

COUNSELORS' CORNER

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AP Test Registration

Students will begin registration for AP testing. When the student is enrolled in the AP class the cost of each AP test is \$13. Students not enrolled in the class but wish to test will pay \$86 for that test. Students will get their test request forms from the AP teacher.

Registration for the 2010-11 School Year

The exciting new registration through Career Cruising starts this week. Students will log in from home. Parents will be able to see all course offerings and list of courses already taken and courses still required. This is a great tool to help parents understand the process and choices available to students.

When students are scheduled to see the counselor, they have been asked to bring a printed copy of course selections with them.

Counselors will begin seeing students individually next week, February 9.

Students will come to see the counselors with their English teacher's class.

Eight tips for preparing for college

Success in college means a world of opportunities. It's never too early to start planning. Here are some tips to prepare you for college:

1. **Set positive goals for yourself.**

Take challenging courses so you are ready for Advanced Placement (AP) courses later. Take the PSAT in the 10th grade.

2. **Analyze your interests and abilities.**

Learn about colleges and programs that emphasize your interests and abilities. Check out college Web sites. Talk to your mentors and counselors about your strengths.

3. **Read.**

Read for pleasure. Read what interests you. Read to learn. Read novels, nonfiction books, magazines, and newspaper articles. Borrow materials from your library regularly — and don't forget to return them. Studies show that students earn higher test scores when they read more and watch less TV.

4. **Stay healthy.**

Be active outdoors, use neighborhood and school gyms and pools, participate in sports and dance. Eat a healthy diet and limit sweets and fats. Have regular medical and dental checkups. Get plenty of rest to keep your energy level up.

5. **Get involved in extracurricular activities.**

Choose activities that help develop teamwork, leadership, and

responsibility. Perform community service through community organizations. Join clubs in your areas of interest.

6. Keep your parents involved in your life.

Talk about school assignments, grades, and your dreams with your parents. Let them know when you need certain learning materials like a calculator or dictionary and when you need transportation to school-related activities. Introduce your friends to your parents.

7. Create a personal file of your accomplishments.

Include all your activities and awards: academic, sports, volunteer, and community service. Keep your report cards and samples of your best school work.

8. Continue saving money.

Investigate financial aid opportunities offered by your schools of interest. Look for all types of aid including grants, scholarships, loans, and work opportunities. Visit the [AIE Scholarship Search](http://www.AIE.org/sbase) (www.AIE.org/sbase). Many other online student financial aid resources are available in the [AIE Internet Resources area](http://www.AIE.org/Links) (www.AIE.org/Links).

Source: Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's College for Texans campaign (www.CollegeForTexans.com)

Who is my student's counselor?

The student's last name determines his or her counselor. Please feel free to call your student's counselor for information or help. The alphabet distribution has changed. Check to see if your student has been assigned to a different counselor.

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C- – Eq	Debra Mansury	682-867-8610
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