GRAND OAKS

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Core Values to Embrace

GROWL

What is the GROWL?

Growth mindset

Respect

Ownership

Work ethic

Leadership

How can we prepare our Freshmen and Sophomores

- Get involved
- Build relationships
- Challenge yourself & Try new things
- Work on time management & study skills
- Learn to advocate for yourself
- Explore electives, extracurriculars, and careers
- Start a high school resume; track awards & volunteer hours

POST-SECONDARY OPTIONS



Entry-Level Job



Military



Technical School



Community College



4-Year University

Admissions for Universities/Colleges

- Automatic Admits (10%)
- Assured Admits (Rank+SAT)
- Holistic Admission

The University of Texas announces in September what percentage of the following year's class will be automatically admitted.
Class of 2026 is 5%.

Freshman vs Sophomore

Challenge yourself

Get involved

Work on time management

Work on study skills

Explore passions

Explore career possibilities

Think about post-secondary plans

Learn to advocate for yourself

Take the PSAT

Practice/Prep for the SAT

Keep self-advocating

Seek out opportunities for leadership

Focus on keeping your grades up (GPA)

Think about post-secondary plans

Investigate careers (Naviance, ONet)

Junior Year vs Senior Year

- Continue to test… SAT & ASVAB
- Start researching your colleges
- Attend CISD College Night & Junior Jumpstart
- Narrow down your list of schools
- Look for open house weekends at your possible schools
- Explore military service academy workshops Research summer activities and programs
- Enrich yourself and resume by volunteering, interning or getting an interesting job
- Investigate your college's admissions requirements Update your resume
- Begin researching and starting your college application essays
- Establish a professional email account
- Begin working on your brag sheets for LORs

- Further narrow down your list of schools and apply to college
- Create a planning calendar
- Testing dates College app due dates
- Financial aid deadlines
- Checklists (LOR/resumes/Transcript/Essays etc)
- Confer with recruiter for military options
- Student athletes that want to play in college need to register with the NCAA or NAIA
- Complete and file the FAFSA/TAFSA and/or CSS Profile (Collegeboard for private schools)
- Submit early if possible (scholarship qualifications)
- Apply for scholarships
- Monitor your acceptances/wait lists
- Continue to visit schools
- Get your vaccinations (spring)
- Enjoy High School Senior Events (Prom/Homecoming/Senior Awards etc)

GPA & RAnk

RANK is determined by WEIGHTED GPA

Grade Range	Letter Grade	AP DC	Honors	Level
90-100	A	6.0	5.0	4.0
80-89	B	5.0	4.0	3.0
75-79	C	4.0	3.0	2.0
70-74	D	3.0	2.0	1.0
Below 70	F	0	0	0

GPA is calculated with semester grades only

WEIGHTED V. UNWEIGHTED GPA

The greatest realization I hear from most seniors as they prepare for postsecondary....

"I wish I could've told myself how important my 9th and 10th grade years are"

EVERY YEAR COUNTS

COLLEGE NIGHT 2025

- MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2025
- 6:00PM – 8:00PM
- LONE STAR CONVENTION CENTER
- FREE TO ALL CISD STUDENTS & FAMILIES



Thank you