

Transition Resource Guide

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Introduction

The contents of this guide are primarily focused on providing resources to students receiving special education services and their families. This guide will have information for nearly everyone that picks it up regardless of their needs, including persons without a disability.

You will find information to be either local (city, county or area), state, federal and web-based. The subjects covered are:

- Employment
- Education
- Independent Living
- Community Experiences
- Related Services and Resources
- Special Topics for Persons with Intensive Needs
- Other Adult Needs

For areas where assistance is required, your pursuit of support and persistence will most of the time determine your ability to attain the help you need.

You will find a text box next to each agency in this guide.

Please use them for the groups you contact to aid you in your efforts.

More are to be found in the back of this guide. It would be wise to make Copies of these pages prior to writing on them so you can have extras on hand.

There are also internet website notes boxes that you may utilize in the same manner.

Contact date_____
Person/agency contacted_____
Information requested_____

Notes from conversation

It is important to note that once the student graduates from the public school setting, entitlement to a free and appropriate public education ends. They now enter into the world of eligibility. The rules change greatly here and there are no guarantees for anything. You will need to advocate on your own behalf or have a support system that will advocate for you in order to attain your desired goals.

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This information is current as of 8/30/13.

Survey of Goals and Needs

Before we can start looking for support, we need to have a plan or goal for the future. Even if you do know exactly what you want to do, completing this section may assist you in finding areas you may not have considered in the past.

Please identify your plans at this time. If you do not have plans in these areas, it is highly advised that you speak to or work with a counselor at school or with a state agency that will be referred to later.

After graduating from high school, I will _____.

- Earn a Bachelor's degree (4 year college or university)
- Earn an Associate's degree/certification (2 year/junior college)
- Earn a Certification for a trade (trade/technical school)
- Enter into an apprenticeship program for certification
- Enlist in the military
- Take courses in continuing education
- Not pursue any post secondary training

After graduating from high school, I will attend

_____.

List all post secondary education interests

After graduating from high school, I will _____

- Work full time
- Work as an apprentice
- Work part time
- Work as a volunteer
- Not do any work

List all areas you feel are your strengths (ex. Reading, writing, math, following directions, organization, interpersonal skills, etc.)

List all areas in which you feel you have difficulty. (ex. Reading writing, math, following directions, organization, interpersonal skills, etc.)

List all career areas of interest. This is a time to brainstorm and think about what can be, so don't immediately discard any career as unrealistic until it is fully considered.

After graduating from high school, I will work in the field of

What classes have you taken or are you taking that relate to the careers you identified (ex. Woodshop for carpentry, computer courses for programming, health/sciences for medical field, athletics for sports professions, etc.)?

List the course available at your campus that could expose you to elements of your career field.

After graduating from high school, I will live _____

- In an apartment (on my own or with a roommate)
- At home with my family
- In a dorm
- On a military base.

- In a supervised apartment
- In a group home or nursing home

What do you do now that is preparing you to live independently (ex. Cook, clean, laundry, pay bills, take care of siblings, etc.)?

How will you travel?

- Drive
- Family/Friends
- Public Transportation
- Other _____

Do you plan to take driver's education? yes no

Do you have a driver's license or permit? yes no

If you are 18, did you register to vote? yes no

If you are 18 and male, did you register for the Selective Service?
 yes no

What recreation or leisure activities are you involved in? (ex. Sports, clubs, church groups, individual interests/hobbies, etc.)

What related services (if any) do you receive at school or from a community agency? (ex. Counseling, speech therapy, transportation, OT/PT, sign language interpreter, etc.)

Will you continue to need or use those services upon graduating from high school? _____

Once you have information on what you may want or need for your future goals, objectives can be created that lead us towards those goals.

For example, if your plan is to attend a college to earn a degree, here are the objectives you should make and achieve to work towards that goal.

- ◆ Meet with your counselor to make sure the courses you take will meet college requirements or prepare you for your career.
- ◆ Determine what you want from a college. (i.e. types of programs, distance from home, size of campus, cost, etc.)
- ◆ Pass the TAKS test.
- ◆ Research colleges that have degrees in the areas of your interest.
- ◆ Research college admissions requirements.
- ◆ Visit the colleges of interest.
- ◆ Research scholarship opportunities.
- ◆ Take the PSAT (in 10th grade) and SAT or ACT (in 11th and 12th grade) or other required test.
- ◆ Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA).
- ◆ Complete admissions applications for colleges and send them to your schools of interest before their deadlines.
- ◆ Determine if you will be living off-campus (with family or in an apartment) or in a dorm. Research apartments and dorms accordingly. Submit applications in a timely manner.

As you can see, there are many activities that must be accomplished in order to meet this one goal. Planning which objectives you will accomplish and when to complete them will help you stay focused and heading in the right direction. Use the guide below to help you identify your goals and create objectives. More are located in the appendix.

Goal: After graduating from high school, I will work as _____
Objective: _____
Objective _____
Objective _____

And while planning is incredibly important, the act of starting and accomplishing the objectives is even more critical.

This guide will assist you in that respect.

EMPLOYMENT SUPPORTS

State Agencies

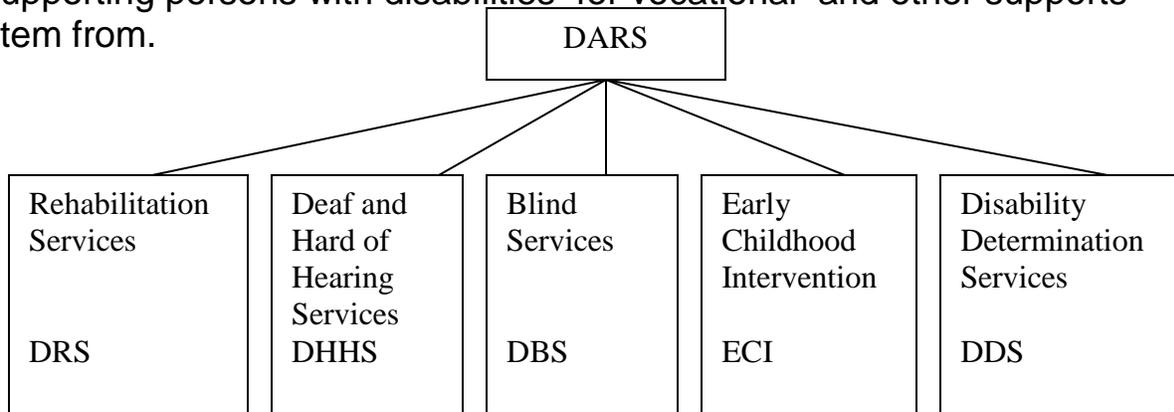
Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS)

4800 N. Lamar Blvd.

Austin, Texas 78756

www.dars.state.tx.us

This state agency is the organization from which all state funded agencies supporting persons with disabilities for vocational and other supports stem from.



Division of Rehabilitative Services (DRS)

Stephenville Field Office

1306 E. Washington #200

Stephenville, TX 76401

(800) 687-6012 or (254) 552-2330

www.dars.state.tx.us/drs/

This agency focuses on providing services that will assist clients with job related activities such as identifying needs, determining strengths, creating a plan for work, developing job skills, securing and maintaining employment and possibly funding their education and training.

Contact date _____

Person/agency contacted _____

Information requested

Notes from conversation

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services (DHHS)

DEAF Inc.

554 South Summit

Ft. Worth, Texas 76104

817-336-3323 Office deafinc2@hotmail.com

www.dars.state.tx.us/dhhs/

This agency provides an array of support from interpreter services, assistance in attaining a hearing aid, specialized telecommunications and certification of disability for tuition waivers for post secondary institutions.

Contact date _____

Person/agency contacted _____

Information requested

Notes from conversation

Division for Blind Services (DBS)

Fort Worth Field Office

4200 South Freeway #307

Fort Worth, TX 76115-1404

(800) 687-7023 or (817) 759-3500

www.dars.state.tx.us/dbs

This agency is capable of assisting clients in determining goals for work and education. Supports include education tuition waivers and training for work and independent living skills supports and development.

Contact date _____

Person/agency contacted _____

Information requested

Notes from conversation

Early Childhood Intervention (ECI)
MHMR of Tarrant County / ECI of North Central Texas
3840 Hulen Tower North Ste 308
Fort Worth, TX 76107
Referral Number - (888) 754-0524
1-800-628-5115 Inquiry Line for DARS
www.dars.state.tx.us/ecis/

This agency provides help for children birth-3 years of age. Services and supports can include early identification, screening and assessment, assistive technology, family counseling, nursing services, etc.

Contact date _____

Person/agency contacted _____

Information requested

Notes from conversation

Disability Determination Services (DDS)

512-437-8000 or 800-252-7009

Appeals to Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213

www.dars.state.tx.us/services/dds.shtml

This agency receives applications for support for Social Security Disability Income (SSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and processes them for the Social Security Administration. SSDI covers persons who have worked, paid into Social Security and have become disabled. SSI is support for those unable to work or develop a job skill to gain employment.

Contact date _____

Person/agency contacted _____

Information requested

Notes from conversation

Other Helpful Resources

GOODWILL INDUSTRIES

Mailing address:
P.O. Box 15520
Fort Worth, TX 76119-0525
817.332.7866

www.goodwill.org

Physical address:
4005 Campus Drive
Fort Worth, TX 76119-0520

www.goodwillfortworth.org

This is a very good agency to work with because you can approach them directly for services such as vocational evaluation, training, job searching and direct employment opportunities. There is a cost involved, therefore, many people will try to establish eligibility with a state agency first, then see if they can get support from Goodwill.

Contact date _____

Person/agency contacted _____

Information requested

Notes from conversation

Job Corps

(800) 733-JOBS or (972) 850-4100 Dallas office

www.jobcorps.dol.gov/

This agency is run by the United States government. It provides eligible applicants the opportunity to learn trades, earn certifications and secure employment in facilities across the country. There are 4 such facilities in Texas, located in El Paso, McKinney, San Marcos and Laredo. Students live on campus and must meet strict guidelines. For specific information on applying, visit the website or call the local office.

Contact date _____

Person/agency contacted _____

Information requested

Notes from conversation

Web-based Supports

www.americajob.com/

This website identifies jobs available from the United States government. Career information and responsibilities are posted according to type and are broken down by state.

www.bls.gov/k12/

This website is a branch of the one above, but it is designed for students to use. It is very user friendly and provides information on careers according to broad field categories.

www.career.com/

This website provides a host of services including job search, career exploration, information on colleges, salary information, workplace skills and résumé supports.

www.careerbuilder.com/

This website provides valuable information on employment opportunities, job fairs, skills for job seekers and college information.

www.careeronestop.org/

This website provides career information, a job bank for employment across the United States, information on how to relocate, and skills for job seekers.

www.cdr.state.tx.us/parents/parents.asp

This website provides information to students and parents according to publications available. You can choose to purchase the books or use what is available online by downloading individual pages.

www.cdr.state.tx.us/realitycheck/

This is a great website to provide students with the opportunity to find information on careers in a practical manner. It will allow them to calculate living expenses and determine if their career salary will allow them to make enough to live the lifestyle they seek.

www.coolworks.com/

This website provides information on seasonal work that is available throughout the United States.

www.monster.com/

This is a widely advertised website that provides information on employment opportunities, résumé postings for employers, college information and job fairs.

www.nationjob.com/

View job postings from across the United States. Type in your zip code to display jobs available by company. Posted, you will find job location, responsibilities, salary and how to apply.

www.stats.bls.gov/

This is a government website that provides information on careers and trends. It also has within it access to the Occupational Outlook Handbook which enables you to research specific aspects of careers such as education/training required, type of work done, etc.

www.twc.state.tx.us/

This website is part of the Texas Workforce Commission. It provides a lot of information on careers, trends and other employee concerns.

www.workintexas.com

This website allows users to locate jobs posted in Texas and access tools to assist them in their search and career development.

United Way First Call

Phone number: 211 or 817-258-8100

This extremely helpful service provides information to persons in Erath, Hood, Johnson, Palo Pinto, Parker, Somervell, Tarrant and Wise counties concerning agencies and organization that may assist in the areas of:

Caregiver Support,
Financial Assistance
Health Services
Housing
And much more.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

There are many ways to get training for a future occupation.

Universities/Colleges

- ◆ Private and public available
- ◆ Degrees earned in 4-5 years
- ◆ Costs vary, private typically more expensive
- ◆ Small and large colleges are available
- ◆ Degrees include bachelors and may include masters and doctorate degree plans
- ◆ Admissions requirements fairly standard
 - High school diploma or GED
 - SAT/ACT tests required
 - Applications need to be submitted with letters of recommendation and essay
 - Submit a transcript from your high school

Junior College

- ◆ Private and public available
- ◆ Programs completed in 1-3 years typically depending on program
- ◆ Costs vary, private typically more expensive
- ◆ Small and large colleges are available
- ◆ Certificates, licenses and associates degrees available
- ◆ Admissions requirements fairly standard
 - Application required
 - A test will likely be required (THEA in Texas)

Trade/Technical Schools

- ◆ Private and state schools available
- ◆ Programs completed in 2-3 years typically
- ◆ Costs vary greatly from state run to private
- ◆ Both small and large schools available
- ◆ Some schools specialize in one area while others offer a host of programs
- ◆ Admissions requirements are fairly standard
 - Application required
 - Interview may be required
 - A test will be required (it may consist of the THEA or a specialized test for the individual school)

Apprenticeships

- ◆ Learn to become a skilled laborer in a trade of interest while working
- ◆ Timeline is dependant on the skills being taught and certification desired
- ◆ Earn while you learn
- ◆ Some classroom instruction will be required as part of the training
- ◆ Admission into program is standard
 - Identify a trade you want training in
 - Locate an employer that is willing to hire you and will train you to become skilled in that trade.
 - Register to become an apprentice with the United States Department of Labor Office of Apprenticeship.
www.doleta.gov/OA/eta_default.cfm

Military

- ◆ Another great way to be trained in a field of interest.
- ◆ Signing bonuses are available.
- ◆ If you are in ROTC for 4 years in high school, you may get a higher wage once enlisted.
- ◆ If you earn a degree or certification before enlisting, your wage may also be increased.
- ◆ If you enlist after graduation from high school, you can have money saved to put towards your education after your tour of duty has been completed.
- ◆ If interested in a specific branch, it is highly advised that you speak to a recruiter
- ◆ Enlistment requirements are standard
 - Graduate from high school
 - Apply for enlistment
 - Take ASVAB test
 - Pass a physical

Determining what classes to take in high school

A key step to planning for the future is taking courses in high school that may prepare you for your career. Whenever possible, take electives and/or required courses that will expose you to topics or skills needed in your areas of interest. Please, utilize the information on courses offered by your district found in the appendix of this guide.

Testing Information

For the 09/10 school year, the testing dates are as follows:

SAT	ACT	THEA
10/10/2009	9/12/2009	10/17/2009
11/7/2009	10/24/2009	2/27/2010
12/5/2009	12/13/2009	4/24/2010
1/23/2010	2/6/2010	6/19/2010
3/13/2010	4/10/2010	7/24/2010
5/1/2010	6/12/2010	
6/5/2010		

Testing websites are:

SAT

- ◆ www.collegeboard.com/testing/

ACT

- ◆ www.actstudent.org/index.html

THEA

- ◆ www.thea.nesinc.com/index.asp

ASVAB

- ◆ www.military.com/Recruiting/ASVAB/1,13387,,00.html

Testing Accommodations.

If you will need to take the SAT, ACT or THEA (in Texas only) test for admission into a school and you feel you may need accommodations for the test, you must apply for those accommodations, possibly with the assistance of your school counselor in the case of the SAT and ACT. Documentation concerning your disability and needs will be required. See the following websites for specific information.

for the ACT www.act.org/aap/disab/

for the SAT www.collegeboard.com/ssd/student/index.html

AN IMPORTANT NOTE!

If you don't request accommodations the first time you take the test, you cannot request the accommodations if you decide to take the test again.

Disability Support Services

Supports for persons with disabilities at the college level may be available. Colleges that receive federal funds must have an office that assists persons with disabilities in accessing the programs that are available.

This may include providing:

- ◆ Interpreters
- ◆ Testing accommodations
- ◆ Note taking accommodations
- ◆ Technology supports
- ◆ Mobility assistance
- ◆ Tutoring assistance (may also be available)

They will **NOT** do the following:

- ◆ Accept accommodations recommended from public school IEPs
- ◆ Reduce your assignments
- ◆ Reduce or modify your tests

A VERY IMPORTANT NOTE!

The schools will not modify or alter the curriculum for anyone.

If you will seek services from the college's support program for students with disabilities, you will need to apply to the program with your admissions application.

One requirement they will have to determine if you are eligible for any support is that you submit a current (less than 3 years old) full evaluation from a licensed psychologist. To get more specific information about the program at your perspective school, contact them directly and request their information.

Useful Resources

www.achievetexas.org

This website is part of another state initiative to prepare students for a career through such things as career exploration, graduation plan development and supports at the high school level.

www.commonapp.org/CommonApp/default.aspx

This site allows the user to complete one admissions form and send it and accompanying essays to many participating colleges and junior colleges. In addition to this, you can also apply for housing and scholarships at those colleges using this website.

www.careersandcolleges.com/

This site provides information about colleges and careers that develop from the degrees that are earned. It also provides information on scholarships, loans and test preparation.

www.collegeboard.com/splash/

This website was developed by the company that makes the SAT. It provides information on the test, but it also has a college and scholarship search engine within it.

www.collegefortexans.com/

This website is another very useful and thorough resource for finding information about colleges, degrees that are available at individual colleges, how to apply, financial aid opportunities and other helpful advice.

www.collegenet.com/elect/app/app

This site provides information for college applications. By identifying the state you want to study in, the site will identify which schools will allow you to submit an application from this site.

www.edref.com/

This site provides free information on colleges and scholarships that are available. It also has information for vocational colleges and on-line college.

www.fafsa.ed.gov/

This website is for completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. It is critical that you complete this form as soon as possible. It will require that you and your family have your tax information completed in order to accurately complete this form. If you plan to start college in the fall, then you need to submit the application no later than March to better ensure your chances at getting financial aid.

www.fastweb.com/

This website is similar to the two previous sites. It provides information on colleges and scholarships. It also has information on internships and part-time job opportunities for students in college.

www.finaid.org/

This website has information on completing financial aid information and how to locate funds for college.

www.gearuptexas.com

This website is part of a state initiative to better prepare high school students for post secondary education. It provides information on colleges, financial aid, homework supports and test taking skills.

www.salliemae.com/

This website is part of the Sallie Mae Corporation that provides student loans for persons attending college.

www.scholarships.com/

This is a scholarship-oriented site that also provides information on financial aid and colleges.

www.testprepreview.com/

This is an extremely helpful website as it provides sample tests for many different areas including the ACT, SAT, ASVAB and many other specialized tests for certificates and licenses. It also has information on test taking skills, test anxiety and other helpful areas.

www.texastomorrowfunds.org/

This website explains the 529 savings plan for college tuition expenses.

web1.ncaa.org/eligibilitycenter/common/

This website is designed to assist students who plan to participate in athletics at the college level. It provides guidelines for what is expected as far as course completion and GPA at the high school level in order to compete at Division 1 and Division 2 schools.

www.window.state.tx.us/scholars/

This website provides information from the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation on the Compendium of Texas Colleges and Financial Aid Calendar. It contains a vast amount of information to assist the user

in determining the costs of going to college, information on Texas colleges and admissions information.

MILITARY INFORMATION

www.airforce.com/

This is the site for gathering information on the United States Air Force.

www.army.mil/

This is the website designed for the United States Army.

www.marines.com/page/usmc.jsp?flashRedirect=true

This website is for the United States Marines.

www.navy.mil/swf/index.asp

This is the website for researching the United States Navy.

www.uscg.mil/default.asp

This website will assist you in getting information on the United States Coast Guard.

INDEPENDENT LIVING

Independent living needs vary from person to person. Though the primary focus of this section is providing information on supports for persons with more intensive needs, there is information for anyone trying to relocate or hunt for an apartment.

Easter Seals North Texas
1555 Merrimac Circle. Suite 102
Fort Worth, TX 76107
817 332-7171

ntx.easterseals.com/site/PageServer?pagename=TXNW_homepage

This is the website for the Easter Seals of North Texas. They are capable of providing numerous supports and services to eligible persons in the area including, audiological supports, physical therapy, speech therapy, counseling, equipment, Community Living Assistance and Support Services (CLASS) {see information below}, habilitation and respite services just to name a few. Not all the services are available at every site, so it is important that you contact the service agency nearest you to determine what is available and how to apply.

CLASS

This program, supported by funds from the federal government, is extremely beneficial to families of persons with extensive needs. There are strict criteria that must be met and the waiting list in the North Texas area is 7 to 10 years long! Completing the paperwork and getting on the list early in the life of the child is critical. Go to the website above for more information. Though Easter Seals can assist in many areas, the eligibility portion is handled through the Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS).

Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS)

P.O. Box 126688 local intake number 1-888-337-6377

Austin, TX 78711

512-206-5727

www.dads.state.tx.us/

This agency supports the elderly and persons with mental retardation in maintaining independence and providing long term care for those that are eligible for services. Eligibility is based on income and resources available to the client.

<http://www.dads.state.tx.us/forms/2121/2121.pdf>

Local office for Mental Retardation authority

Pecan Valley MHMR Region

650 W. Green St.

Stephenville, TX 76401

Intake Phone: 1-800-682-0181

Main Phone: 254-965-7806

The website below will allow you to search for information on specific services and providers in your area including long-term care facilities, residential options, adult day care programs, and state schools and compare how they are rated.

HRA - Helping Restore Ability

- ◆ 1635-A W. Division
Arlington, TX 76012
phone 817-469-1977
- ◆ 8625 King George Dr. Ste 242
Dallas, TX 75235

<http://www.helpingrestoreability.org/history.htm>

This agency provides supports in the form of attendants for persons with special needs. What makes them unique is that their system allows the client to determine who will act as the caregiver. There are several options for support. To learn more and to find out how to determine if you are eligible for services, contact the agency or research their website.

REACH of Fort Worth
1205 Lake Street
Fort Worth, TX 76102-4501
(817) 870-9082 Voice

www.reachcils.org/home/brochure.php4

This agency provides many services for persons eligible for support. Some of their services include counseling, advocate support, technology assistance, ramp building, peer support and socialization opportunities.

Planned Living Assistance Network (PLAN) of North Texas
13151 Emily Road, Suite 240
Dallas, Texas 75240

www.plan-northtexas.org/index.php

Plan provides the opportunity for persons with mental illness to live in a supported community with access to social skills training, counseling, and respite care. To research information on this organization, contact the agency or visit their website.

www.move.com

This website provides information about apartments across the country. There is also useful information on living on your own, getting along with roommates and budgeting.

www.apartments.com

This website, like the one above has useful information on finding an apartment, moving and other living skills.

www.mtstcil.org/skills/index.html

This website provides information on many aspects of living on your own including apartment hunting, personal safety, cooking, money management and healthy living.

COMMUNITY EXPERIENCES

This section is devoted to helping locate activities, services and recreational opportunities that may be of interest to students and/or parents.

Girls Incorporated of Tarrant County
2820 Matlock Road
Arlington, Texas 76015
Ph: 817-468-0306

www.girlsinctarrant.org/

This agency is designed to assist young women in developing themselves into responsible, strong and independent women.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Texas

www.bbbs.org/site

This organization pairs up a young person with an adult to act as a mentor to them. For information on how to become a part of this group or to enroll your student, visit the website or contact the district offices at this website.

Boy Scouts of America

www.scouting.org/

The Boy Scouts of America is a group that provides activities, character development, skill development and unique opportunities to boys across the United States. The website above will lead you to your local Boy Scout Council.

Girl Scouts of the USA.

www.girlscouts.org/

The Girl Scouts of the USA provides activities and unique opportunities to young women that develop character, and skills in many areas. Use this website to find a local council.

www.girlscouts.org/councilfinder/

National Boys and Girls Club

www.bgca.org/

This organization provides services to boys and girls in the areas of education, sports, arts, health and life skills and character development. Use this website to locate extensions nearest you.

www.bgca.org/clubs/

Special Olympics Texas
Greater Fort Worth
500 W. 7th St., Ste. 1235
Fort Worth, TX 76102
817.332.3433

www.specialolympicstexas.org/

This organization provides persons with disabilities the opportunity to socialize and compete with others in a wide variety of events. Basketball, softball, volleyball, soccer, bowling and swimming are just some of the events in which athletes compete. To learn more, contact the office listed above, visit the website provided, or speak to your student's Adaptive P.E. coach for information.

YMCA

www.ymca.net/

The YMCA provides many opportunities including swimming, weight training, basketball, soccer, classes and much more. You can locate the nearest available site by typing in your zip code.

YWCA

www.ywca.org

The YWCA provides opportunities for women such as classes, career development, fitness, etc. Like the site above, you can locate the nearest available site by typing in your zip code.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

www.tpwd.state.tx.us/

This agency maintains Texas parklands for its citizens. Listed on the website, you will find information on parks, hunting, fishing, camping and much, much more.

About.com

www.about.com/hobbies/

This website will give you ideas for hobbies to pursue in your free time.

Cleburne Parks and Recreation Department
418 W. Henderson St. Mailing Address
Cleburne, TX 76033 P.O. Box 677
Phone 817-645-0949 Cleburne, TX 76033
email at parks@cleburne.net

Stephenville Parks and Recreation
298 W. Washington
Stephenville, TX 76401
(254) 918-1260

The following North Texas groups provide persons with disabilities with therapeutic horse riding, also known as hippotherapy. For more information about this activity, please visit the websites or contact their businesses.

All Star Equestrian Foundation.
P.O. Box 892.
6601 FM 2738
Mansfield, Texas 76063.
Phone Number: 817 477 1437
www.allstarfoundation.org/

Swan View Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc.
7905 Briar Rd
Azle Tx 76020
817-444-8499
www.svtrc.org

Rocky Top Therapy Center
660 Keller Smithfield Road
Keller, Texas 76248
Metro 817-379-5717
www.rockytoptherapy.org/

RELATED SERVICES AND RESOURCES

To assist you in determining what agencies to utilize according to need or disability, please refer to the chart below.

	agency or support	services provided	when to contact
auditory impairment	EASTER SEALS DARS:DHHS	may be eligible for hearing aids, communication devices, specialized telecommunication devices, case manager assistance, job development and support, post secondary tuition waivers	as soon as possible
autism	DADS:MHMR EASTER SEALS DARS:DRS	may be eligible for early childhood intervention, case management, behavioral supports, job training, adult living supports	as soon as possible
deaf/blind	EASTER SEALS DARS:DBS	may be eligible for hearing aids, communication devices, case manager assistance, orientation and mobility training, job development and support, post secondary tuition waivers	as soon as possible
emotionally disturbed	DADS:MHMR EASTER SEALS DARS:DRS	may be eligible for early childhood intervention, case management, behavioral supports, job training, adult living supports	as soon as possible
learning disability	DARS:DRS	may be eligible for assistance with vocational assessment, educational supports, equipment, job support and development	in high school
mental retardation	DADS:MHMR EASTER SEALS DARS:DRS	may be eligible for early childhood intervention, case management, behavioral supports, job training, adult living supports	as soon as possible
multiple disabilities	EASTER SEALS DARS:DRS	may be eligible for early childhood intervention, case management, OT/PT, equipment, behavioral supports, job training, adult living supports	as soon as possible
other health impairment	EASTER SEALS DARS:DRS	may be eligible for early childhood intervention, case management, OT/PT, behavioral supports, job training, adult living supports	as soon as possible
speech impairment	EASTER SEALS DARS:DRS	may be eligible for speech therapy, communication supports, vocational assessments, educational and job supports	as soon as possible
traumatic brain injury	DARS:DRS BIATX	may be eligible for residential and non-residential treatment including case management, therapy, counseling and vocational supports	as soon as possible
visual impairment	DARS:DBS	may be eligible for case manager assistance, orientation and mobility training, job development and support, post secondary tuition waivers	as soon as possible

The following groups are listed in alphabetical order and vary according to specific subjects. Some related services can be received through the DARS agency supports listed previously in this document as well as Easter Seals.

◆ **AUTISM**

AUTISM SOCIETY OF AMERICA -

972-644-2076

<http://www.autism-society.org/site/PageServer>

AUTISM SOCIETY OF COLLIN COUNTY

www.autism-asc.org/

CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF AUTISM

www.autism.org

DALLAS ASPERGER'S NETWORK INFORMATION SUPPORT AND HELP (DANISH)

972-690-6700

www.aspergerinfo.org or www.aspergersyndrome.org

ONLINE ASPERGER SYNDROME INFORMATION AND SUPPORT (OASIS)

www.udel.edu/bkirby/asperger

TEXAS AUTISM ADVOCACY

www.texasautismadvocacy.org/

◆ **ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER**

ADD ASSOCIATION

972-458-9226

www.adda-sr.org

ATTENTION DEFICIT INFORMATION NETWORK, INC. (AD-IN)
475 HILLSIDE AVENUE
NEEDHAM, MA 02194
(617) 455-9895
(617) 444-5466 FAX
adin@gis.net e-mail

CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER
(CH.A.D.D.)
499 NORTHWEST 70TH AVENUE, SUITE 101
PLANTATION, FL 33317
800-233-4050
(954) 587-4599 FAX
www.chadd.org

◆ **DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING**

THE DEAF RESOURCE LIBRARY
www.deaflibrary.org/

GOODRICH CENTER FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING
2500 LIPSCOMB STREET
FORT WORTH, TX 76110
817-926-5305 TTY 817-926-4101
www.goodrichcenter.org

◆ **DOWN SYNDROME**

DOWN SYNDROME GUILD
214-267-1374
www.downsyndromedallas.org

NATIONAL DOWN SYNDROME SOCIETY
www.ndss.org

◆ **GENERAL SUPPORTS**

THE COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN (CEC)
1920 ASSOCIATION DRIVE
RESTON, VA 20191-1589
(703) 620-3660
(703) 264-9446 TDD
(703) 264-9494 FAX
cec@cec.sped.org e-mail
www.cec.sped.org

THE COUNCIL ON QUALITY AND LEADERSHIP IN SUPPORTS
FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
www.thecouncil.org

DISABILITY RESOURCES, INC.
FOUR GLATTER LANE
CENTEREACH, NY 11720
631-585-0290
www.disabilityresources.org

EASTER SEALS OF GREATER NW TEXAS
508 S. ADAMS STREET, SUITE 200
FORT WORTH, TX 76104
817-536-8693
www.tx-nw.easter-seals.org

FAMILY VILLAGE- A GLOBAL COMMUNITY OF DISABILITY
RELATED RESOURCES
www.familyvillage.wisc.edu/

LAWYER REFFERAL SERVICE
1315 CALHOUN STREET
FORT WORTH, TX 76102
817-338-4092
www.tarrantbar.org

MARCH OF DIMES

200 BAILEY AVENUE, SUITE 230

FORT WORTH, TX 76107

817-924-9944

www.marchofdimes.com

NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR CAREGIVING

www.caregiving.org

NICHY – NATIONAL DISSEMINATION CENTER FOR CHILDREN
AND YOUTH WITH DISABILITIES

P.O. BOX 1492

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20013-1492

800-695-0285

www.nichcy.org

NATIONAL RESPITE NETWORK- RESPITE LOCATOR SERVICE

919-490-5577

www.respitelocator.org

RESOURCE CONNECTION OF TARRANT COUNTY

1100 CIRCLE DRIVE

FORT WORTH, TX 76119-8111

817-531-7600

SELF ADVOCATES BECOMNG EMPOWERED

www.sabeusa.org

TEXAS RUNAWAY HOTLINE

888-580-HELP (888-580-4357)

http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Runaway_hotline/default.asp

TEXAS YOUTH HOTLINE

800-210-2278

www.dfps.state.tx.us/youth_hotline/youth.asp

UNITED WAY OF METROPOLITAN TARRANT COUNTY

210 EAST NINTH STREET

FORT WORTH, TX 76102-6494

817-258-8000

www.unitedwaytarrant.org

direct number phone: 211

Resource Book: "Blue Book Directory Of Community Resources, First Call"

UNITED WAY OF PARKER COUNTY

(817) 599-8075

WEST TEXAS LEGAL SERVICE

600 E. WEATHERFORD STREET

FORT WORTH, TX 76102

817-336-3943

www.texaslawhelp.org

◆ **LEARNING DISABILITIES**

COORDINATED CAMPAIGN FOR LEARNING DISABILITIES

www.aboutld.org

COUNCIL FOR LEARNING DISABILITIES

P.O. BOX 40303

OVERLAND PARK, KS 66204

(914) 492-8755

LD ONLINE

www.ldonline.org/indepth/social_skills/recreation_skills.html

INTERNATIONAL DYSLEXIA ASSOCIATION

www.interdys.org

LEARNING DISABILITIES ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (LDA)
4156 LIBRARY ROAD
PITTSBURGH, PA 15234
(412) 341-1515
(412) 344-0224 FAX
www.ldanatl.org

NATIONAL CENTER FOR LEARNING DISABILITIES (NCLD)
www.nclld.org

◆ **MENTAL HEALTH**

MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA
www.nmha.org

NAMI OF DALLAS (NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS)
214-341-7133
www.namidallas.org

NAMI OF COLLIN COUNTY (NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS)
972-922-5095
www.namicco.org

◆ **MEDICAL CONCERNS**

AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS
2315 NORTH MAIN, SUITE 320
FORT WORTH, TX 76106
817-332-7110
www.diabetes.org

THE BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS
800-392-0040
www.biatx.org

CYSTIC FIBROSIS FOUNDATION NORTHEAST TEXAS CHAPTER
5280 TRAIL LAKE DRIVE, SUITE 27
FORT WORTH, TX 76133
817-370-2617
www.cff.org

DALLAS EPILEPSY FOUNDATION
214-823-8809

EPILEPSY FOUNDATION OF GREATER NORTH TEXAS
8802 HARRY HINES BOULEVARD
DALLAS, TX 75235-1716
214-823-8809
www.epilepsyfoundation.org

FAS / FAE (FETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME / FETAL ALCOHOL
EFFECTS) EDUCATION
972-245-8722
www.nofas.org

HOUSTON EPILEPSY FOUNDATION SERVING
NORTH TEXAS AREA
888-548-9716
www.efset.org

SPINA BIFIDA ASSOCIATION OF DALLAS
800-521-3141 OR 972-238-8755

TOURETTE SYNDROME ASSOCIATION OF DALLAS/FORT
WORTH
972-219-6029 OR 800-237-0717
STATE NUMBERS 281-238-8096 OR 866-896-8484
www.tourettetexas.org, and www.tsa-usa.org

◆ **MENTAL RETARDATION**

ADVOCATES FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE

817-478-4193

www.advocatesforspecialpeople.org

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION ON INTELLECTUAL AND
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (AAIDD) FORMERLY AMERICAN
ASSOCIATION ON MENTAL RETARDATION

www.aamr.org

ASSOCIATION OF RETARDED CITIZENS (ARC)
OF GREATER TARRANT COUNTY

1300 W. LANCASTER, SUITE 104

FORT WORTH, TX 76102

817-877-1474

www.thearcoftexas.org

OUR SPECIAL CHILDREN (AT COOKS CHILDREN'S MEDICAL
CENTER IN FORT WORTH)

817-265-6009

LAS FAMILIAS MAIN OFFICE NUMBER 817-877-1474

◆ **TECHNOLOGY**

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY LITERATURE DATABASE

www.colemaninstitute.org/database.php

TEXAS CENTER FOR DISABILITY STUDIES

www.tcds.edb.utexas.edu/about.html

◆ **VISION**

AMERICAN COUNCIL OF THE BLIND

www.acb.org

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND

www.nfb.org/nfb/default.asp

NATIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE FOR THE BLIND AND
PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

www.loc.gov/nls_website

SPECIAL TOPICS FOR PERSONS WITH INTENSIVE NEEDS

Guardianship

REGARDLESS OF A PERSON'S DISABILITY, WHEN THAT PERSON TURNS 18, THEY ARE CONSIDERED A LEGAL ADULT.

What this means is, the person has the right to enter into contracts, make decisions without needing consent from another person, etc. Unfortunately, some of those contracts and decisions may not be wise ones. Still, the person will be held responsible, just like any other citizen that enters into an agreement.

Texas laws permit another person to petition for guardianship of someone **who may not be able to make decisions for themselves.**

To do this, you will need to go to court. You could hire a lawyer, or possibly petition directly to the courts in some cases.

The process cannot begin until the person is almost 18. Whether you represent yourself or hire a lawyer, the courts will assign a lawyer to the person from whom you are trying to get guardianship. They will take the stance of protecting the rights of that person. You or your lawyer, with input from a court investigator, will argue whether there is justification for taking over the decision-making rights of the person. The process may take weeks or even months, so you must prepare in advance if you wish to seek guardianship.

For more information on how to seek guardianship, research information at the following websites or contact a lawyer who has **experience** in guardianship cases.

ANOTHER IMPORTANT NOTE!

NOT ALL PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY NEED GUARDIANSHIP.

Texas Project First

www.texasprojectfirst.org/Guardianship.html

Texas Guardianship Association

www.texasguardianship.org/

Texas Guardianship Lawyer Search

www.lawyers.com/Guardianship/Texas/browse-by-city-C.html

Special Needs Trusts

A special needs trust allows for money to be held in trust for the benefit of a person, but not completely in their name or under their control. It is useful in many cases because some services or supports are dependant on the income or resources of the person requesting the supports.

If a person has more than \$2,000.00 in the bank for instance, this may make them ineligible for receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI). If someone leaves the SSI recipient money through an inheritance or a gift, that person may be in jeopardy of having his or her service cancelled. Therefore, if you want to make sure that your child will have a chance at receiving and maintaining supports, make sure that no funds are in their name or establish a special needs trust for their benefit.

The following websites will provide you with information on how to establish a special needs trust.

The National Special Needs Network

www.nsn.com/frequently.htm

Met Desk

Metlife's Division Of Estate Planning For Special Kids

www.jtgentry.metlife.com/

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

Social Security Administration

www.ssa.gov

This website may be of great importance to your student if they will not be able to work due to a handicapping condition. This website will allow you to research the Supplemental Security Income program which has some tremendous benefits for those who are eligible.

Eligibility is based on the parents' income until the person with the disability turns 18. At that point, eligibility is based on his or her income. If they are determined to be eligible, they will receive a check for a particular amount dependant on the need. More importantly, the state of Texas will issue Medicaid coverage at that point. This is far more important than any amount that may come in the form of a check. This is medical coverage that will aid your student as long as they qualify. To stay eligible, they must not have more than \$2,000.00 in their name.

For more information on SSI, please research information at the websites above or below.

A booklet provided by the Social Security Administration

www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/11000.html

OTHER ADULT NEEDS

Voter Registration

At 18, all United States citizens can register to vote. Although you cannot register on-line at this time, you can find voter information at this website. www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/index.shtml
You can request a voter registration card from this site. You can also generally pick up a voter registration card at government buildings or offices such as public libraries, post offices and even schools.

Driver's License

Students can take driver's education in a number of ways.

- ◆ School districts often have courses on their campuses. Some districts offer the class only in the summer. Others have them throughout the school year.
- ◆ Businesses can provide driver's education throughout the year. The costs vary from business to business, so it is wise to call several local or available businesses that can provide this service.
- ◆ Parents can now act as the instructor for a driver's education program. The Texas Department of Public Safety has information about what the parents' role will be in this program and how to enroll. The information can be found at www.txdps.state.tx.us/administration/driver_licensing_control/parenttaught.htm

Selective Service www.sss.gov

Every 18-year-old male is required to register for the Selective Service.

The "draft" has not been used in decades, but the mechanism for registering potential conscripts has been in place for decades.

Therefore, it is the responsibility of every male to register at 18.

If you do not register, it could potentially impact:

- ◆ Funding and services through agencies or support programs such as financial aid for college, state agency funding, SSI, driver's license applications, etc.
- ◆ Your criminal record and finances. If convicted of failing to register, you could be facing up to 5 years in prison and/or up to a \$250,000 fine.

APPENDIX

The following pages may provide you with assistance in taking notes from your contacts and research, finding quick facts and other useful hints.

You may wish to copy these pages in order to have fresh copies available before you run out.

Phone Contacts Notes

Contact date _____
Person/agency contacted _____
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Post-Secondary Education Opportunities in Texas

Technical Schools (public)

college/university	address	website	test required	application deadline
Texas State Technical College-West Texas	300 Homer K. Taylor Drive Sweetwater, Texas 79556	www.tstc.edu	ACCUPLACER or other approved TSI test	open
Texas State Technical College-Harlingen	1902 North Loop 499 Harlingen, TX 78550	www.harlingen.tstc.edu	none identified	open
Texas State Technical College-Waco	3801 Campus Dr. Waco, TX 76705	www.waco.tstc.edu	THEA	open

Junior Colleges (public)

college/university	address	website	test required	application deadline
Alvin Community College	3110 Mustang Road Alvin, TX 77511	www.alvincollege.edu	THEA, ACCUPLACER, COMPASS, ASSET	August 17 for Fall
Amarillo College	P.O.Box 447 Amarillo, TX 79178	www.actx.edu	ACT or SAT I	none
Angelina College	P.O.Box 1768 Lufkin, TX 75902	www.angelina.edu	none identified	none
Blinn College	902 College Avenue Brenham, TX 77833	www.blinn.edu	THEA	none
Brazosport College	500 College Drive Lake Jackson, TX 77566	www.brazosport.edu	none identified	August 23 for Fall
Brookhaven College	3939 Valley View Lane Farmers Branch, TX 75244	www.brookhavencollege.edu	none identified	none
Cedar Valley College	3030 North Dallas Avenue Lancaster, TX 75134	www.cedarvalleycollege.edu	ACT recommended or SAT I	none
Central Texas College	Box 1800 Killeen, TX 76540	www.ctcd.edu	THEA or ACT Asset if not exempt	none
Cisco Junior College	101 College Heights Cisco, TX 76437	www.ciscoccolle.edu	none identified	none

Clarendon College	P.O. Box 968 Clarendon, TX 79226	www.clarendoncollege.edu	THEA	none
Coastal Bend College	3800 Charco Road Beeville, TX 78102	www.coastalbend.edu	none identified	none
College of the Mainland	1200 Amburn Road Texas City, TX 77591	www.com.edu	THEA, ACT or SAT I	none
Collin County Community College	2800 East Spring Creek Pkw McKinney, TX 75070	www.ccccd.edu	none identified	none
Del Mar College	101 Baldwin Blvd Corpus Christi, TX 78404	www.delmar.edu	THEA, COMPASS	open
Eastfield College	3737 Motley Drive Mesquite, TX	www.efc.dcccd.edu	ACT or SAT I	none
El Centro College	801 Main Street Dallas, TX	www.elcentrocollege.edu	assessment packet	none
El Paso Community College	P.O. Box 20500 El Paso, TX 79998	www.epcc.edu	none identified	none
Frank Phillips College	P.O. Box 5118 Borger, TX 79008	www.fpctx.edu	assessment packet	open
Galveston College	4015 Avenue Q Galveston, TX 77550	www.gc.edu	THEA, ACCUPLACER, COMPASS, ASSET	registration time
Grayson County College	6101 Highway 691 Denison, TX 75020	www.grayson.edu	none identified	last day of registration
Hill College	112 Lamar Dr. Hillsboro, TX 76645	www.hillcollege.edu	none identified	open
Houston Community College	P.O. Box 667517 Houston, TX 77266	www.hccs.edu	THEA	none
Howard College	1001 Birdwell In. Big Spring, TX 79720	www.howardcollege.edu	none identified	open
Kilgore College	1100 Broadway Kilgore, TX 75662	www.kilgore.edu	THEA or local placement	2 weeks prior to registration
Kingwood College	20000 Kingwood Drive Kingwood, TX 77339	www.kingwoodcollege.com	THEA, ASSET, COMPASS	none
Lamar State College at Orange	410 Front Street Orange, TX 77630	www.lSCO.edu	none identified	August 1 for Fall session
Lamar State College at Port Arthur	1500 Procter Street Port Arthur, TX 77640	www.lamarpa.edu	THEA, ASSET, COMPASS	August 26 for Fall session
Laredo Community College	West End Washington St Laredo, TX 78040	www.laredo.edu	none identified	none
Lee College	511 West Whiting St. Baytown, TX 77520	www.lee.edu	none identified	none

McLennan Community College	1400 College Dr. Waco, TX 76708	www.mclennan.edu	none identified	open
Midland College	3600 North Garfield Midland, TX 79705	www.midland.edu	none identified	none
Montgomery College	3200 College Park Drive Conroe, TX 77305	www.montgomery-college.com	ACT,SAT,THEA, ASSET,COMPASS	none
Mountain View College	4849 W. Illinois Ave Dallas, TX 75211	www.mvc.dcccd.edu	open	open
Navarro College	3200 West 7th Ave. Corsicana, TX 75110	www.navarrocollege.edu	open	open
North Central Texas College	1525 West California Gainesville, TX 76240	www.nctc.edu	none identified	none
North Harris College	2700 W.W. Thorne Drive Houston, TX 77073	www.northharriscollege.com	ACT,SAT,THEA, ASSET,COMPASS	none
North Lake College	5001 North MacArthur Blvd Irving, TX 75038	www.northlakecollege.edu	none identified	none
Northeast Texas Community College	P.O. Box 1307 Mount Pleasant, TX 75456	www.ntcc.edu	none identified	none
Northwest Vista College	3535 North Ellison Dr. San Antonio, TX 78204	www.accd.edu/nvcc	THEA	pre admissions begins April 1
Odessa College	201 W. University Odessa, TX 79764	www.odessa.edu	THEA	open
Palo Alto College	1400 W. Villaret San Antonio, TX 78204	www.accd.edu/pacc	THEA	Priority admissions begins April 1
Panola College	1109 West Panola St. Carthage, TX 75633	www.panola.edu	state approved test	none
Paris Junior College	2400 Clarksville St. Paris, TX 75460	www.parisjc.edu	THEA	none
Ranger College	1100 College Circle Ranger, TX 76470	www.ranger.cc.tx.us	none identified	none
Riceland College	12800 Abrams Road Dallas, TX 75243	www.rlc.dcccd.edu	TAKS	none
San Antonio College	1300 San Pedro Avenue San Antonio, TX 78212	www.accd.edu/sacc	THEA	Priority admissions begins April 1
San Jacinto College	8060 Spencer Highway Pasadena, TX 77505	www.sjcd.edu	none identified	none
South Plains College	1401 College Ave Levelland, TX 79336	www.southplainscollege.edu	ACT or SAT II	none

South Texas College	P.O. Box 9701 McAllen, TX 78502	www.southtexascollge.edu	THEA	1 month prior to session
Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf	3200 Avenue C Big Spring, TX 79720	www.howardcollege.edu	Stanford Achievement Test	rolling
Southwest Texas Junior College	Garner Field Rd. Uvalde, TX 78801	www.swtjc.net	THEA or ACCUPLACER	none
St. Philip's College	1801 Martin Luther King Dr San Antonio, TX 78203	www.accd.edu/spc	THEA	Priority admissions begins April 1
Tarrant County College	5301 Campus Drive Fort Worth, TX 76119	www.tccd.edu	THEA	applications taken through late registration
Temple College	2600 South First St. Temple, TX 76504	www.templejc.edu	none identified	one week prior to start of semester
Texarkana College	2500 North Robinson Rd. Texarkana, TX 75501	www.texarkanacollege.edu	ACT or SAT	upon registration
Texas Southmost College	80 Fort Brown Brownsville, TX 78520	www.utb.edu	none identified	July 1 for Fall session
Tomball College	30555 Tomball Parkway Tomball, TX 77375	www.tomballcollege.com	ACT,SAT,THEA, ASSET,COMPASS	none
Trinity Valley Community College	100 Cardinal Drive Athens, TX 75751	www.tvcc.edu	THEA	none
Tyler Junior College	P.O. Box 9020 Tyler, TX 75711	www.tjc.edu	ACT or SAT	week of registration
Vernon College	4400 College Dr Vernon, TX 76384	www.vernoncollege.edu	none identified	by registration
Victoria College	2200 East Red River Victoria, TX 77901	www.victoriacollege.edu	THEA	none
Weatherford College	225 College Park Dr. Weatherford, TX 76086	www.wc.edu	none identified	none
Western Texas College	6200 College Ave. Snyder, TX 79549	www.wtc.edu	none identified	open
Wharton County Junior College	911 Boling Highway Wharton, TX 77488	www.wcjc.edu	THEA	August 8 for Fall session

Junior Colleges (private)

college/university	address	website	test required	application deadline
Jacksonville College	105 B.J. Albritton Dr. Jacksonville, TX 75766	www.jacksonville-college.edu	none	open
Lon Morris College	800 College Ave. Jacksonville, TX 75766	www.lonmorris.edu	ACT	open
Southwestern Junior College	P.O. Box 10 Terrell, TX 75160	www.swcc.edu	none	August 1 for Fall session

Universities and Colleges (private)

college/university	address	website	test required	application deadline
Abilene Christian University	ACU Box 29100 Abilene, TX 79699	www.acu.edu	SAT I	none, preferably March 1st for Fall session
Austin College	900 North Grand Sherman, TX 75090	www.austincollege.edu	SAT I or ACT with writing	March 1 for Fall session
Austin Community College	5930 Middle Fiskville Rd. Austin, TX 78752	www.austincc.edu	none	open
Baylor University	One Bear Place Waco, TX 76798	www.baylor.edu	ACT or SAT	February 1 for Fall session
Concordia University at Austin	3400 IH 35 North Austin, TX 78705	www.concordia.edu	ACT or SAT	August 15 for Fall session
Dallas Baptist University	3000 Mountain Creek Pkw Dallas, TX 75211	www.dbu.edu	SAT I or ACT	none
East Texas Baptist University	1209 North Grove Marshall, TX 75607	www.etbu.edu	SAT I or ACT	August 1 for Fall session
Hardin Simmons University	P.O. Box 16050 Abilene, TX 79698	www.hsutx.edu	ACT or SAT	1 month prior to registration
Houston Baptist College	7502 Fondren Rd Houston, TX 77074	www.hbu.edu	ACT or SAT	rolling admission
Howard Payne University	1000 Fisk Ave. Brownwood, TX 76801	www.hputx.edu	SAT I or ACT	August 1 for Fall session
Huston-Tillotson University	900 Chicon St. Austin, TX 78702	www.htu.edu	SAT I or ACT	Priority date is March 1
Jarvis Christian College	P.O. Box 1470 Hawkins, TX 75765	www.jarvis.edu	ACT or SAT	open
LeTourneau University	P.O.Box 7001 Longview, TX 75607	www.letu.edu	ACT or SAT	May 1 recommended

Lubbock Christian University	5601 West 19th St. Lubbock, TX 79407	www.lcu.edu	ACT or SAT	August 15 recommended
McMurray University	S. 14th and Sayles Blvd Abilene, TX 79697	www.mcm.edu	ACT or SAT	March 15 for Fall session
Northwood University	Cedar Hill, TX 75104	www.northwood.edu	ACT or SAT	rolling admission
Our Lady of the Lake	411 S.W.24th St San Antonio, TX 78207	www.ollusa.edu	SAT I or ACT	July 15 final
Paul Quinn College	3837 Simpson Stuart Rd	www.pqc.edu	ACT or SAT	August 1 for Fall session
Rice University	P.O. Box 1892 Houston, TX 77251	www.rice.edu	ACT or SAT	January 2 for Fall session
Schreiner University	2100 Memorial Blvd Kerrville, TX 78028	www.schreiner.edu	ACT or SAT	August 1 for Fall session
Southern Methodist University	P.O. Box 750181 Dallas, TX 75275	www.smu.edu	SAT I or ACT	Early-November 1, regular decision January 15, rolling decision on space available basis; March 15
Southwestern Adventist University	P.O. Box 567 Keene, TX 76059	www.swau.edu	ACT or SAT	August 1 for Fall session
Southwestern Assemblies of God University	1200 Sycamore Waxahachie, TX 75165	www.sagu.edu	ACT or SAT	rolling admission
Southwestern University	P.O.Box 770 Georgetown, TX 78627	www.southwestern.edu	ACT or SAT	Regular-February 15
St. Edward's University	3001 South Congress Austin, TX 78704	www.stedwards.edu	ACT or SAT	rolling, May 1
St. Mary's University	One Camino Santa Maria San Antonio, TX 78228	www.stmarytx.edu	ACT or SAT	rolling
Texas Christian University	TCU Box 297013 Fort Worth, TX 76129	www.tcu.edu	ACT or SAT	February 15 for Fall session
Texas College	2404 North Grand Ave. Tyler, TX 75702	www.texascollege.edu	ACT or SAT	August 1 for Fall session
Texas Lutheran University	1000 West Court St. Seguin, TX 78155	www.tlu.edu	ACT or SAT	rolling
Texas Wesleyan University	1201 Wesleyan St. Fort Worth, TX 76105	www.txwes.edu	ACT or SAT	rolling
Trinity University	715 Stadium Dr. San Antonio, TX 78212	www.trinity.edu	ACT or SAT	February 1 for Fall session
University of Dallas	1845 East Northgate Irving, TX 75062	www.udallas.edu	ACT or SAT	March 1 for Fall session
University of Mary Hardin-Baylor	UMHB Station Belton, TX 76513	www.umhb.edu	ACT or SAT	rolling

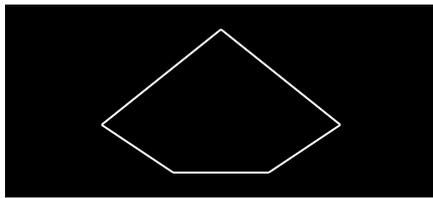
University of St. Thomas	3800 Montrose Blvd. Houston, TX 77006	www.stthom.edu	ACT or SAT	rolling
Wayland Baptist University	1900 West 7th St Plainview, TX 79072	www.wbu.edu	ACT or SAT	rolling
Wiley College	711 Wiley Ave. Marshall, TX 75670	www.wileyc.edu	ACT or SAT	Applications accepted until the start of class

Universities and Colleges (public)

college/university	address	website	test required	application deadline
Angelo State University	ASU Station #11014 San Angelo, TX 76909	www.angelo.edu	SAT I or ACT	open
Lamar University	P.O. Box 10042 Beaumont, TX 77710	www.lamar.edu	SAT I or ACT	August 1 for Fall session
Midwestern State University	3410 Taft Blvd. Wichita Falls, TX 76308	www.mwsu.edu	ACT or SAT	August 7 for Fall Session
Prairie View A&M University	P.O. Box 188 Prairie View, TX 77446	www.pvam.edu	ACT or SAT	June 1 for Fall session
Sam Houston State University	Box 2478 Huntsville, TX 77341	www.shsu.edu	ACT or SAT	August 1 for Fall session
Stephen F. Austin State University	P.O. Box 13052 SFA Station Nacogdoches, TX 75962	www.sfasu.edu	ACT or SAT	rolling
Sul Ross State University	P.O. Box C-114 Alpine, TX 79832	www.sulross.edu	ACT or SAT	varies
Tarleton State University	1333 West Washington Stephenville, TX 76402	www.tarleton.edu	ACT or SAT	August 1 for Fall session
Texas A&M International University	5201 University Blvd. Laredo, TX 78041	www.tamiu.edu	ACT or SAT	rolling
Texas A&M University	1265 TAMU College Station, TX 77843	www.tamu.edu	ACT or SAT	February 1 for Fall session
Texas A&M University Galveston	P.O. Box 1675 Galveston, TX 77553	www.tamug.edu	ACT or SAT	July 15 for Fall session
Texas A&M University-Commerce	P.O. Box 3011 Commerce, TX 75429	www.tamu-commerce.edu	ACT or SAT	August 1 for Fall session

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi	6300 Ocean Drive Corpus Christ, TX 78412	www.tamucc.edu	SAT I or ACT	July 1 for Fall session
Texas A&M University-Kingsville	700 University Blvd. Kingsville, TX 78363	www.tamuk.edu	SAT I or ACT	August 15 for Fall session
Texas A&M University Texarkana	P.O. Box 5518 Texarkana, TX 75505	www.tamut.edu	none identified	July 15 for Fall session
Texas Southern University	3100 Cleburne Ave. Houston, TX 77004	www.tsu.edu	ACT or SAT	2 weeks prior to semester
Texas State University	601 University Dr. San Marcos, TX 78666	www.txstate.edu	ACT or SAT	May 1 for fall session
Texas Tech University	P.O. Box 42005 Lubbock, TX 79409	www.ttu.edu	ACT or SAT	February 1 for Fall session
Texas Women's University	P.O. Box 425589 Denton, TX 76204	www.twu.edu	ACT or SAT	none identified
University of Houston	4800 Calhoun Rd Houston, TX 77204	www.uh.edu	none identified	April 1 for Fall session
University of Houston-Clear Lake	2700 Bay Area Blvd. Houston, TX 77058	www.uhcl.edu	none identified	March 1 for Fall session
University of Houston-Downtown	One Main St. Houston, TX 77002	www.uhd.edu	none identified	July 15 for Fall session
University of Houston-Victoria	3007 N. Ben Wilson Victoria, TX 77901	www.uhv.edu	none identified	none identified
University of North Texas	P.O. Box 76203 Denton, TX 76203	www.unt.edu	ACT or SAT	June 15 for Fall session
The University of Texas at Arlington	P.O. Box 19125 Arlington, TX 76019	www.uta.edu	SAT I or ACT	June 1 for Fall session
The University of Texas at Austin	University Station Austin, TX 78712	www.utexas.edu	ACT or SAT	February 1 for Fall session
The University of Texas at Brownsville	80 Ft. Brown Brownsville, TX 78520	www.utb.edu	none identified	July 1 for Fall session
The University of Texas at Dallas	P.O. Box 830688 Richardson, TX 75083	www.utdallas.edu	ACT or SAT	July 1 for Fall session

The University of Texas at El Paso	500 West University Ave. El Paso, TX 79968	www.utep.edu	ACT or SAT	July 31 for Fall session
The University of Texas at San Antonio	6900 North Loop 1604 West San Antonio, TX 78249	www.utsa.edu	SAT I or ACT	July 1 for Fall session
The University of Texas at Tyler	3900 University Blvd Tyler, TX 75799	www.uttyler.edu	SAT I or ACT	rolling
The University of Texas of the Permian Basin	4901 East University Odessa, TX 79762	www.utpb.edu	SAT I or ACT	July 15 for Fall session
The University of Texas-Pan American	1201 West University Dr. Edinburg, TX 78541	www.utpa.edu	ACT, THEA	February 1 for Fall session
West Texas A&M University	P.O.Box 60997 Canyon, TX 79016	www.wtamu.edu	ACT or SAT	August 1 for Fall session, but open



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