

Pebble Hills High School College Checklist



<p>August:</p> <p>Begin college applications on www.applytexas.org (schools in Texas) or using common application www.commonapp.org</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Create resume (will need one to request recommendation letters) ○ Start writing admission essays 	<p>September:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Register for SAT and/or ACT ○ October SAT by September 4, 2020 ○ October ACT by September 18, 2020 ○ Free waivers available ○ Request letters of recommendation ○ Start applying for scholarships ○ Create your FSA ID (www.fsaaid.ed.gov) for yourself and ONE for your parents 	<p>October:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Create an FSA ID for Financial Aid (www.fsaaid.ed.gov) for you and parent ○ Apply for Financial Aid as early AS October 1, 2020, the sooner you apply, the more money available www.fafsa.ed.gov ○ SAT Test- October 3, 2020 ○ ACT Test- October 24, 2020 ○ Make sure you attend TACRAO (College Fair) on October 20, 2020 ○ Apply for scholarships
<p>November:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Attend FAFSA night on Nov. 4, 2020 ○ Send out official transcripts (from business office) ○ Register for SAT/ACT December 12, 2020 ○ ACT by November 6, 2020 ○ December 5, 2020 SAT by November 5, 2020 	<p>December:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SAT Test- December 5, 2020 ○ ACT Test- December 12, 2020 ○ Complete and submit admission applications ○ Research and apply for scholarships 	<p>January:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Watch for your Student Aid Report (SAR) ○ Submit required financial aid forms to your school
<p>February:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Take the TSI exam if you are not exempt 	<p>March:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Look out for admissions and financial aid notifications 	<p>April:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Receive multiple college offers? Come to the Go Center and we can discuss options ○ Choose a school ○ Sign and return award letters ○ <u>Items to bring to counselor by April 2021</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. College Acceptance Letters / Military Enlistments 2. FASFA Award letters 3. Scholarship Award letters
<p>May-June</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Senior clearance: last week of school. ○ Graduation: TBA 	<p>All Year Long:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Search and visit for scholarships 	

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SCHOLARSHIPS!!!

Scholarships are like gifts! They don't need to be repaid. There are thousands of them, offered by schools, employers, individuals, private companies, nonprofits, professional and social organizations. **Take advantage of them!**

ASK US ABOUT THE SISD FOUNDATION!!!

Scholarship websites:

- www.fastweb.com
- www.collegeguidanceconsultant.com
Username: Socorro Password: Socorro ISD
- www.hsf.net
- www.cappex.com
- www.scholarships.uncf.com
- www.collegenet.com
- www.aie.org/paying-for-college
- www.gocollege.com/financialaid.aid/scholarships/
- www.goingmerry.com

And of course, our website!

How do I order a transcript?

1. Log on to our Pebble Hills website- [PHHS Web Store](#)
2. Place your order by filling out the "Transcript request form"
3. Pay \$1.00 (unofficial) \$2.00 (official)
4. Print receipt/Picture of receipt
5. Bring to business office/Send via email to eamaya@sisd.net with full name, ID number, phone number, and university of your choice
6. Transcript clerk will send to university of your choice

OR

Visit our business office to pay and fill out request form

**Pebble Hills CEEB School Code:
442279**

College Entrance Exams:

- SAT.org
 - ACTstudent.org
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Admissions Applications:

- Applytexas.org
 - Commonapp.org
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Useful Websites:

- Careercruising.com
 - Collegeboard.org
 - Fastweb.com
 - Freshmansupport.com
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2020 – 2021 SAT Test Dates and Registration

SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	SAT Scores Available
August 29, 2020	July 31, 2020	September 21, 2020
September 26, 2020	August 26, 2019	October 9, 2020
October 3, 2020	September 4, 2020	October 16, 2020
November 7, 2020	October 7, 2020	November 20, 2020
December 5, 2020	November 5, 2020	December 18, 2020
March 13, 2021	February 12, 2021	March 26, 2021
May 8, 2021	April 8, 2021	May 21, 2021
June 5, 2021	May 6, 2021 <small>May</small>	July 14, 2021

SAT/ACT Practice Websites

FREE RESOURCES:

- www.khanacademy.org or www.collegeboard.org/practice
- www.kaptest.com/college-prep
- www.sparknotes.com/testprep
- www.number2.com
- www.schmoop.com
- www.actstudent.org/testprep/
- www.varsitytutors.com/practice-test
- www.studybeans.com
- <http://www.majortest.com/sat/>

2020 - 2021 ACT Test Dates and Registration

ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline	ACT Scores Available
July 18, 2020	June 19, 2020	July 28, 2020
September 12, 2020	August 14, 2020	September 22, 2020
October 24, 2020	September 18, 2020	November 3, 2020
December 12, 2020	November 6, 2020	December 22, 2020
February 6, 2021	January 8, 2021	February 16, 2021
April 17, 2021	March 12, 2021	April 27, 2021
June 12, 2021	May 7, 2020	June 22, 2021
July 17, 2021	June 18, 2021	July 27, 2021

SAT/ACT Practice Websites

PAID RESOURCES:

- www.domesatreview.com
- www.studyhall.com



What is the difference between the SAT and the ACT?

	ACT	SAT
Total Time	2 hrs 55 mins without Writing 3 hrs 35 mins with Writing	3 hrs without Essay 3 hrs 50 mins with Essay
Order of Sections	1. English 2. Math 3. Reading 4. Science 5. Writing (optional)	1. Reading 2. Writing and Language 3. Math No Calculator 4. Math Calculator 5. Essay (optional)
Time Per Section	English: 45 mins Math: 60 mins Reading: 35 mins Science: 35 mins Writing (optional): 40 mins	Reading: 65 mins Writing and Language: 35 mins Math No Calculator: 25 mins Math Calculator: 55 mins Essay (optional): 50 mins
# of Questions	English: 75 questions Math: 60 questions Reading: 40 questions Science: 40 questions Writing (optional): 1 essay	Reading: 52 questions Writing and Language: 44 questions Math No Calculator: 20 questions Math Calculator: 38 questions Essay (optional): 1 essay
	ACT	SAT
Reading	53 sec/question	75 sec/question
ACT English/SAT Writing	36 sec/question	48 sec/question
Math	60 sec/question	No Calculator: 75 sec/question Calculator: 87 sec/question
Science	53 sec/question	N/A

Financial Aid Preparation Checklist

Questions about Applying for Financial Aid?

Federal Student Aid (FSA) Information Center: **800.4.FED.AID – (800) 433-3243**

Before you apply:

- Create an FSA ID for yourself (the student) as well as one for one parent at <https://fsaid.ed.gov>. An FSA ID is a username and password that must be used to log into certain U.S. Department of Education (USDE) websites and will be used to electronically sign your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
 - At least one parent will need to have an active email account/address.

Getting ready to apply:

- Students are able to complete and submit the FAFSA at fafsa.gov on or after **October 1, 2020**.
- Have the following items with you, if applicable, for BOTH you and your parent(s) when you begin to file the FAFSA:
 - 2019 IRS federal tax return and/or any 2019 income documentation
 - All 2019 W-2 forms
 - Balances of checking and savings accounts
 - Balances of all non-retirement investments (funds not in an IRA, 403B, 401K, or annuity) such as: money market accounts, mutual funds, CD's, stocks, savings bonds, 529 college savings accounts, UGMA or UTMA accounts
 - If your family owns any property(s) aside from the home that you live in (i.e., a vacation home, rental property, camp, time share, etc.) then you need to calculate the equity (current value minus what you owe) in any other property(s) that are NOT YOUR PRIMARY RESIDENCE.
- If possible, use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool located in the FAFSA.

If you need to make a correction(s) to your FAFSA after submission:

- A Student Aid Report (SAR) is an electronic document that provides you with some basic information about your eligibility for **federal student aid** and lists your answers to the questions on your FAFSA. A SAR will be sent to you via e-mail or it may be viewed online at fafsa.gov within three days of your submission. Be sure to review your SAR for accuracy.
- If a correction needs to be made to your FAFSA, return to fafsa.gov and correct the inaccurate item(s). After a correction(s) has been made and the form has been resubmitted, the new information will automatically be sent to the schools listed in your FAFSA.

What is Verification?

- Verification is a requirement set forth by the federal government that requires colleges/universities to verify the data reported by students and their parent(s) on the FAFSA. This often requires a college's Financial Aid Office to request additional financial or tax information from a family. Promptly respond to any school requests for additional information or documentation or you may cause a delay in the completion of the financial aid process and the determination of your eligibility for financial aid.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ):

Federal Student Aid (U.S. Department of Education):

https://studentaid.gov/help-center/answers/topic/completing_the_fafsa/articles