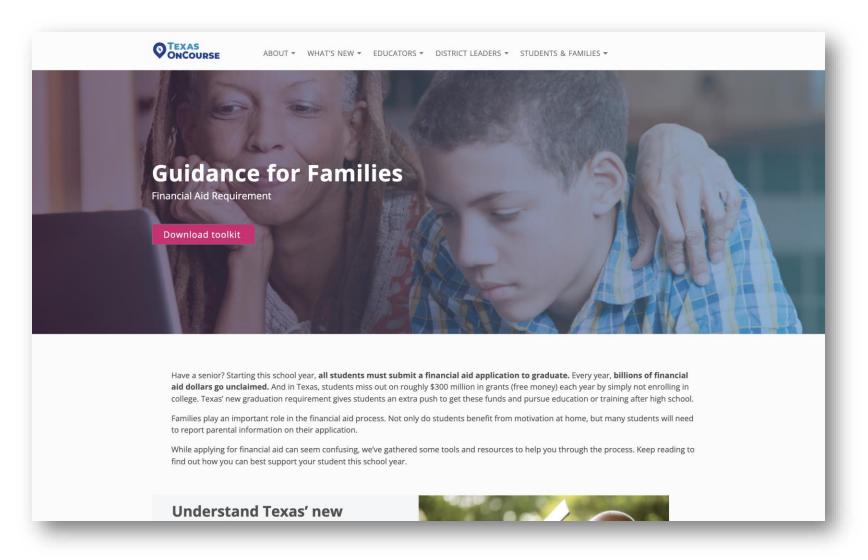


Resource Spotlight

Financial Aid Toolkit for Families



For Families: Financial Aid Toolkit



Available in English and Spanish!



We're Collecting Feedback!

- We want to know if our financial aid toolkit meets families' needs.
- If you know someone who's interested, have them reach out to Sam Kimmel at
 - Samantha.Kimmel@HigherEd.Texas.gov



We're looking for Tomorrow Ready Texas pilot testers!

How Can You Help?

- Parents and guardians of students in 8th to 12th grade
- Preview starts in February and will last about 3-4 weeks
- Participants will be sent information on how to access the site, followed by a feedback survey (shouldn't take more than 30mins)
- Share with 1-2 contacts, email template provided
- Educators welcome!
- Contact <u>ronit.shaham@highered.texas.gov</u>



Outreach Email Template

Texas OnCourse, in partnership with TWC, are launching a new college and career planning tool for parents and guardians of Texas teens.

They are looking for parents and guardians of students in 8th - 12th grade to review the site before it's launched to the public. At the end of the preview period in February, you will be asked to fill out a short feedback survey (shouldn't take you more than 30 minutes).

This is a unique opportunity to get early access and help contribute to a first of its kind online tool!

If you are interested in participating, please fill out this form and someone from the Texas OnCourse team will be in touch.

https://forms.gle/wUstzB3u7c3YErNm8





Humble ISD

- We work with 48,000 students in the Lake Houston area. Humble & Houston, TX
- 45 campuses 5 High Schools, 1 Early College High School
- Campus Counselors, At risk counselors, Student wellness counselor, 504 specialist
- AVID, IB program, Personalized Student Counseling



Family Engagement - Examples

- Parent Information Nights
- Counseling Department Newsletter
- Course Selection Info Sessions
- Social Media



Parent Nights

- Senior Parent Night- Sept.
- 8th grade parent Night-Nov.
- 9-11 Grade Parent Night-January (Virtual)
- Humble ISD Dual credit Night- April

KHS Senior Parent Night was a success! If you weren't able to attend, the presentation will be posted on the KHS website.





Newsletter / Course Selection



Beautiful and easy to use newsletters.

Senior Information

Transcripts

Students can request a transcript from the registrar's office by completing the online form at https://www.humbleisd.net/Page/126950.

FAFSA Opened October 1

Use the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) form to apply for financial aid for college or graduate school. The online form, which opened on October 1, can be found here.



Scholarships

Humble ISD Education Scholarship Opportunities

The 2021-2022 Humble ISD Education Scholarship applications are now open. More information and the online application can be found at https://humbleisdfoundation.org/how-we-help/students/scholarship-opportunities.html.

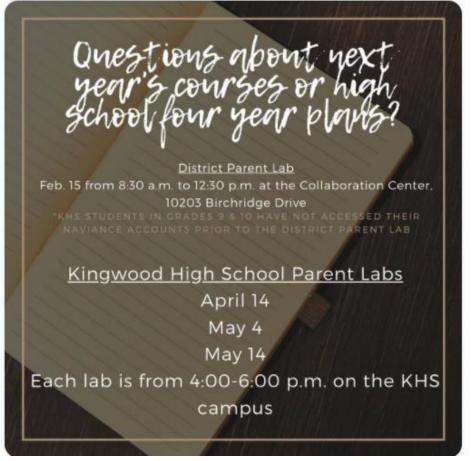
College Board Scholarship Opportunities

Applying to college is a complicated process, so we've created a program that guides you through it.



Kingwood HS Counselors @khs_counselteam · Feb 14, 2020

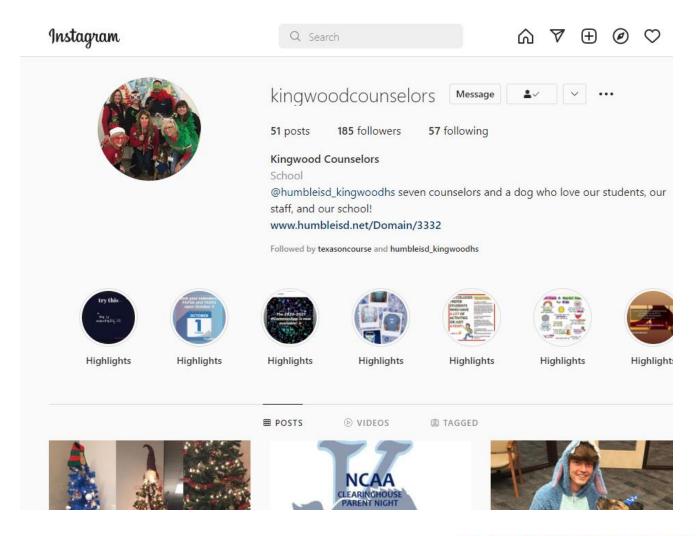
KHS parents are invited to attend one of the upcoming parent labs to ask individual questions about their child's courses and/or four year plan.





Social Media







Questions? Comments?

Feel free to type your questions in the chat box.

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