



Sophomore Sentinel

9th/10th Handbook

All 10th graders should have received a handbook. If you did not get one, stop by the counseling office.

The Cost of College

Let tuition concerns take a backseat when deciding where to apply. Many students do not apply to a school because of the price. Consider the cost of college once you've been accepted and you are ready to make your final decision.

You won't know your financial obligation until after you...

1. Apply for financial aid
2. Receive your acceptance letter
3. Receive your award package

* Information provided by Princeton Review

HOBY

Applications are due November 2nd. We will announce winner and alternate before the Thanksgiving break.

Academic Portfolio

Things to list on an academic portfolio...

- Awards in school (grades 9-12)
- Awards outside of school (grades 9-12)
- Activities in school (especially leadership opportunities)
- Activities outside of school (clubs and church groups)
- Community Service
- Jobs
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Not Involved? See our list of [clubs and organizations!](#)

We're on the Web!

Hhs.lisd.net/counselors

Earning Additional Credits

- **VLA/e-school:** LISD offers online courses in health, BCIS, government, and economics. 10th graders may sign-up to take health and BCIS. For more information visit the [VLA](#) website.
- **Dual Credit:** Juniors and Seniors with a 3.0 GPA may enroll in dual credit courses. Dual credit allow students to earn both high school and college credits simultaneously. For more information contact your counselor and [Collin College](#).
- **LISD's Night School:** LISD students who are least 16 years old can apply to attend our Night School to accelerate with our Dale Jackson classes or other CORE classes if space is available.

Hebron's Top 10% and the Senate Bill 175

Under the new Texas law, Texas public universities are to automatically admit enough students in the top 10% of a graduating class to fill up to 75% of the available spaces set aside for Texas residents in an entering freshman class beginning with the 2011 summer/fall class. As a result, UT Austin will automatically admit all eligible 2011 freshman who rank within the top 8% of their graduating classes, with remaining spaces to be filled through the holistic review.

At this time, UT Austin is the only university affected by Senate Bill 175.

Dispelling Myths about the SAT

Myth: The SAT is a logic test

Fact: It tests your skills in reading, writing, and math

Myth: Short term prep is the best way to boost scores

Fact: You need to take rigorous, challenging courses throughout school

Myth: The SAT is tricky

Fact: The SAT measures what you already know and how you can apply that knowledge

Myth: Colleges have access to all students' test scores

Fact: Score Choice gives students an opportunity to choose which SAT scores are sent to colleges

10th Grade TAKS

Sophomores will be taking the TAKS this spring in English, math, science, and social studies. For practice tests go to <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/resources/release/index.html>