



TEDA
International School
Tianjin • China

College Advising Information Session

AGENDA

- University Application Components
- TIS High School Curriculum Overview
- TIS High School Transcript
- College Board Tests (PSAT/ SAT / AP)
- Enriched Curricular Activities
- College Planning Resource
- College Planning Timeline

Application Components

- ❖ *TIS High School Transcript (By TEDA International School)*
- ❖ **Standardized Tests**
 - I. TOEFL or IELTS
 - II. SAT or ACT
 - III. Advanced Placement (AP)
- ❖ **Personal Statement/College Essay**
- ❖ *Letters of Recommendation (By TEDA International School)*
- ❖ **Supplementary Documents (E.g., Financial Statements)**
- ❖ **Application Fee**

TIS High School Graduation Requirement

- 4 credits of English
- 3 credits of Math
- 4 credits of Science
- 4 credits of Social Studies
- 8 credits of Electives

Visual/Performing Art

Foreign Language Other Than English

- 40 hours of school community service

High School Courses

- **English**: English 9 – English 10 – American Lit. – British Lit. (AP English)
- **Math**: Algebra I / Geometry – Algebra II – Pre-Calculus – AP Calculus BC^
- **Science**: Biology – Chemistry – Physics/AP Physics 1 – Envi. Sic./AP Envi. Sci.
- **Social Studies**: World History I – World History II – Human Geo./AP Human Geo – Global Issue/AP World History (AP Comparative Govt. & Politics)
- **AP Electives**: Biology/Chemistry, Computer Science (2), Chinese Language and Culture, Microeconomics/Macroeconomics, Statistics/Psychology, 2D Art and Design (AP Drawing)
- **Non-AP Electives**: Art (3), Jazz Band, Languages Other Than English (2)

High School Transcript

1. **HS Transcript:** a copy of applicant's official record of grades and courses from time of entrance to the end of the latest semester in high school.
2. **TIS Grading Scale** for GPA Calculation: please see the handout (most colleges recalculate GPAs based on their own grading scales)
3. Information can be interpreted from the transcript:
 - ✓ Academic *progress* through the high school
 - ✓ The *rigorousness* of courses the applicant have taken at high school
 - ✓ Has applicant *continuously challenged* himself/herself in academics by fully taking advantage of the resources provided by the high school? (2 AP courses in grade 10; 3 AP courses in grade 11 and 4 AP courses in grade 12)

**TEDA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT**

2017-2018		Grade 9	
SUBJECT	S1	S2	CRDT
English 9	83	85	1.00
Geometry & Trigonometry 9	83	85	1.00
World History 1	83	85	1.00
Biology 9	83	85	1.00
Art Foundation	83	85	1.00
Jazz Band	83	85	1.00
Total Credits			6.00

2018-2019		Grade 10	
SUBJECT	S1	S2	CRDT
English 10	87	88	1.00
Algebra II	87	88	1.00
World History 2	87	88	1.00
Chemistry 10	87	88	1.00
AP Computer Science Principles	87	88	1.00
AP Microeconomics	87	88	1.00
Total Credits			6.00

2019-2020		Grade 11	
SUBJECT	S1	S2	CRDT
American Literature	90	91	1.00
Pre-Calculus	90	91	1.00
AP Human Geography	90	91	1.00
AP Physics 1	90	91	1.00
AP Macroeconomics	90	91	1.00
Total Credits			6.00

2020-2021		Grade 12	
SUBJECT	S1	S2	CRDT
British Literature	92	93	1.00
AP Calculus BC	92	93	1.00
AP Comparative Government	92	93	1.00
AP Chemistry	92	93	1.00
AP Statistics	92	93	1.00
Total Credits			6.00

SAMPLE

Grading Scale

Numerical Grade	Advanced Placement	Honors	Standard Classes
97-100	5	4.5	4
93-96	5	4.5	4
90-92	4.7	4.2	3.7
87-89	4.3	3.8	3.3
83-86	4	3.5	3
80-82	3.7	3.2	2.7
77-79	3.3	2.8	2.3
73-76	3	2.5	2
70-72	2.7	2.2	1.7
67-69	2.3	1.8	1.3
60-66	1	1	1

CUMULATIVE GPA: 3.90

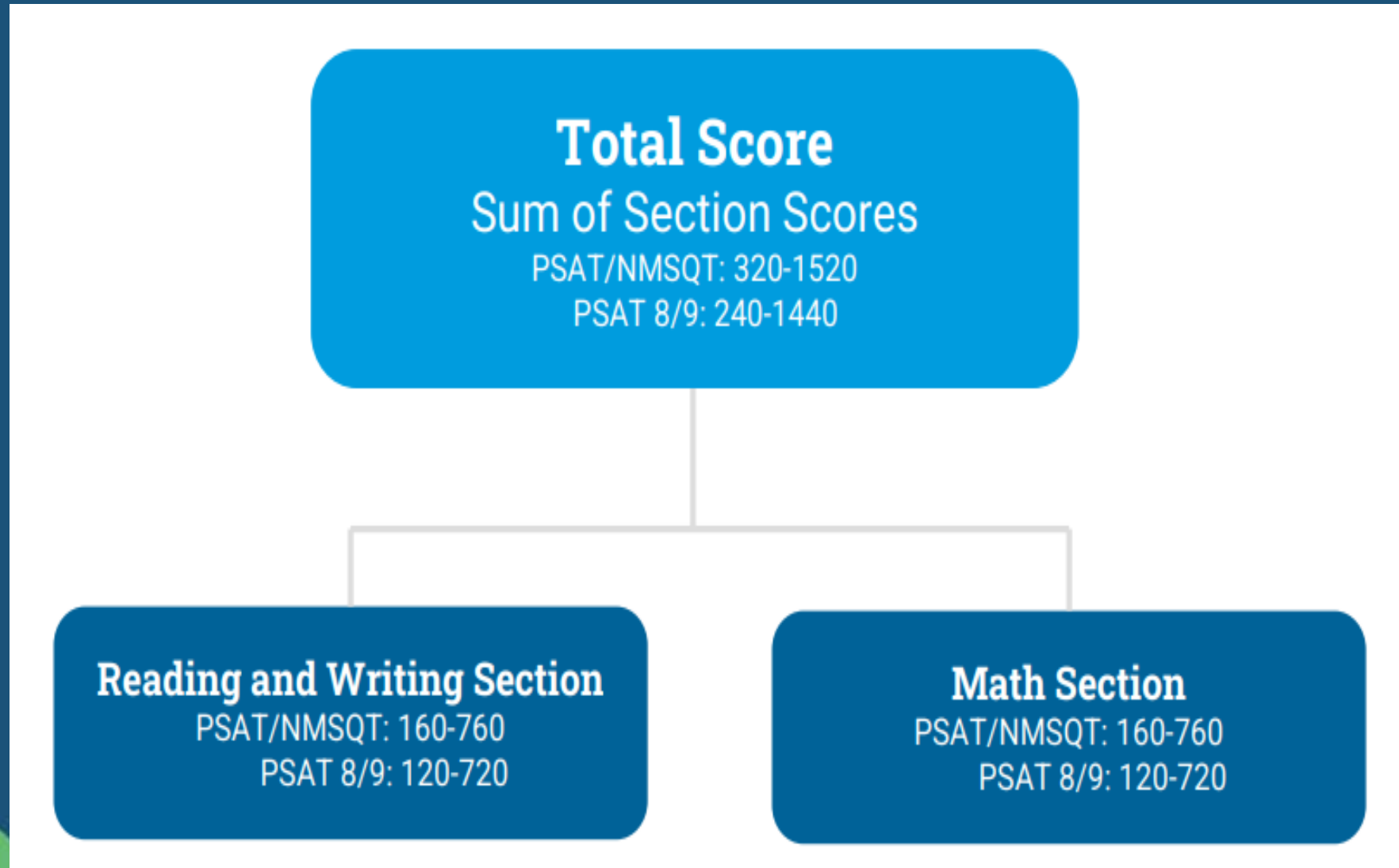
College Board Standardized Test

SAT Suite of Assessments:

- ✓ SAT test is recognized globally
- ✓ Sections: English Reading and Writing; Mathematics
- ✓ WE are an SAT test center (efforts and money saved)
- ✓ WE facilitate students' readiness in SAT through several PSAT testing opportunities.

College Board Standardized Test

Digital PSAT Overview



College Board Standardized Test

Digital PSAT Overview

Knowledge and Skills Content Domains

Reading and Writing

Information and Ideas
Craft and Structure
Explanation of Ideas
Standard English Conventions

Math

Algebra
Advanced Math
Problem Solving and Data Analysis
Geometry and Trigonometry

College Board Standardized Test

PSAT/NMSQT Scores

TOTAL SCORE

1120 | 320–1520 **75th***

Score Range: 1080–1160

3 Year Average Score (all testers): 1100

SECTION SCORES

Reading and Writing

620 | 160–760 **60th***

Your Score Range: 590–650

3 Year Average Score (all testers): 600

Math

500 | 160–760 **70th***

Your Score Range: 490–530

3 Year Average Score (all testers): 530

* Percentiles represent the percent of 11th grade test takers from the past 3 years who scored the same as or below you.

Score range: This is the range of scores you could possibly get if you took the PSAT/NMSQT multiple times on different days.

Knowledge and Skills

View your performance across the 8 content domains measured on the PSAT/NMSQT. For more information on performance score bands, visit satsuite.collegeboard.org/skills-insight.

Reading and Writing

Information and Ideas
(26% of test section, 12–14 questions)



Performance: 680–800

Craft and Structure
(28% of test section, 13–15 questions)



Performance: 550–600

Expression of Ideas
(20% of test section, 8–12 questions)



Performance: 550–600

Standard English Conventions
(26% of test section, 11–15 questions)



Performance: 420–460

Math

Algebra
(35% of test section, 13–15 questions)



Performance: 610–670

Advanced Math
(32.5% of test section, 12–14 questions)



Performance: 420–460

Problem Solving & Data Analysis
(20% of test section, 7–9 questions)



Performance: 420–460

Geometry & Trigonometry
(12.5% of test section, 4–6 questions)



Performance: 420–460



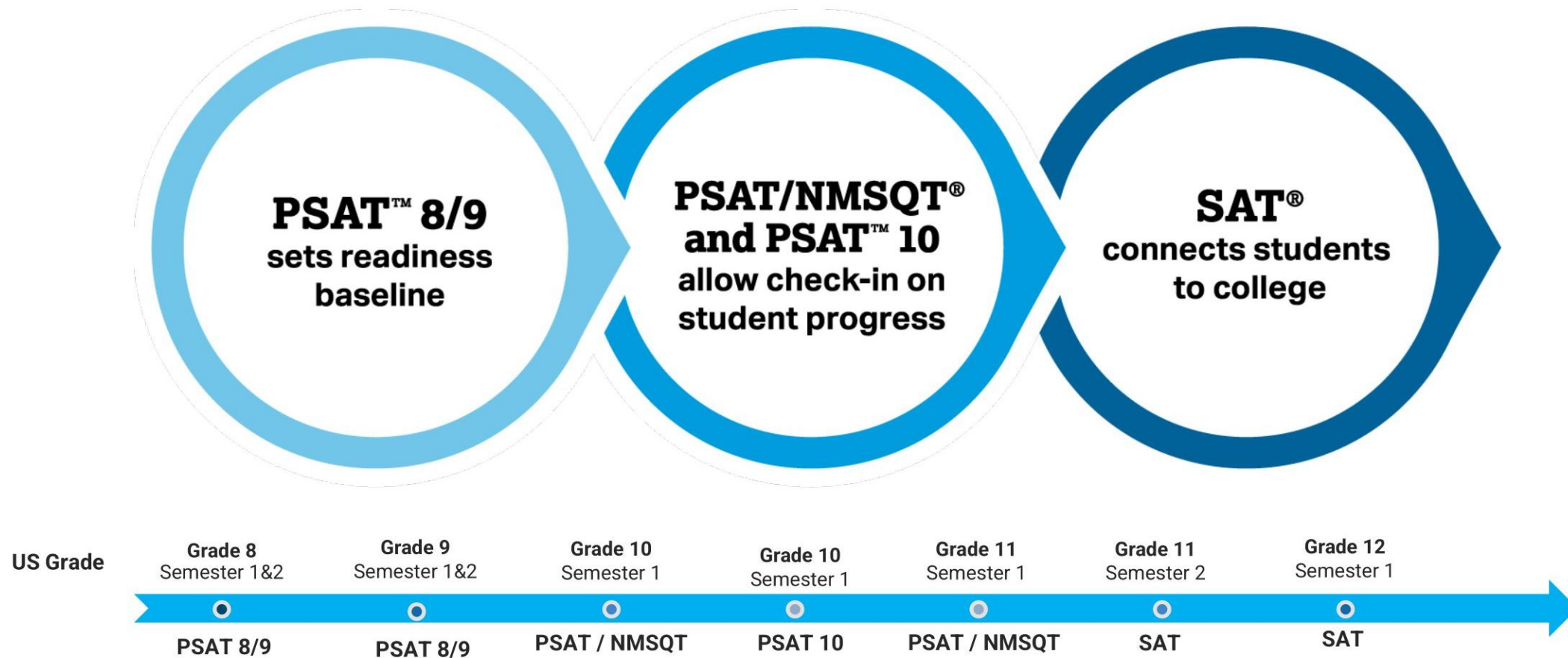
NMSC SELECTION INDEX SCORE

174 | 48–228

You meet entry requirements for the National Merit Scholarship Program. Look on page 2 of this report for more information.

College Board Standardized Test

SAT Suite of Assessments Testing Timeline



College Board Standardized Test

Digital SAT Suite of Assessments Calendar:



Digital PSAT:

- ❖ Semester One: October
- ❖ Semester Two: April

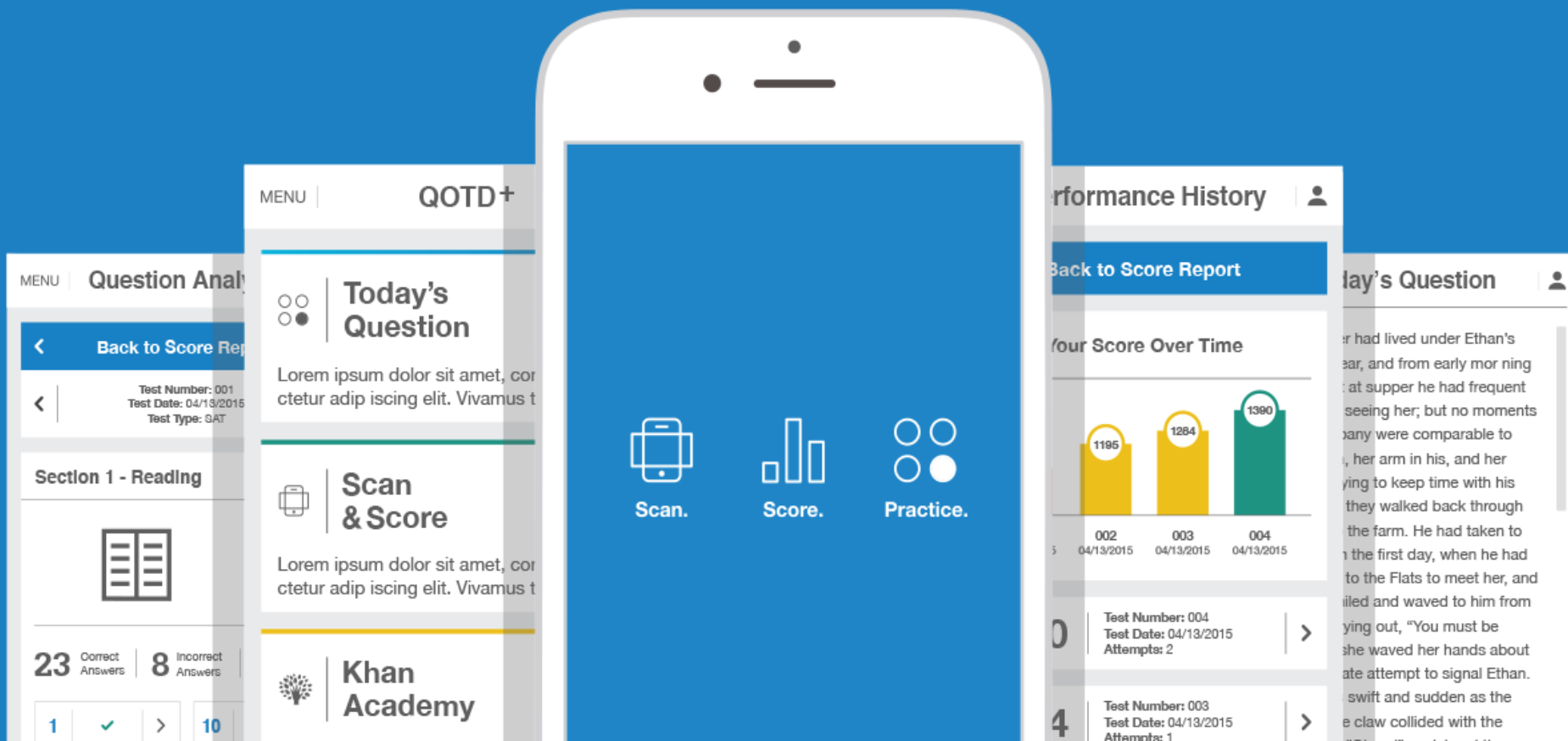


Digital SAT:

- ❖ Semester One: August, September, October, November, December
- ❖ Semester Two: March, May, June

Free Online Resource

Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy



College Board Standardized Test

Advanced Placement (AP) Program:

- ✓ Highly demanding courses (college first-year level);
- ✓ Opening doors to universities worldwide
- ✓ Stand out at university admission
- ✓ Flexible courses on students' own choices
- ✓ TIS is authorized by the College Board to administrate

AP Exams

2025-2026 AP Course Offering

- AP English Language and Composition
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Environmental Science
- AP Physics 1
- AP Human Geography
- AP Computer Science Principles
- AP Chemistry
- AP Microeconomics
- AP Statistics
- AP Drawing
- AP Chinese Language and Culture

2026 Digital AP Exam Schedule

Week 1	8 a.m. Local Time	12 p.m. Local Time
Monday, May 4, 2026	Biology	<u>Microeconomics</u>
Tuesday, May 5, 2026	<u>Chemistry</u> <u>Human Geography</u>	US Government and Politics
Wednesday, May 6, 2026	English Literature and Composition	Comparative Govt. & Politics <u>Physics 1: Algebra-Based</u>
Thursday, May 7, 2026	Physics 2: Algebra-Based World History: Modern	<u>Statistics</u>
Friday, May 8, 2026	United States History	<u>Chinese Language and Culture</u> Macroeconomics

Friday, May 8, 2026: AP Art and Design portfolios submission deadline

2026 Digital AP Exam Schedule

Week 2	8 a.m. Local Time	12 p.m. Local Time
Monday, May 11, 2026	<u>Calculus BC</u>	Music Theory
Tuesday, May 12, 2026	Precalculus	Psychology
Wednesday, May 13, 2026	<u>English Language and Composition</u>	Physics C: Mechanics
Thursday, May 14, 2026	Spanish Language and Culture	<u>Computer Science Principles</u> Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism
Friday, May 15, 2026	<u>Environmental Science</u>	Computer Science A

Enriched Curricular Activities

1. Leadership:

- TIS Chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS)
- Student Government
- Model United Nations (MUN)

2. School Community Service:

- Walkathon Fundraiser
- High School Service-Learning Club

3. Athletics:

- Volleyball Season
- Basketball Season
- Football Season

LEADERSHIP



TIS Chapter of National Honor Society (NHS)



Model United Nations (MUN)



SCHOOL COMMUNITY SERVICE



ATHLETIC PROGRAM



HS Volleyball Season: August to October

- Athletic Skills
- Teamwork Spirit

International School
Organizations





HS Basketball Season:
November to January/February

HS Football Season:
February to April



College Planning Resource

College Board BigFuture

Explore Careers

Plan for College

Pay for College

Your Future, Your Way

Plan for College and Career.

Sign In

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College Planning Resource

College Board BigFuture: Plan for College

Plan for College

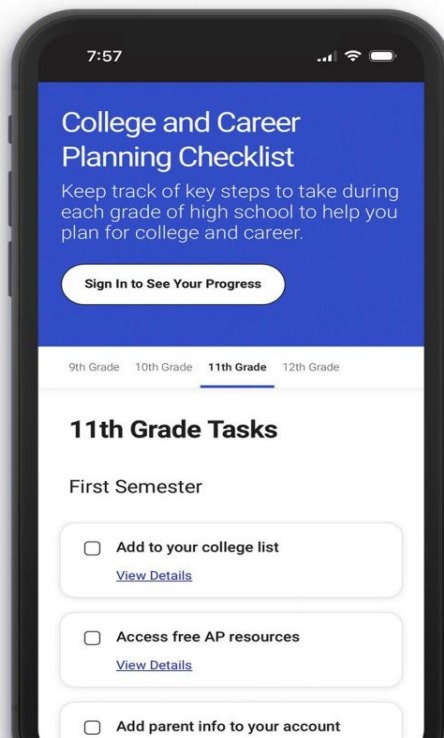


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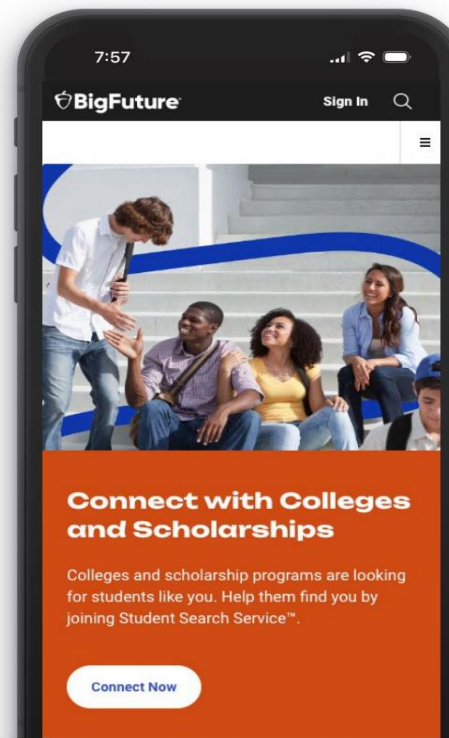
Personalized Planning Checklist

Steps that all students can take each year, beginning in 9th grade



Student Search Service

29% more admission offers for Search students compared to similar students who do not join



Informative Videos and Articles

Resources from partners including JED Foundation, Khan Academy®, and RoadTrip Nation



College Planning Timeline

Gr. 9

GPA
TOEFL/IELTS Prep.
Activities
PSAT 8/9
AP Exam (if applicable)

Gr. 10

GPA
TOEFL/IELTS
PSAT/NMSQT
PSAT 10
SAT Preparation
AP Exams
Activities

Gr. 11

GPA
PSAT/NMSQT
SAT
AP Exams
Activities
TOEFL/IELTS (if applicable)

Gr. 12

GPA
SAT
College Application
AP Exams



Thank you