



# Sophomore Sentinel

## TAKS Tutoring

Free Math and Science TAKS tutoring will be offered at Hebron beginning March 25-April 24th. Sessions will be Monday-Thursday from 4:15-5:30.

## Random Drug Testing

Hebron begins random drug testing this month. When implementing a drug testing program, appropriate support for students needing help is essential. LISD has developed a STAR program. Please call 972-350-3672 with any questions regarding the STAR program or Random Student Drug Testing.

## What Counts for College?

- High School Courses— consider PreAP and AP courses
- SAT/ACT Test Scores— take one or both if you plan to enter a 4 year institution after high school
- GPA and Class Rank— all colleges will ask for your rank and GPA
- School/Community Service— colleges are looking for students who are more than just good students
- Admission Essay— take your time and get parent/teacher help
- Overall Transcript

\* Begin compiling a list of all your school activities, awards and honors, leadership experience, community and church activities, work experience, and volunteer service now.

### We're on the Web!

Ellen Bradley— A-Chi  
Alexis Webb— Chj-Gou  
Tracey Shinkle Gov-Kil  
Kim Clingan- Kim-Mok  
Debra Denson— Mol-Riv  
Pat Pigg— Riw-So  
Linda Lawyer— Sp-Z

## 10th Grade TAKS

- Math (April 29, 2008)
- Science (May 1, 2008)
- Social Studies (May 2, 2008)

The best way to prepare for the TAKS is to do well in each of these classes. It is important that you take the TAKS seriously and do your best.

- Your 10th grade TAKS scores will let you know if you are on track to pass the Exit Level your Junior year.
- Students who do not pass one or more of the TAKS tests will be placed into a TAKS remediation class their Junior year.

## Online Courses

LISD now provides you the opportunity to participate in online classes as part of your high school experience. Any student may enroll in online health if space is available. Government and economics are available for seniors. For more information about "e-school" go to <http://eschool.lisd.net/eschool>

## Cost of Higher Education

In 2006-2007, the average total cost of a full year at a public university for students living on campus was \$16,678 for students paying in-state tuition.

How do I keep the costs down...

- Enroll in challenging courses in high school to avoid taking developmental or remedial courses in college
- Keep options open, including: community college, technical colleges, universities, and military
- Take advanced placement courses and exams and/or dual credit to earn college credit while still in high school

## Life After High School

Are you unsure about what you want to do when you graduate? It is not too early to explore your options. Start thinking about your future by finding careers that interest you. Hebron has provided all students free access to Bridges.com.

**Go to [www.bridges.com](http://www.bridges.com)**  
**Site ID: 0089970**

## PSAT and QuickStart

All students who took the PSAT have FREE access to My College QuickStart. My College QuickStart is an easy-to-use, online, personalized college and career planning kit comprised of four main sections. See your score report for details.