

# Resource Bulletin

**SAT:** [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

This site contains links to register for the SAT college entrance exam. It also has test taking tips, an online review course, Advanced Placement course and testing information, an area to view your score, financial aid information, as well as a college and career planning tools.

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

This site contains information similar to the SAT site...the ACT site also has a link on how to register for the ACT college entrance exam. It has test taking tips, an online review course, an area to view your score, financial aid information, as well as college and career planning tools.

**Khan Academy** -<https://www.khanacademy.org/>

**Texas Graduation Toolkit-** <http://www.depts.ttu.edu/ttuisd/Files/pdf/14Grad-toolkit-booklet.pdf> The toolkit provides students, their parents and educators information about the new graduation requirements beginning with the 9th grade class in the 2014-2015 school year. It will help in understanding what endorsement choices there are and how to best prepare for transition from school to college and/or work.

**Choices 360** <https://www.choices360.com/Welcome.aspx?nextpage=%2f> The Choices 360 Planner is being used at Brenham High School to assist students with career exploration, post-secondary planning and resume writing, etc.

**Apply Texas** <https://www.applytexas.org> The site contains admission information for all Texas colleges, you can complete and submit your admissions applications and apply for scholarships online.

**Blinn Dual Credit Information-** [www.blinn.edu](http://www.blinn.edu)

When the Blinn screen comes up, look at the top of the screen and click on Blinn A to Z. This will give you an alpha listing of Blinn topics. Under "D" click on Dual Credit and you will see a gray box to the left. Click on Enrollment process to access the information that you need about Dual Credit as well as step by step procedures for the enrollment process.

## Who's Your Counselor?

9th —Robyn LaSagna

10th— Lori Puckett

11th—Sharon Jones

12th—Fon'Shall Watts

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## Ask the Advocate

This section will be devoted to questions you may have about courses, college, scholarships, financial aid, graduation, etc. The answers will show up here.

1. What do I do if I made a mistake on my registration?

You can make an appointment with your grade level counselor. It is better to do this before this school year ends so your schedule is error free in August.

2. How can I search for scholarships?

Many scholarship applications are online within company, and/or community organizations. You can also search scholarships in the Apply Texas and Choices360 web sites.

3. When should I start applying for scholarships?

Depends on the scholarship eligibility requirements. Some scholarships allow students who are not 12th graders to apply (sometimes as early as 9th grade). Examples of company scholarships are Target, Walmart, Wendy's, or Coca-Cola. Examples of subject based scholarships are engineering, business, law, sciences, etc. Colleges and universities usually award merit scholarships based on grades and SAT/ACT scores and an overall outstanding application.



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May 6

June 3

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April 8

June 10

# BRENHAM HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

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# The Advocate

## Seniors

It's extremely important that students make sure that their FAFSA and other financial aid documents are being submitted on time. Additionally, students should be reviewing financial aid scholarship offers with their parents. And naturally, students should continue to research scholarship opportunities.

Students have fantasized about donning that cap and gown for quite some time. Make sure that moment becomes a reality! Students should meet with their counselor to be sure they are on track for graduation.

Write "thank you" notes to teachers for their recommendations. While they might not have guaranteed a student a spot at their dream school, they did do you a favor.

Admissions decisions will be hitting mailboxes (or inboxes) any day

now. Keep the counselor in the loop regarding any notifications received. Students should also use this time to discuss options if they've been placed on a "wait list."

Once students been admitted to a school, they should aim to schedule a campus visit if at all possible. Students should want to get the best sense of all of your options before making the ultimate decision. If the student is confident about his/her number one choice (and been admitted), they should send in their enrollment and housing forms/deposits asap!

Students should begin creating a "to do list" of items that require attention (housing form, orientation, registering for classes, placement tests, etc.). Students should also talk to their peers,

parents and guidance counselor about their thoughts and feelings regarding graduation and going off to college. Both are major milestones and both generate a good deal of change. Students may likely to feel a rush of different emotions. Know that that's normal and completely acceptable. Speak to the counselor if needed.

Students should not lose sight of their current responsibilities (scholastic and extracurricular). They need to remain in good standing academically in order to graduate and retain their college admission offer.



# One Brenham, Better Together

## AP Exams-Late Registration

- ⇒ Late registration will be from February 23– March 8. An additional \$10.00 fee per test will be added to each test registration fee. No other registrations will be allowed or tests ordered after March 8, 2017.

## STAAR End of Course (EOC)

Reminder to all students that STAAR End of Course testing for English I and English II will be administered on Tuesday, March 28th for English 1 and Thursday, March 30 for English II.

Tutorials will be provided for students who need to re-take the test. English teachers will let students know when and where the tutorials will be offered.

## Khan Academy

Khan Academy can be an invaluable resource for students in all academic subjects and it's free.

- ⇒ Students create an account on their website and view tutorials and videos that can help students with homework and concepts in their classes that they're having trouble understanding.
- ⇒ If students have taken the PSAT, they can link their score report to Khan academy and create a personal tutorial program to improve the next PSAT for freshman and sophomores, but improve academic performance in class as well.
- ⇒ Khan Academy website can be linked to students' College Board accounts as well to provide 7 practice tests, interactive lessons and instant feedback on items that students should be working on to improve SAT scores when they re-take the test.
- ⇒ Math help in Math: Early math, Arithmetic, Pre-algebra, Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Pre-calculus, Statistics & probability, Calculus, Differential equations, and Linear Algebra
- ⇒ Science help in the following subjects: Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Organic Chemistry, Health & medicine, Electrical Engineering, Cosmology & Astronomy
- ⇒ Humanities help: Art history, Grammar, Music, US History, World History
- ⇒ Economics assistance in: Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Finance & capital markets and Entrepreneurship
- ⇒ Computer Science: Computing, Computer programming, Computer science, Hour of Code, and Computer animation
- ⇒ College Admissions videos and lessons: Getting started, Making high school count, Exploring college options, Applying to college, Paying for college, and Wrapping up

There are also resources for students and their parents. Student privacy and security are great, no has access to students' tutorials unless parent permission is given.



## Blinn Dual Credit

Current 10th and 11th grade students, who qualify and are interested in taking a dual credit course at Blinn College, should attend the informational meeting this month.

Students taking dual credit courses should plan to take the TSI. Blinn College is not using PSAT scores this year and EOC results will not be returned before the application deadline.

Blinn representatives will be at Brenham High School in room 111-113 on Tuesday, March 7, 2017. You should have Blinn dual credit form and your transcript ready for that day. Please listen for announcement on what time to report to register.



## Course Registration this Month for Grades 9-11

- \* Counselors are preparing for course registration for the next school year. Students received a course description book and should fill out page 15.
- \* The courses that students select must follow their personal graduation plans and their selected endorsement. Students should review their plans with their counselor and any changes made must be reviewed by the student's counselor and approved by the parent.
- \* If you are not sure of the classes to register for, make an appointment with your counselor to clarify any confusion or questions about which classes to take next year..



## Choices 360

<https://www.choices360.com>

The Choices 360 Planner can assist students with career exploration, post-secondary planning and resume writing, etc.

The career exploration section has interest, skills, ability and workplace inventories that will give students samples of possible careers. The post-secondary planning section is full of college information with links to their websites. The site has information on scholarships and how to apply for financial aid. This a a great tool to plan "your future".

## TSI TESTING

### Blinn College Dual Credit

TSI testing is required for students to enroll in dual credit courses if they do not have the qualifying scores on their English II End of Course test or PSAT. Testing for Brenham High school students will be April 1, 2017.

Testing is given on a first come, first served basis. Students will need to pay for the test early, to reserve their spot.

The payment links will open on January 1st, 2017 and can be found here: [http://www.blinn.edu/testing/brenham\\_testing.html](http://www.blinn.edu/testing/brenham_testing.html).

If you are unable to test on those days, see your counselor for other dates that might be available.