

Warren & CCA Graduating Class 2026

{ Things you need to do to prepare for life after high school



Things to Monitor during Senior Year

- Grades (senioritis)/GPA -ranking
- Attendance law 90% rule. See Administrator
- Credit Acceleration if needed
- AP/Dual credit courses (Grades matter)

Planning for the Future

• Apply for College

- Choose the best application(s) for your college list.
- It is best to apply to colleges in the fall.

• Scholarships

- Be mindful of college scholarship deadlines.
- Look for external scholarships to help supplement your college scholarship and financial aid offer.

• Financial Aid

- Filing a FAFSA/TASFA is a graduation requirement in the State of Texas. Be sure to start early and provide proof to the Career Center for graduation tracking.

Applying for College

Competitive schools begin taking applications in July

- ☞ Texas Colleges Only: www.applytexas.org
- ☞ Texas, National and Int'l Colleges: www.commonapp.org

Applications fees versus fee waivers

Do not wait until deadline for applications or you may not get your major of choice. It is recommended to apply at least two weeks before the deadline date of choice.

Junior College or Community Colleges

Alamo Colleges application open September 1st and help students apply during English class and register later in the year.

Apply via www.applytexas.org

Alamo Promise Guaranteed Deadline: Feb 28th each year

Testing

*SAT or ACT tests are required for some college/university admission reviews.

- Reading and Math 500+ shows college readiness
- Send scores directly to university from the student SAT/ACT account
- Send AP scores at the end of July
(3+ are best for possible credit)

*SAT/ACT test retakes

- NISD pays for the April 2025 SAT school day only
- All other testing is the responsibility of the student/family

*TSI exams can also show college readiness and are used for course placement (advising) only. These do not fulfill a requirement for SAT/ACT in an admission review.

Testing

- SAT = collegeboard.org
- ACT = [ACT.org](https://act.org)
- TSI = Texas Success Initiative = college readiness
- Check local colleges for testing sites (NVC)

Please Note:

Student must keep track of their account information.
WHS/CCA does not have access to reset passwords or view
emails students added.

Transcripts

- Order transcripts online at nisdtx.scriborder.com for \$3.00 each.
- Registrar sends transcripts to colleges electronically.
- Final transcript ordered and sent out in June
(student must order online through same process)

504/SE Accommodations

- Accommodations
- Modifications
- Be sure to have your paperwork for the college (disabilities office)
- SAT/ACT extended time

Financial Aid

- FAFSA (studentaid.gov)
 - Complete the 26-27 application
 - Scheduled to open in October 2025
 - Will use 2024 tax information
 - Student AND Parent(s) need FSA IDs and accounts
 - Grants, work study, loans (including Alamo Promise)
- TASFA
 - Complete the 26-27 application
 - Scheduled to open in October 2025 after FAFSA opens
 - Will use 2024 tax information

Scholarships

Interested in playing sports in college??

Complete the NCAA Clearinghouse
or the NAIA clearinghouse

 <https://secure.smores.com/04cby>

Work

- Summer jobs and internships (shadowing)
- Interviewing and resume building
- Apprenticeship programs
- Joining Military-Career Center

Community Service and other opportunities

- Job shadowing
- Interview and Resume training

NAWBO –Nation Assoc. of Women Business Owners

ACE Mentoring

Skills USA

College Visits (5)

Confluence

Engineer for a Day

Resources

- Career Center 210-397-4242
April Rubio, april.garza@nisd.net
- Café College www.cafecollege.org
- FAFSA studentaid.gov (After October 1st)
- Scholarships-websites <https://secure.smores.com/04cby>

Checklist

- Apply to colleges (keep login info and UNID#)
 - Complete FAFSA/TASFA (After October 1st.)
 - Send test scores or retake through collegeboard.org
 - Order and send transcripts (Electronically)
 - Now work on scholarships
- Other things to remember:
- Deadlines!!
 - Scholarships
 - Honors Colleges
 - Dorms