

MCALLEN

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

9th & 10th grade PLANBOOK



2019-2020

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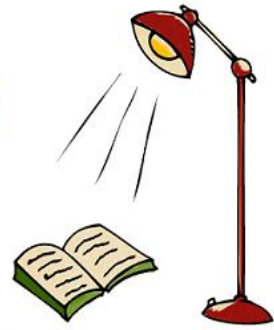
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9th & 10th grade Checklist

	<p>Meet with Counselor and College & Career Specialist. Stay connected thru remind and face to face.</p> <p>Log in to the following Remind 101 Codes: <u> insert </u>, <u> insert </u></p>
	Start thinking about your life after school, including the types of jobs that might interest you.
	Attend college and career fairs. McAllen ISD offers College Night on (Sept. 23, 2019) .
	Participate in extracurricular activities.
	<p>Prepare for PSAT. (taken on October 16, 2019)</p> <p>Get ready for PSAT by practicing at Khan Academy https://www.khanacademy.org/test-prep/sat/new-sat-tips-planning/new-sat-how-to-prep/a/full-length-psat-nmsqt</p>
	<p>Get familiar with the PSAT-related assessments and SAT® .</p> <p>New SAT App https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice/daily-practice-app</p>
	Along with your family, do some research about how to obtain financial aid.
	Participate in school activities or volunteer efforts during the school year and summer. Look for a job, internship, or volunteer position that will help you learn about a field of interest.
	Explore Post-Secondary universities, colleges and or vocational schools. Tour college campuses.
	Complete your XELLO (Career planning) lessons during your high school transition class and Prep class.
	Are you interested in attending a U.S. military academy? If so, you should request a pre-candidate questionnaire. See your counselor or career specialist (Room_____)

	If you want to play sports in college? Start working on your NCAA /NAIA documents. See your counselor and/or career specialists (Room _____)
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Tips for Studying at home



1. *Put on comfortable clothing*



2. *Manage your time and divide your study hours in small blocks*



3. *Get healthy snack and plenty of water*



4. *Get all study materials together*



5. *Organize notes & textbooks and throw out unnecessary papers*



6. *Turn off all distractions*



7. *Take break and have fun....!*



"ALL THE BEST"



McAllen ISD Graduation Plan		26 credits
4 credits of English		English 1
		English 2
		English 3
		Adv. Eng
4 credits of Math		Alg. 1
		Geometry
		Adv. Math
		Adv. Math
4 credits of Science		Biology
		IPC/Ch/Ph
		Adv. Sci
		Adv. Sci
4 credits of Social St.		W Geo
		W Hist
		US Hist
		Gov (.5)
		Eco (.5)
Physical Education		PE 1
Language other than English		LOTE 1
		LOTE 2
Fine Arts		FA 1
High School to College Transition		HS/C Tran 1
PREP		Prep 1
4 Electives		Elective 1
		Elective 2
		Elective 3
		Elective 4

State Assessment Requirements

5 EOC assessments/passing scores are:

	<u>Approaches</u>	<u>Meets</u>	<u>Masters</u>
• English 1=	3775	4000	4691+
• English 2=	3775	4000	4831+
• Algebra 1=	3550	4000	4333+
• Biology=	3550	4000	4576+
• US History=	3550	4000	4440+

McAllen Independent School District

Class Ranking



CALCULATION The District shall include in the calculation of class rank only grades earned in grades 9–12 for high school credit and only in certain courses in the following subjects: English, mathematics, science, and social studies, except as excluded in this policy. Failing grades in these courses shall also be included.

EXCLUSIONS The calculation of class rank shall exclude grades earned in a course for which a pass/fail grade is assigned; in summer school; through credit by examination, with or without prior instruction; or through distance learning (including courses online). Exclusions for summer school not to include STC Academy students and Achieve Early College students.

CATEGORIES The District shall categorize and weight courses as Advanced, Honors, College Prep, and Standard, in accordance with the provisions of this policy.

ADVANCED COURSES Eligible International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IB), College Board Advanced Placement (AP), and dual credit (DC) courses designated in the curriculum bulletin shall be categorized and weighted as Advanced courses.

HONORS COURSES Eligible courses locally designated as honors courses in the curriculum bulletin shall be categorized and weighted as Honors courses. (College Board Pre – Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program, other designated courses)

COLLEGE – PREP COURSES

Eligible courses locally designated as college-prep courses in the curriculum bulletin shall be categorized and weighted as College- Prep courses.



WEIGHTED NUMERICAL GRADE AVERAGE

The District shall assign weights to semester grades and shall calculate a weighted numerical grade average in accordance with the following scale:

CATEGORY	WEIGHT (POINTS ADDED)
Advanced College Board Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program and Dual Enrollment (DE) credit	Plus 13
Honors College Board Pre-Advanced Placement (Pre-AP), IB Middle Years (MYP) Program, Courses designated in the MISD Curriculum Bulletin	Plus 10
College Prep Basic level for all core courses in MISD campus	Plus 5



Graduation Honors & Recognitions

There are many ways to showcase your hard work at graduation!

Rio Grande Valley Lead Scholar

- Did you complete at least one endorsement?
- Did you complete 2 or more Career & Technology Education classes for 3 or more credits?
- Were at least 2 of those CTE college level courses (Dual/Articulated)?



Advanced Placement Program Graduate

- Did you take at least 12 Pre-Advanced Placement / Advanced Placement/Pre-IB/IB courses with at least 4 courses being Advanced Placement/IB?



Performance Acknowledgements

Dual Credit

- Did you complete 12 college courses with a 3.0 or higher? **OR**
- Did you complete an associate's degree?



Bilingual & Bi-literacy

- Did you complete your English courses with a final grade of 80 or higher?
- AND**
- Did you complete 3 languages other than English with a final grade of 80 or higher? **OR**
 - Did you complete a 4th level of a course in a language other than English with an 80 or better? **OR**
 - Did you complete a core class in another language with an 80 or better? **OR**
 - Did you earn a score of a 3 or higher in an AP LOTE or a score of a 4 or higher in an IB LOTE?



AP or IB Exam

- Did you score at least a 3 or higher in an AP exam or a 4 or higher in an IB exam?



PSAT/ACT PLAN/SAT/ACT

- Did your PSAT score qualify you as a National Merit Commended Scholar or higher?
- Did you meet a college readiness standard on at least 2 of 4 subject tests on the ACT PLAN exam?
- Did you earn a 420 on the Evidence Based Reasoning AND a 520 on the Math section of the SAT?
- Did you earn a score of a 28 or higher (without writing) on the ACT?



Nationally or Internationally Recognized Business or Industry Certifications

Did you earn the following certifications?



PC Pro Certification - Adobe Dreamweaver/Flash/Photoshop/InDesign - American

Society - Precision Video Production - ASE (Automotive Service Excellence) -

Inventor OR SolidWorks - Animal Science & Veterinary Medical Application - Cosmetology State Operator - TNLA -

Livestock Selection & Evaluation - Certificate Medical Billing and Coding - Microsoft Office Specialist - NAED 911

Dispatcher & Security Level II - Pharmacy Technician - QuickBooks - Pro-Start A@ - Texas Substitute Certificate

Welding
Autodesk

DUAL ENROLLMENT (College and High School Credit)



High School students participating in concurrent/dual enrollment (college and high school credit) courses while still in high school will be expected to challenge themselves with high academic rigor and an opportunity to take one or more college level courses. Students need to devote the necessary extra hours of study time to be successful. Dual enrollment courses give students a clear understanding of the effort needed to excel in college.

McAllen ISD has collaborated with the University of Texas – Rio Grande Valley, South Texas College, and University of Texas- Austin to offer opportunities for McAllen ISD students to participate in Dual Enrollment. Students can take advantage of high quality education at NO COST to them.

That's right, there will be no tuition charged for these courses, but any other possible cost associated with attending will be the responsibility of the student.



Students interested in Concurrent/Dual Enrollment should schedule a meeting with their high school academic counselor to discuss the procedures, explore options, and initiate the process.

Prospective students must:

1. Demonstrate college readiness as indicated by the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) or other approved testing instruments. **Specific eligibility requirements for college readiness can be viewed on the following page.**

2. Meet the entrance requirements for the college/university, including testing requirements.

3. Understand the final dual enrollment semester grade will be reflected on both their high school and college transcript. A=95, B=85, C=77, D=72, F=69

4. Understand for fall and spring semesters grades in the following courses: English, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies will be included in the calculation of class rank.

5. Students enrolled in Dual Credit classes must adhere to the college add/drop dates, deadlines, and policies unique to the university or college.

6. Seniors will be required to provide a copy of their final university/college transcript to their high school academic counselor.





The University of Texas at Austin OnRamps

OnRamps offers distance education courses through a dual enrollment model. Using best-in-class resources, materials, and instructional strategies OnRamps also provides intensive, yearlong professional development and support that improves instructional quality in hundreds of classrooms throughout the state for a widespread benefit to Texas high school students.

Key outcomes of early exposure to postsecondary education include:

- aligning high school students to the academic and social expectations of college;
- accelerating student matriculation, retention and time to degree; and
- increasing the number and diversity of students who are fully prepared to follow a path to college and career success.

How On Ramps Dual Enrollment Works

1. On Ramps students are enrolled in a yearlong high school course facilitated by a high school teacher who is trained and certified by On Ramps to teach the course on their local campus. Students are enrolled in the high school course and will enroll and receive credit in a college course. Students must earn a grade of 75% or better on the UT assignments to be dually enrolled in the university course.
2. During the first half of the course, On Ramps students complete a series of required assignments that are designated by an Instructor of Record at the university to determine eligibility to be dually enrolled in the university course. Certain assignments and assessments are required and determine the college credit. Student may drop the college enrollment course at any time without penalty.
3. Students who successfully complete the high school version of the course receive credit from their local high school. In addition, students who successfully complete the spring college course receive three core credits from the university guaranteed to transfer to any public college or university in Texas. These courses are awarded on a UT Austin transcript.



Dual Enrollment Academies

Are you a current high school Sophomore student seeking a challenging program?

Apply today to be selected to earn an associate's degree by the end of your senior year in one of the following:

ACADEMIES

- [Dual Enrollment Medical Science Academy \(DEMSA\)](#)
- [Dual Enrollment Engineering Academy \(DEEA\)](#)
- [Dual Enrollment Criminal Justice Academy \(DECJA\)](#)
- [Dual Enrollment Computer Science Academy \(DECSA\)](#)
- [Dual Enrollment Business Administration Academy \(DEBAA\)](#)
- [Dual Enrollment Teaching Academy \(DETA\)](#)
- [Dual Enrollment Pharmacy Academy \(DEPA\)](#)

Application Checklist

1. Complete a STC Admissions application at https://www.applytexas.org/adappc/gen/c_start.WBX
2. Complete a Dual Enrollment Academy Program Application at <https://southtexas.radiusbycampusmgmt.com/ssc/aform/x8k04wd67f3m0x6702A8771.ssc>
3. Student Typed Essay- 12 font, Times New Roman, double spaced, describing your:
 - Proposed field of study, Short and Long term educational goals, and future career plans
4. Student Résumé - List high school awards, honors, participation in school organizations, club activities, and community activities.
5. Three Letters of recommendation - 9th or 10th grade teacher of each of the following core areas:
 - English, Math and Science (no other subjects allowed)
6. Submit the **most recent** High School Transcript
7. Submit Passing TSI Assessment Test Scores

Minimum TSI Assessment Scores:

TEST	MINIMUM SCORE
Reading	351
Writing	Essay Score of 5 or Essay Score of 4 & Multiple Choice of 340
Math	350

Post-Secondary Planning

About the PSAT Test

The PSAT/NMSQT is the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. The PSAT is a great primer for the SAT, and even the ACT, but it's more than just a trial run. PSAT scores are used to identify National Merit Scholars and award merit scholarships. More than 3.4 million high school students (mostly juniors and sophomores) take this nationwide, multiple-choice test every year.

PSAT Quick Facts:

Frequency: 1 time / year

Duration: 2 hours, 45 minutes

Sections: Math, Evidence-Based Reading & Writing

Max Score: 1520

What is the PSAT and why is it important?

The PSAT won't count towards your college admissions applications, but it is the qualifying test for the [National Merit Scholarship](#). Some of the highest scoring students may win scholarship money, so while you shouldn't stress out about the PSAT, you certainly shouldn't ignore it either. Use the PSAT as practice for the SAT and ACT and an important guidepost on your college admissions journey.

When is the PSAT?

The PSAT is offered nationally every year in **October**. Ask your school counselor about when your class is scheduled to take the PSAT. View upcoming [PSAT test dates](#).

What does the PSAT test?

The PSAT has two sections: Math and Evidence-Based Reading and Writing. You'll encounter passage-based questions—sometimes accompanied by tables, graphs, and charts—and math problems drawing upon algebra, geometry, and a little trig.

How is the PSAT scored?

Each section is scored on a scale of 160–760, making a “perfect” score 1520. There are also test scores, cross-test scores, and subscores. Find out more about [PSAT scoring](#).

How should I prepare for the PSAT?

The PSAT and SAT tests are almost identical: the PSAT is 15 minutes shorter, does not include an essay, and has a slightly different scoring scale. By prepping for the SAT, you are prepping for both tests! For a limited time, get our PSAT prep (a \$299 value) for free when you enroll in a comprehensive SAT course or tutoring program. [Learn more today.](#)

<https://www.princetonreview.com/college/psat-nmsqt>

TSI stands for “Texas Success Initiative”

All students attending Texas Public Institutions of higher education must be in compliance with the Texas Success Initiative (TSI)

What does this mean: All students entering college or taking college courses while in high school are required to take the TSI exam to demonstrate college readiness in **reading, mathematics, and writing** unless the student qualifies for an exemption.

TSI Passing Scores

READING	WRITING	MATH
351-390	Essay Score of 4-8 & Multiple Choice of 340-390 Or Essay Score of 5-8, Multiple Choice of 310-339, and ABE Diagnostic level is 4-6	350-390

TSI Exemptions

STAAR EOC For Dual ONLY	ACT	SAT Administered BEFORE March 5, 2016	SAT Administered ON OR AFTER March 5, 2016
English, Level II - 4000	English - 19	Verbal - 500	Evidence Based Reading & Writing - 480
Algebra II - 4000	Math - 19	Math - 500	Math - 530
	Composite - 23	Composite - 1070	

Volunteering

Volunteering is a way to gain a lot of skills that can be transferred into a workplace. These skills include; confidence, communication, responsibility, teamwork and innovation. Becoming a volunteer will also provide you with experience which is great for personal growth, but it will also be a good addition to your resume as it will help you to stand out, as it has allowed you to network and meet new people and more opportunities.

Most importantly, from the process of volunteering, young people will gain a sense of personal satisfaction gained by assisting another person which will enhance their social awareness.

Insert a list of your campus' clubs and organizations here

Grade: _____

[illegible]

Thank you

John Doe (Sample Resume)

1234 Ash Ave.
McAllen, Tx. 78501
956-682-0123
john.doe @sample.com

Goal: Attend a four-year university and major in biology.

Academic Information:

High School	McAllen High School 2021 La Vista Avenue McAllen, Tx. 78501 (956)632-3100
Graduation Date:	June 2, 2017
GPA/Class Rank:	3.75 Top 25%-25/595
Test Scores:	SAT Verbal-600 / Math-610 ACT Read-26/Math-28/Comp-27

Senior Schedule:

AP English IV	AP Calculus
Physics AP	AP Eco/Government
Band IV	Food Science
Economics	Athletics

Extra-Curricular Activities:

Football	9th-12th grade	10hrs/wk/36
Basketball	9th-12th grade	6hrs/wk/36
National Honor Society	11th-12th grade	4hrs/wk/20
School Ambassador	12th grade	4hrs/wk/26

Community Service:

Boys & Girls Club Tutor	10th-12th grade	2hrs/wk/35
Humane Society Foster	11th-12th grade	5hrs/wk/30
Interact Club	9th-12th grade	5hrs/wk/25
Food Bank	9th-12th grade	2hrs/wk/20

Awards & Honors:

National Honor Society	11th-12th grade
1st Team All District Football	11th & 12th grade
MVP Basketball	11th & 12th grade
BPA State Finalist	11th grade

Employment:

HEB Cashier	August-Present
Boys & Girls Club Referee	July-Present

Special Skills:

Fluent in Spanish
Computer Literate (MS Word, Excel, Power Point)
CPR Certified

Narrow your College Search



Choosing a college

- 1.) Determine your criteria:
- 2.) Do a college search – search online for the colleges that meet your criteria

Write down anything that's important to you in college...

Type of School:	Size:	Academic Program:	Location:	Tuition Cost:	Admissions Requirements:
					Test scores required:

3.) Research Colleges

Create a list of at least 5 colleges that meet your criteria.

Research further and learn as much as you can about these colleges. Check out their websites, talk to your college and career specialists to be included in college fairs and college visits.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

NCAA/NAIA

 NCAA Eligibility Center

ONE OPPORTUNITY. LIMITLESS POSSIBILITIES.

If you want to play sports at an NCAA Division I or II school, start by registering for a Certification Account with the NCAA Eligibility Center at **eligibilitycenter.org**. If you want to play Division III sports or you aren't sure where you want to compete, start by creating a Profile Page at **eligibilitycenter.org**.

Grade 11

Study

- Check with your counselor to make sure you are on track to graduate on time.
- Take the ACT or SAT, and make sure we get your scores by using code 9999. • At the end of the year, ask your counselor to upload your official transcript.

www.ncaaeligibilitycenter.org

Check out NAIA schools

The NAIA has hundreds of campuses in the U.S. and Canada. Find one that's right for you.

Attend a Showcase



NAIA Showcase events are one-day, one-stop recruiting opportunities to showcase your skills in front of NAIA coaches.

NAIA Eligibility Center


Register today to determine if you're eligible to play in the NAIA.

Get in the Game!

Make sure you complete the *Big Three!* Sign-in above to get in the game:

1. *Submit* your profile at PlayNAIA.org.
2. *Send* all required [documents](#) to the NAIA Eligibility Center (double-check they are *received*).*
3. *Secure* a spot on your school's [Short List](#).

www.naia.org



Turn Your Efforts Into Scholarships

The College Board has launched a new scholarship program with \$5 million of scholarships each year, beginning with the class of 2020.

[Earn Scholarships](#)

<https://opportunity.collegeboard.org/>

The Scholarships

The more effort you put in, the more opportunities you have to earn a scholarship. Complete all six, and you're eligible to earn \$40,000. Scholarships will be awarded through monthly drawings to students who complete each action.

1. Build Your College List: \$500

Get started by [exploring colleges](#) you're interested in.

2. Practice for the SAT: \$1,000

Use [Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy®](#) to get ready for test day.

3. Improve Your Score: \$2,000

Show how practice pays off by improving your SAT score.

4. Strengthen Your College List: \$500

Make sure your college list has a mix of academic safety, match, and reach schools.

5. Complete the FAFSA: \$1,000

Fill out the free government form to apply for financial aid.

6. Apply to Colleges: \$1,000

Apply to the schools you want to attend.

7. Complete Your Journey: \$40,000

Complete all six scholarship steps to be eligible for a \$40,000 scholarship.



<https://www.raise.me/>

How RaiseMe works

1. Add your achievements

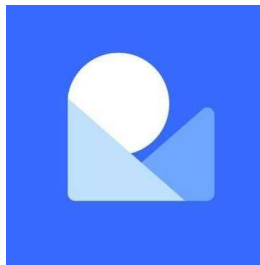
- Add your course grades, clubs, sports, volunteer activities, and more to your portfolio.

2. Earn Scholarships

- For each achievement, you'll earn scholarships from colleges, which you'll be awarded when you attend that college.

3. Discover Colleges

- Follow colleges you want to learn more about and find which ones are the best fit for you.



Helpful Resources

✓ Preparing for High school

- Map My Grad <https://www.mapmygrad.org/>
- Big Future <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>
- Get Ready for College www.aei.org/get-ready-for-college 



✓ Get Ready for College Right Now

- Texas Gear Up <https://www.texasgearup.com/>
- Know How2go <http://knowhow2go.acenet.edu/middle-and-high-school-students.html>



✓ Paying for College

- College Savings www.collegesavings.org
- Education Planner www.educationplanner.org



Additional Resources

RESOURCE	DESCRIPTION	WEBSITE
Texas Career Check	Assess interests, explore job and education options	www.TexasCareerCheck.com
Reality Check	Evaluate the cost of lifestyle choices, check out jobs and education requirements to support those choices	www.texasealitycheck.com
Texas Occupational Wages	Pay data for over 800 jobs by region in Texas	www.texaswages.com
Texas CREWS	Education outcomes, jobs, earnings, debt by major and public college	www.txcrews.org
Texas Labor Market & Career Information	State, regional and local labor market information	http://www.lmci.state.tx.us/
Texas Internship Challenge	Research statewide internship opportunities	https://www.txinternshipchallenge.com/vosnet/Default.aspx
Career Outlook Interest Assessment	Additional career interest assessment	http://www.careeroutlook.us/assessment/short.shtml
Career One Stop	Additional career research tool	https://www.careeronestop.org/
O*Net	Additional career research tool	https://www.onetonline.org/
Occupational Outlook Handbook	Additional career research tool	https://www.bls.gov/ooh/
ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery)	Additional career exploration program	http://www.asvabprogram.com/
SWAP (Strategic Workforce Assessment Program)	State occupational and industry projections and research tool	http://www.texasindustryprofiles.com/apps/swap/