

Prosper High School

Senior Presentation

September, 2015

Why do I need Post Secondary Education?

- Six out of every ten (60%) jobs in our economy depend on workers with at least a **two-year** college degree.
- At least 95% of the jobs in the marketplace require skills obtained *outside* of the *high school* classroom.
- A shortage of 14 million college-educated workers is predicted by 2020.
- The more education, the higher the salary.

What are my options?

- Four-Year College
- Two-Year College
- Junior/Community College for 2 and 4-year college for 2 years
- Technical Vocational School
- Volunteer Internships
- Enter the Work Force
- U.S. Armed Forces

Where to Begin...

Texas Public Colleges/Universities

Apply Texas Application-www.applytexas.org

2 year colleges

4 year colleges

Private and Out of State Colleges/Universities

www.commonapp.org

*Some private schools have their own application

SAT Dates

<u>Test Date:</u>	<u>Registration Deadline:</u>	<u>Late Registration Deadline:</u>
October 3, 2015	September 3, 2015	September 22, 2015
November 7, 2015	October 9, 2015	October 27, 2015
December 5, 2015	November 5, 2015	November 23, 2015
January 23, 2016	December 28, 2015	January 12, 2016
March 5, 2016	February 5, 2016	February 23, 2016
May 7, 2016	April 8, 2016	April 26, 2016
June 4, 2016	May 5, 2016	May 25, 2016

Register at: <https://sat.collegeboard.org>

ACT Dates

<u>Test Date:</u>	<u>Registration Deadline:</u>	<u>Late Registration Deadline:</u>
October 24, 2015	September 18, 2015	October 2, 2015
December 12, 2015	November 6, 2015	November 20, 2015
February 6, 2016	January 8, 2016	January 15, 2016
April 9, 2016	March 4, 2016	March 18, 2016
June 11, 2016	May 6, 2016	May 20, 2016

Register at: www.actstudent.org

**PHS School Code:
445-715**

SAT - ACT

Remember: Colleges require that the test scores be submitted electronically from the testing agency. Each test fee includes 4 score reports.

*Most universities will accept either test.

- SAT subject tests might be required by some institutions

*Be sure when requesting a transcript that you indicate whether to send it with or without test scores.

College Admissions Testing cont.

- SAT Subject Tests
 - 40-50 schools with highly competitive admission standards require for acceptance
 - Given on all test dates except March
 - Can take up to 3 Subject Tests each date
 - Colleges also use results for:
 - Applications to Honors or competitive programs
 - Placement in appropriate courses

College Essays

- College Essays
 - When all else is equal, a compelling essay can make the difference
- College admission officers
 - Look at the essay for evidence the student can write well and support their ideas with logical arguments.

Common College Essays

- The “you” question
 - Tell us about yourself-things your transcript doesn’t convey
- The “why us” question
 - Student’s choice of college or career
- The “creative” question
 - Candidates ability to think and write .

Letters of Recommendation

- Instructions are on the PHS Counseling webpage
- Give author 2 – 3 weeks notice
- Provide author with recipient info for letter-admission, scholarship, etc.
- Author should be someone who can provide insight about the student.
- If the school requires the letter to be mailed separately, provide the author with an envelope complete with address and stamp.
- Follow up with a thank you card.

Transcript Request

- Complete the transcript request online. Be sure if you're under 18, your parents complete the consent form.
- Requests completed Wednesday by 3:00 will be ready after 12:00 pm on Friday.
- Any transcript requested after 3:00 pm will be ready the following Friday.
- You can mail your own, or if you want them mailed, be sure to include the address.
- Transcripts may be signed for and picked up in registrar's office or mailed. It's a good idea to review transcript before sending to colleges.

Admission Requirements

- Each college or university will have unique entrance requirements.
- Standardized test scores combined with the student's class rank can possibly guarantee admission.
- Students that graduate in the top 10% of their class are guaranteed admission in most Texas Public Universities and Colleges.
- *University of Texas at Austin is top 8%*

Admission Deadlines

- Admission Deadlines vary by institution
 - No exceptions.
 - All data must be completed.
 - Application, essay, test scores, transcript, and application fee must be received by deadline.
 - Could be “on-campus” deadline and not necessarily a postmark deadline.
- Scholarship Deadlines are not same as Admission Deadlines.
- Texas A & M and University of Texas have December 1st deadline-7 semester transcript will not be ready.

Individual Review

- Holistic review of application-often used when a student isn't in top $\frac{1}{2}$ to top $\frac{3}{4}$ of class.
 - Essay
 - Level of course work
 - Extra curricular activities
 - Leadership
 - Community Service/Employment
 - Letters of recommendation

Who should register with the NCAA Eligibility Center?

- A student who plans to attend an NCAA Division I or II institution and who wishes to participate in intercollegiate athletics.
 - This also applies to walk-on's
- www.eligibilitycenter.org
- Talk to your coach or Ms. Vinson for assistance.

Forms of Financial Aid

- First-Come-First-Served Basis to Those Who Apply
 - Scholarships – Do Not Have to Be Repaid
 - Grants/Awards – Awarded for Specific Reasons & Do Not Have to Be Repaid
 - Jobs/Work-Study – On- or Off-Campus Employment
 - Educational Loans – Unions, Banks, Foundations Also Have Loan Programs & ALL Must Be Repaid

Financial Aid Application Process

- Complete the FAFSA form online @ www.fafsa.ed.gov.
- Remember to Check for Financial Aid Application Deadlines!!! Many Have a Feb./March Deadline, so Begin Completing the Process as Early in January as Possible.
- PHS will host a Financial Aid Night.

“Show Me the Money!”

- Sources of \$\$\$\$\$:
 - College/University Financial Aid Officer
 - Scholarships Specific to an Institution
 - Special Grants/Programs
 - Community Organizations
 - Unions/Business Firms/Ex-Military
 - Foundations
 - Advanced Placement (AP) & Credit
 - Educational Loans

Scholarships

- Check Career Cruising for Scholarships
- Read Texts from counseling department
- Local Scholarships will be announced in the Spring – listen for announcements
- Prosper Scholarship Program – Full scholarship to Collin College
- Turn in scholarship awards to counseling department – whether you plan to accept them or not

Career Cruising

- Student Records
 - www2.careercruising.com (located on the PHS website)
- Career Planning
- College Planning
- Scholarships
- Learning Styles
- SCHOLARSHIP INFO
 - All scholarship information received by PHS is posted on Career Cruising.

General Information

- Seniors are allowed to miss two days for college visits. Submit a note prior to absence to Mrs. Pruet. Bring back confirmation from the college.

Other Contact Information

Prosper High School

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