

Seguin High School Senior Parent Presentation



Fall 2019

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Tonight's Agenda

- Graduation Requirements
- College & Career “To Do List”
- Financial Aid & Scholarships
- Graduation Information



Graduation Requirements

- **Foundation with Endorsement and Distinguished Level of Achievement**
- 4 Credits of English
- 4 Credits of Math
(Must include Algebra II)
- 4 Credits of Science
- 3 Credits of Social Studies (SHS students take 4)
- 2 Credits of the Same Foreign Language
- 1 Credit of P.E.
- 1 Credit of Fine Arts
- 6 State Elective Credits
- ***Total 26 Credits***

Graduation....

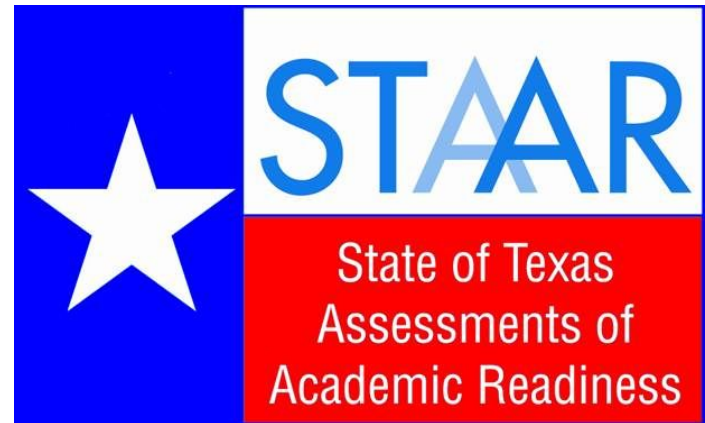
- Pass all required courses to meet your graduation requirements
- Pass all 5 STAAR E.O.C. Exams
(English I & II, Algebra I, Biology, and U.S. History)
- Must meet all State of Texas attendance requirements
- Must close out all accounts and fines



Pass ALL E.O.C. Exams

▣ What if I have not yet passed all my E.O.C. exams?

- Retest Opportunities
 - English I (December 10th)
 - English II (December 12th)
 - Algebra I (December 13th)
 - U.S. History (December 11th)
 - Biology (December 11th)



Attendance and Graduation

Attendance Impacts Graduation

- Unexcused absences may lead to filing in truancy court.
- Excessive absences can lead to make-up hours and credit denial.
- Students must be present in each class at least 90% in order to be eligible to receive credit. All absences, whether excused or unexcused are subject to this 90% rule.

Meet All Attendance Requirements

- Courses that require make-up hours are indicated on transcripts with an * next to the grade being withheld. These courses compute as a 0 (zero) for GPA purposes.
- Students may restore credit by completing make-up hours through:
 - Teacher tutorials: before and after school
 - Saturday school is available
 - *In Saturday School, students receive 5 hours for 4 hours attendance*

College Visits



- Experience first-hand campus environment.
- Schedule a campus tour to meet with a representative from Admissions Office.
- Visit the campus Financial Aid/Scholarship Office.
- Two college visits allowed per year.
(Request form from Attendance Office prior to visit for approval.)

Suggested Senior Timeline

1. **Testing: TSI, SAT/ACT (now or ASAP)**
2. **Apply Online:** Apply Texas, Common App, Coalition App or specific school apps
3. **Request SAT/ACT test scores, and Transcripts from SHS, St. Philips, and TLU**
4. **Complete FAFSA (opens October 1st)**
5. **Apply for scholarships**
6. **Schedule campus visits**

Applying For College Online

Target 5 Schools

Coalition Application:

<https://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org>

ApplyTexas: <https://www.applytexas.org>

Common Application: <https://www.commonapp.org/>

Individual School Applications

Know Deadlines

- **Early application + essays = scholarships**

Essays/Resume (Reviewed by teachers/adults)

Do not rule out private institutions

FAFSA

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
 - <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>
- Accurate Information
 - Determines \$\$\$ available to student and if they are eligible for grants.
- Opens October 1st
 - *Use 2018 Tax Returns*
 - **FAFSA Wednesday - Oct 9th, Nov 6th**
 - 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm
 - Parents are invited for FAFSA assistance-call or email to reserve a seat

Texas Success Initiative

- The Texas Success Initiative (TSI) is a state-legislated program designed to improve student success in college.
- Meeting TSI standards is a requirement for entering Texas public Colleges, Universities.
- SAT, ACT, TSIA

College & Career Readiness Testing Information

- TSI, SAT, ACT Dates & Prep Resources: [College & Career Page - Testing](#)
- After-School TSI Tutorials
- TSI Testing Fall Testing Dates and Times for Seniors needing the TSI:
 - Week of September 16th through the 20th (during the school day)
 - Saturday, November 9th *register online
- Additional Saturday testing sessions are also available
 - [Saturday TSI Registration](#)

Scholarship Information

**FREE
MONEY
FOR COLLEGE!**

- **3 Different Types of Scholarships:**
 - *National*
 - *Local*
 - **College-Specific:**
 - *Incoming freshman scholarships*
 - *Major specific*
- **Requires letter(s) of recommendation & essay.**
- **Check SHS website often for new scholarships and scholarship deadlines. [SHS College & Career Page - Scholarships](#)**

Know Your Deadlines!
Priority Deadlines: Oct. 1 – Nov. 1

Senior Success Nights

Dates:

**Oct 9th 4:30-6:30 pm in the
College & Career Center**

**Nov 6th 4:30-6:30 pm in the
College & Career Center**



More dates in the Spring TBD

Request Transcripts/Scores

- **SHS Registrar, Yolanda Guerra** (must fill out form to request transcripts)
 - First 20 are free
 - \$1.00 each afterwards
- **SAT/ACT scores:** <https://www.collegeboard.org/>
- **St. Philips:** <https://www.alamo.edu/spc/>
- **TLU:** <http://www.tlu.edu/>
- **TSI Scores: request from counseling office**

Social media

- **Keep informed about Senior events by following the Seguin High School social media pages on Facebook and Twitter.**
- **Facebook: Seguin High School**
- **Twitter: @SeguinHSTx**



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Graduation: invitations and caps & gowns....

- Jostens will present information to seniors on **Friday, October 25th**. Seniors will receive a catalog and order form.
- Orders will be placed on **Oct 30th, Oct 31st, and Nov 4th** during lunch. Orders can be placed online.
- Caps and gowns ordered from other companies are not the same shade of gold. If you are using a gown from a previous graduate, make sure the color matches. (the last 6 years have been the same)

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■ Questions



■ Thank you!!!!!!

