

## SEMINOLE HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR/SENIOR INFORMATION

### STEPS FOR YOU TO FOLLOW:

- 1) Take your ACT or SAT spring of junior year and/or fall of senior year. Register online and **KEEP YOUR USERNAMES AND PASSWORDS!!!** Many students take these more than once to raise their scores so plan ahead!  
Check online to see if the colleges your interested in are still using test optional. Most in Texas are still accepting test optional for 2025 but some are moving towards requiring test scores for entry.  
Junior colleges usually don't require SAT/ACT scores for entry but do for scholarships.

**ACT:** [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

<u>ACT dates:</u>	<u>Registration deadline:</u>
July 12	June 6
Sept. 6	August 1
Oct 18	Sept 12
Dec 13	Nov 7
Feb 14, 2026	Jan 7, 2026

**SAT:** [www.sat.org](http://www.sat.org)

<u>SAT dates:</u>	<u>Registration deadline:</u>
Aug. 23	Aug. 8
Sept 13	Aug. 29
Oct 4	Sept. 19

**October 22 (held at SHS) Register early through school store - Parentsquare will be sent for SAT School Day.**

Nov 8	Oct. 24
Dec 6	Nov. 21
March 14	March 3

**March? (held at SHS) SAT SCHOOL DAY Register through the online school store. Parentsquare will be sent out closer to the date.**

**\*SAT school day:** The SAT test is offered during the fall and spring semester. You must register and pay through the high school online store.

[Go to seminoleisd.net](http://www.seminoleisd.net)

- click on parents and students
- click on online store
- click on Seminole ISD Campus Fees
- click Seminole High School
- click High School Testing
- click SAT

Students hoping to get scholarships based on scores should start testing in the spring/summer before their senior year. Retests can continue to be sent in to qualify for more scholarship money.

FREE Test prep: [www.kahnacademy.org](http://www.kahnacademy.org) or <https://www.kaptest.com/act/free/act-free-practice-test>

**PSAT/NMSQT will be given on October 8th.** This is a “pre-SAT” but also can qualify students to be a part of the National Merit Scholarship Program. It is open for our sophomores and juniors. Only juniors are eligible for the scholarship program.

**ASVAB will be given to all seniors on September 22nd.** This is a military aptitude test that the military does use but is also helpful in providing good information to students about their aptitude for certain occupations and skills.

### **FEE WAIVERS**

If you are on free or reduced lunch, or your family income is at a certain level, you may receive fee waivers for ACT and SAT. (Waivers do not apply to SAT School Day.) See Mrs. Garcia if you think you might qualify. You also can receive college application fee waivers!

**2) Start building your resume. Use this to help fill out information on SAT/ACT, college applications, and to give to teachers/counselors for recommendation letters, etc.**

**List for resume:**

- a) Academic Honors**
- b) Extracurricular activities**
- c) Community/volunteer work**
- d) Work Experience**
- e) Educational travel**
- f) What you plan to study - major/minor**

**3) If you need a recommendation letter, give your teacher or counselor plenty of time! Bring your list of activities or resume to your teacher or counselor.**

**4) Start taking tours during the summer or when we have breaks. Most colleges offer them everyday all year long. Sign up on the college’s website. If you cannot make it there, look for a virtual tour on their website.**

**Seniors/Juniors are allowed two college days per year. Obtain a form from the counseling office, have it signed by an administrator and then turn it into the**

Seminole High School attendance clerk **prior** to the travel date. \*Bring a note with college heading back as documentation with the date of your visit and your name..

**5) Contact the college admissions office of the schools that you are interested in attending and find out who your admissions representative is. Call or email the representative with questions you have about the college.**

**6) Apply early!! Get it done the summer before your senior year when you are not so busy! Most applications open up by July 1st or August 1st. Part of this process is to send in your ACT/SAT scores and transcript. If your ACT/SAT are not high enough, they will require you to take the TSI (see below).**

FIRST: Check the college website for procedures.

APPLYING TO A **TEXAS** COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY:

[www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org)

APPLYING TO **ANY OTHER** COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY:

\*Go to the college's web site and find admission requirements

or use

[The Common Application](#)

### **High School Transcripts:**

Complete an online transcript request form on the Seminole ISD website.

\*Select Students tab

\*Select Student Resources

\*Select Transcript Request and fill out the form completely.

You will need to request two transcripts:

1<sup>st</sup> Transcript Request: After you submit your college application

2<sup>nd</sup> Transcript Request: At the end of May your senior year

**PLEASE ALLOW AT LEAST ONE WEEK FOR THE SHS REGISTRAR TO MAIL YOUR TRANSCRIPT.**

### **Odessa College Transcripts:**

If you are a student who has taken dual credit classes or are currently enrolled in any du classes, then you will need to request an Odessa College transcript either online or by phone.

### **Online:**

Google: Odessa College Transcript request and click on Transcripts - records under Odessa College. Follow the directions. **By Phone:** (432) 335-6404 and ask for the registrar.

**PLEASE ALLOW AT LEAST TWO WEEKS FOR THE ODESSA COLLEGE REGISTRAR TO MAIL YOUR TRANSCRIPT.**

### **TSIA2 Assessment**

Texas Success Initiative assessment is a college placement exam that helps colleges identify students' reading, writing, and math levels.

Some students can be exempt from taking the TSI based on dual credit/SAT or ACT scores:

- SAT:
  - An Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (EBRW) score of 480 or higher exempts you from the English Language Arts and Reading (ELAR) section.
  - A Math score of 530 or higher exempts you from the mathematics section.
  - Scores must be from the SAT administered on or after March 2016.
- ACT:
  - For ACTs administered on or after February 15, 2023, a combined score of 40 on the English and Reading (E+R) tests exempts you from the ELAR section.
  - A score of 22 on the Math test exempts you from the mathematics section.
  - For ACTs administered prior to February 15, 2023, a composite score of 23 with a minimum of 19 on the English test exempts you from the ELAR section.
  - A composite score of 23 with a minimum of 19 on the Math test exempts you from the mathematics section.

Also, successful completion of college-level courses in a specific area, can exempt you from that TSI assessment area. This applies to students who were previously allowed to take dual credit courses based on EOC scores.

If you are in a college prep course that course will count for your TSI only if you plan to attend South Plains college. Online practice can be found here:

<https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/students/prepare-for-accuplacer/practice>

**If you haven't taken a TSI Assessment, you will need to take it at your earliest opportunity. This test is given daily at many junior colleges such as Odessa College. Seniors, sign up now for your final opportunity to test on campus. If you are not sure if you need to take one of the TSI tests, email [tgarcia@seminoleisd.net](mailto:tgarcia@seminoleisd.net) or send a message through Student Square to Tasha Garcia.**

**7) Fill out scholarship applications on college websites if they are not included on ApplyTexas.**

Most schools have a scholarship application which they use to see if you qualify for all their scholarships. Most require information from FAFSA, so complete the application in January! You may also use search engines/apps such as Scholarships.com, Goingmerry.com, and Fastweb.com for scholarships. These websites use your profile to match scholarships that apply to you.

**Local scholarships will be announced via Parent Square, as they are received and will also be posted on the school website under the Student Resources tab.**

CHECK COLLEGE DEADLINES!

**Applications must be completed by this date! Allow yourself time to submit any missing information that the college may request.**

**8) FILL OUT FAFSA as soon as possible!!! (Opens in October!)**

[www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov) Students and parents must complete the application now that the portal is open. Parents will need their 2024 tax return.

**\*\*ALL** Students and parents must set up an FSA ID **prior** to filling out the FAFSA. Parents that are not U.S. citizens or residents will also need to create an FSA ID. Be aware that parents and students will need different email addresses for their FSA IDs.

**\*FAFSA NIGHTS will be scheduled and Reminders will be posted on Parent Square. An FSA ID should be completed prior to attending**  
Students who are Texas residents but cannot apply for federal financial aid using FAFSA may complete the TASFA at  
<https://www.highered.texas.gov/our-work/empowering-our-students/tasfa/>

**\*\*\*One of the following is a graduation requirement:**

- \* Complete and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA);
- \* Complete and submit a Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA);
- \* or Submit a signed opt-out form.

**9) The colleges you apply to will send you emails with information on setting up an account. You can check this account to see if you have everything in and are complete.**

**10) Colleges will notify you of your acceptance by mail or email. The sooner you get your application completed, the sooner you will receive an answer. Once you are accepted, some schools allow you to go ahead and choose your dorm with a deposit.**

**11) Colleges will let you know in March/April what kind of financial assistance/scholarships that you will receive. This will help you in determining which school you choose.**

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR FALL:**

**SEPT 18 - COLLEGE FAIR in back gym 2-3:45 PM**

**SEPT 22 - ASVAB in main gym 8:15 AM**

**OCT 8 - PSAT in MPR 8:30 AM**

**OCT 22 - SAT in MPR 8:30 AM**