

# **Class of 2023**

**Sophomore Year!** 

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### AGENDA

- **PSAT RESULTS**
- COLLEGE/CAREER PLANNING
- GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
- TRANSCRIPTS & GPA/CLASS RANK
- JUNIOR YEAR COURSE REQUESTS

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• IMPORTANT DATES

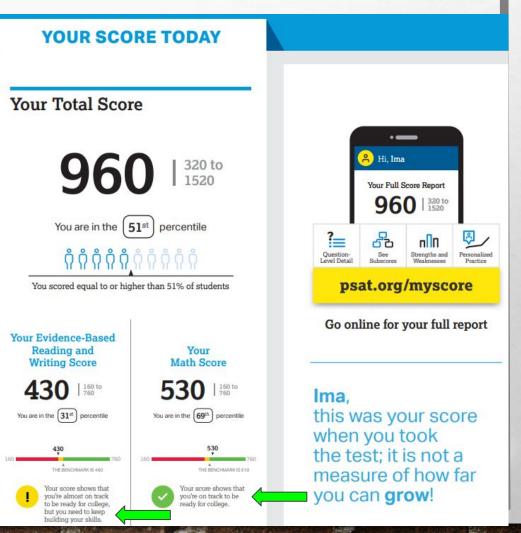
# **PSAT Score Report**

Not shown on paper report: AP Potential-AP courses you will likely do well in and pass the test Individual Strengths and Weaknesses Subscores

<u>Link your College Board Account to Khan</u> <u>Academy for personalized free practice</u>

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<sup>†</sup>CollegeBoard Access



Are you interested in attending a U.S. military academy?

If so, you should request a precandidate questionnaire.

#### College Planning: 9th/10th Grade

There are some steps you can take as a ninth- and a 10th-grader to make sure you're on the right track for college. This list will help you navigate the college planning process.

#### **10TH GRADE**

- Meet with your high school counselor again. Be sure to meet with your school counselor to ensure that your course schedule is challenging enough to prepare you for college.
  - Check into any prerequisites for advanced-level juniorand senior-year courses.
- □ Take the PSAT/NMSQT" or PSAT" 10. Depending on your school, you might have the opportunity to take the PSAT/NMSQT in October or the PSAT 10 in February or March. It provides valuable feedback on your college readiness and a free, personalized plan to help you start getting ready for the SAT — and for college.

Attend college and career fairs. The fairs often take place in the fall at your school or in your area.

- Participate in school activities or volunteer efforts. Extracurricular activities can help you develop timemanagement skills and enrich your high school experience.
- ☐ Talk to your counselor about your plans for life after high school. He or she can help you plan your schedule, search for colleges, and navigate the financial aid process. The more your counselor knows about you, the more he or she can help you along the way.
- ☐ Tour college campuses. If possible, take advantage of vacation or other family travel time to visit colleges and see what they're like. Even if you have no interest in attending the college you are visiting, it will help you learn what to look for in a college.

### **Need Direction?**

If you aren't sure what interests you...

Take a career assessment- or several

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Spend extra time researching jobs/colleges to see what high school electives can benefit you next school year

#### WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO GRADUATE?

#### PASS 5 STAAR END-OF-COURSE EXAMS

#### •26 REQUIRED CREDITS

#### ENDORSEMENT

### EOC'S

#### **5 EOC'S REQUIRED TO GRADUATE**

**ENGLISH 1** 

**ALGEBRA 1** 

BIOLOGY

ENGLISH 2

**US HISTORY** 

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#### **PASSING THE EOC TEST DOES NOT EARN CREDIT**

STUDENTS MUST PASS ALL 5 EOCS AND PASS EACH CLASS IN ORDER TO GRADUATE

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### **GRADUATION PLANS**

#### **TWO GRADUATION PLANS FOR MOST STUDENTS**

- FOUNDATION WITH ENDORSEMENT
- DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT

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# **REQUIRED CREDITS-26 TOTAL**

#### Birdville ISD HB5 Graduation Plan

#### **DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT**

#### 4 MATH- INCLUDES ALG 2

#### CANNOT GRADUATE IN TOP 10% UNLESS DISTINGUISHED

#### \*\*ATTENDANCE MAY LEAD TO NON-CREDIT

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English (4 credits) English I, II, and III, and an advanced English course

Math (4 credits) Algebra I, Geometry, \*Algebra II, and an Advanced Math course required for endorsement

Science (4 credits) Biology (IPC, Chemistry, or Physics) and 2 Advanced Science courses

Social Studies (3 credits) US History, US Gov't/Economics, and World Geography or World History

Languages Other than English (2 credits)

Physical Ed. (1 credit)

Fine Arts (1 credit)

Health (.5 credit)

Professional Communications (Speech) (.5 credit)

Technology (.5 credit)

Endorsement Coursework / Electives (5.5 credits)

**26 Credits Total** 

### **NCAA Requirements**

- If you plan to play ANY sport in COLLEGE you must make sure you are fulfilling all NCAA requirements.
- NCAA approved core courses for RHS can be found at <u>www.ncaaclearinghouse.net</u>



# **ENDORSEMENT OPTIONS**

#### Endorsements

BISD Career & Technology Elective Opportunities



**Business and Industry** 

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Arts and Humanities



Multidisciplinary



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### **GPA/CLASS RANK**

- GPA = WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF ALL GRADES
  - INCLUDES COURSES TAKEN IN MIDDLE SCHOOL THAT EARNED HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT

- CLASS RANK WHERE GPA FALLS IN NUMERICAL LIST AMONG ALL STUDENTS IN SAME GRADE
  - EX. #1 RANK HAS HIGHEST GPA IN FRESHMAN CLASS
  - VALEDICTORIAN- #1 RANK IN GRADUATING CLASS
  - SALUTATORIAN- #2 RANK IN GRADUATING CLASS

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# **WEIGHTED GRADES**

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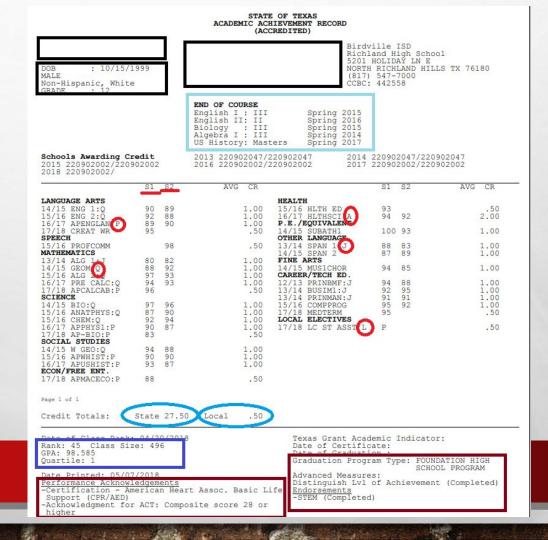
Level	Multiplier	Grade on Transcript	Grade Calculated for GPA
Regular	Final Grade * 1.00	80	80
Pre-AP Dual Credit PLTW	Final Grade * 1.10	80	88
AP	Final Grade * 1.15	80	92
Honors	Final Grade * 1.05	80	84

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#### TRANSCRIPT

SYMBOLS P: AP COURSE Q: PAP COURSE A: ARTICULATED COURSE J: TAKEN IN JUNIOR HIGH L: LOCAL CREDIT Z: ONLINE COURSE + : CREDIT RECOVERY R: SUMMER SCHOOL D: DUAL CREDIT 3: EARNED CREDIT OUT OF STATE

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# **Build a Strong Foundation**

- Utilize tutorials and advocate for yourself
- Take a strong academic load

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- Volunteer and get involved
- Make smart decisions
- Set goals!
- It's never too early to start planning for after high school graduation

# **Junior Course Requests**

- Understand Graduation Plan Requirements
- View your Transcript in Skyward under the student performance tab
- Compare credits that you have (from transcript) with credits needed to graduate (grad plan requirements)
- Review <u>Course Offerings</u> within the Counselor Connections Page
- <u>Meet with your counselor</u> individually to choose your courses for next year
- Review junior year course requests. Submit any changes between 2/26/21-3/12/21. More info will be provided as it gets closer.
- Finalize all course requests by March 12, 2021



#### Dual credit courses offered through TCC: English 3 (Composition 1 & Composition 2) US History

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Dual credit courses offered through TWU: (Algebra 2 is a prerequisite) College Algebra Pre-Cal

**Statistics** 

**Calculus** 

\*Let your counselor know if you are interested in taking dual credit classes next year!

### **Important Dates**

February 2-Dual Credit Parent Night at 6pm

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March 12--Deadline for Junior Year Course Requests

April 8--English 2 EOC