

11th & 12th GRADE

INFORMATION FOR BIRDVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

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Counseling Office Hours: 7:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Any faculty or staff member email can be acquired through Birdville High School's website or Skyward Family Access. Email addresses are firstname.lastname@birdvilleschools.net. (i.e., Jane.Doe@birdvilleschools.net).

Parents and students are encouraged to use Skyward access to stay current with grades and attendance. Parents can continue to use logins and passwords from previous years. New parents can get their logins/passwords from the front office with ID. This login will be used for Skyward, computer and Chromebook access, and most other applications within BISD. **Username:** First Letter of the Student's First Name + First Letter of their Middle Name + First 5 Letters of their Last Name + a 3 digit number. (ex Jane Doe Hawks would be JDHawks000)

Password: Birdville utilizes the Classlink portal, at my.birdvilleschools.net. Students will continue to use their password from the previous year. If they need to reset their password, they can visit the librarian and she can reset it for them.

Students who are new to BISD may have a staff member look up their login and password.

Please be advised that excessive absences (more than 8 per semester) can lead to non-crediting a class and can impact semester exam exemptions and the ability to obtain VOE forms.

Students who are sick for a couple of days should check for missed assignments on each teacher's Canvas page.

VOE forms can be obtained from Mrs. Robyn Wright in the front office. Please allow 24 hours. Her extension is 16816.

STAAR/EOC: There are 5 tests required for graduation. English 1 & 2, Biology, Algebra 1 and US History. Make-up tests begin December 6, and US History tests for Juniors begins May 3.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTING dates are determined by College Board. All AP test dates fall during the first two weeks of May. Specific information for particular tests can be looked up at www.collegeboard.com.

ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) is scheduled for September 20, 2022 and January 24, 2023 in the Lecture Hall. It is offered free of charge. This is a required test for students considering the military, but it is offered to any junior or senior student wishing to discover areas in which they excel. Sign up is in the Counselor's Office. Results will be received in December and discussed with the students.

PSAT, October 12, 2022. (11th Grade only) PSAT stands for the Pre-Scholastic Aptitude Test, the results assist students in anticipating their performance on college entrance tests. High test scores are used to determine the National Merit Scholars for 11th grade. Birdville ISD will purchase PSAT tests for all 11th graders. All 11th graders have been provided with a test preparation booklet through English teachers. Other resources: Khan Academy www.khanacademy.org/sat; McGraw-Hill Practice Plus www.mhpracticeplus.com/act.php; and TSI Web-Based Study App www.tinyurl.com/qysmksc; <http://members.reasonprep.com/courses/category/Free>.

COLLEGE/CAREER NIGHT is scheduled for Sept. 26, 2022 at the BCTAL from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Representatives from the military, career/technical schools, two and four-year colleges and universities will be present. Wear your favorite college shirt that day. Other school districts often offer College/Career Nights as well. Students will be on their own to investigate those opportunities. Fort Worth ISD College/Career Night is Sept. 19, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Will Rogers Memorial Auditorium. Link: <https://www.fwisd.org/collegenight>.

DUAL CREDIT COURSES: Dual credit courses are offered at the junior level. Juniors, if you are interested in taking a dual credit course next year, a parent meeting will be held on January 12, 2023 from 6-7 in the cafeteria. **This meeting is only for parents and students who will be new to the dual credit program next year.**

PREVIEW DAYS/COLLEGE VISITS Still trying to decide on a college? Visit! Take advantage of preview days offered by colleges and universities. Check the university websites for preview days or contact the admissions office to obtain information about a campus visit.

The Birdville High School Code is 445137

TEXAS COMMON APPLICATION (Public Universities and Colleges) is used to apply to any four-year public university in Texas. You are encouraged to apply on line at www.applytexas.org. Keep a paper copy of your application. This website is also helpful for links to all the four-year public universities in Texas. Remember all parts of the application, along with money, must be received at the college or university before your application is processed.

COMMON APPLICATION FOR PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES

Many private universities in Texas offer this on-line application for admissions. Keep a paper copy of your application. The website is www.commonapp.org.

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS QUICK GUIDE

- Basic requirements for admission:
- Complete the application and email to your college or university and keep a copy for your records
- Application fee paid
- Official transcript sent to university
- Required test scores sent to university directly from testing company
- All deadlines met appropriately (admissions application/financial aid application/housing)

There are two ways to be admitted to most four-year universities. One is automatic admission to a Texas university because of ranking in the top 10% of your graduating class. (The requirement for The University of Texas is Top 6%.) The above information must be turned in within the university-specified deadline.

The second way to be admitted is through admissions review. This is how the majority of students are admitted. Students not ranked in the top 10% must complete all the above items as well as submit to the admissions office letters of recommendation from adults (not 18 year old friends and not family members), a resume of activities, honors, jobs, etc., and an essay that is written to convince the university that you are a worthy student capable of completing the work in a timely, successful manner leading to completion of your bachelor's degree. Include in this essay any extenuating circumstances that have caused your grades to be low.

SAT Reasoning or ACT college entrance exams are acceptable to most colleges and may be taken more than once. Students will register on-line with a credit card at www.collegeboard.com for SAT Reasoning or at www.act.org for the ACT. Colleges require the writing portion and this is an extra charge on the ACT. The dates, times, locations, and

costs are on the websites. (There are fee exemptions for these tests for students receiving free or reduced lunches. Please see your counselor.) School day testing for Seniors is October 12, 2022; school day testing for Juniors is March 1, 2023. These are offered at no cost. Watch for information on announcements to register.

SAT SUBJECT TESTS are required by some colleges, (i.e. UT Austin, Rice). These are subject tests given on specific SAT test dates. Check with the college you plan to attend to verify whether this is a requirement.

RECOMMENDATIONS by teachers and/or counselors will be required for some colleges and scholarships. Please allow at least one week to write a favorable letter. The "Request for a Recommendation Letter" form is available in Canvas. **Plan ahead!**

Should you choose to send counselors the recommendation forms electronically, please provide resume information to your counselor and follow up with your counselor to insure the forms arrived and there are no questions that need to be answered for completion.

TRANSCRIPTS will be required for universities and scholarships. An official high school transcript is submitted directly from BHS to your college/university. To have your transcript sent to a college you must go to Parchment.com, set up an account (using your personal email account, not your Birdville account) and request your transcript. In addition to needing transcripts for admission, you will also need to send a final transcript at the end of the year to the college you will be attending in the fall (through Parchment). You can view your transcript on your Skyward account under the Student Performance tab, If you require a sealed transcript for a scholarship, contact Janet Adams, Registrar.

*Please be aware that universities now require test scores for SAT/ACT to come directly from those organizations.

FINANCIAL AID QUICK GUIDE

Types of financial aid available

Grants – Money you do not have to pay back

Loans – Money borrowed that must be repaid (with interest)

Work-study – Money earned from work used to help pay for school

Scholarships – Available from many sources – check the senior newsletter, the internet, the local library and the college you plan to attend

To be eligible you must:

- Have financial need
- Have a high school diploma or GED
- Be enrolled in an eligible program
- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
- Register with Selective Service, if required
- Complete forms as required
- Make satisfactory academic progress

Financial aid eligibility is the difference between the cost of education and the Expected Family Contribution (EFC). A federal formula performs a need analysis to determine the EFC. The cost of education includes tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, transportation and miscellaneous expenses.

How to apply for financial aid

- Parent must complete a (FAFSA Free Application for Federal Student Aid) using 2021 tax information. The form should be completed on-line at www.fafsa.ed.gov after October 1. It is highly recommended the application be completed on-line. TEA now requires all seniors to complete this. This form is needed every year the student attends university.
- Students will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) after the FAFSA is processed. Information is also sent to the college(s) named on the FAFSA.
- The student's selected College Financial Aid Office(s) will send an award letter to the student indicating the types of aid the student is eligible to receive. Compare and contrast Financial Aid awards using amount of loans as a determination.
- Students should check with the college(s) they expect to attend – additional applications/forms may be required.



SCHOLARSHIPS The most comprehensive scholarship search website is www.fastweb.com. Also the Canvas Page in Counselor Connections, or you can go to the BHS website under Counselors, then click Scholarships for a list of

scholarships. Read carefully the eligibility requirements and whether the application must be sent for or the application must be obtained in the counseling office.

Don't get scammed! There are organizations collecting money for helping you do scholarship searches. Many even guarantee you money. YOU still have to complete the forms and qualify for the scholarship. Our belief as a counseling department is that you do not need to pay for this service.

NCAA CLEARINGHOUSE is required for student athletes wishing to play Division 1 or 2 sports in college. Students must register on-line at www.ncaa.org. Then request a transcript through Parchment.com. Recruiters for Division I and II cannot visit with students without complete clearinghouse information.

STAY CONNECTED: BHS Counselors will keep you up-to-date on current information. Check out the BHS Counseling Canvas page, Facebook, and Twitter accounts, as well as the Counseling page on the BHS website.

- Sign up for the BHS Newsletter here: <https://tinyurl.com/BvilleNewsletter>
- **BHS Counseling Canvas Page:** This is a place where all students and parents can stay connected with the counseling office and students receive messages about grade level information, scholarships, scheduling, college, career, academics, personal/social/emotional, etc. This is the best way to stay connected!
-  **Facebook:** Look for updates on the Birdville High School Facebook page
-  **Twitter:** Follow us on Twitter @Birdville_High

SELECTIVE SERVICE: If you are a male U.S. citizen, at age 18 you must register with the selective service. Their website is www.sss.gov.

Counselors will conduct individual conferences with each junior and senior to check that all classes will meet graduation requirements and to assist in planning for post-high school.

Consult the [Educational Planning for Life](#) (may be referenced as Catalog of High School Courses), available on the "For Family" page of BISD's website, for more valuable information.

Important Dates for Seniors:

October 5, 2022: FAFSA Evening from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Library. Look for updates in Canvas, social media, and announcements.

TCC interest cards will be completed during senior conferences. TCC application dates will be February 2 and 3, 2023 in the Lecture Hall between 11:00 and 1:00 during your Hawk/Lunch time. Signing up will be required. Look for this information in Canvas at a later date.

TCC Next Step Event is March 23, 2023 in the Lecture Hall. This is come and go during lunch and Hawk Time.

Students will receive information to test on their own for TSI test; they can complete online or at TCC

