



Chisholm Trail High School Senior Parent Night

Class of 2025



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Important Dates



- **September 10:** Open House & Senior Parent Night (6:00 – 7:30 pm)
- **September 11-13:** Senior Guidance in English 4 Classes
- **September 30:** ASVAB @ CTHS

*Other ASVAB Opportunities

- *November 5th- Boswell HS*
- *December 8- Saginaw HS & Eagle Mountain HS*
- **October 4:** AP Exam Initial Deposit Deadline
- **October 22-** TCC College Access Interest Day
- **October 23:** EMS ISD College Night @ CTHS (6-8 pm)
- **December 1 (TBD):** FAFSA/TASFA Opens
- **December 3:** TCC College Access Application Day
- **December 4th to 13th-** STAAR EOC Retesting
- **December (TBD)-** TSIA Testing
- **January 29:** TCC College Access TCC Account Set-Up Day
- **February 12th:** AP Exam Final Payment Deadline
- **March 12:** SAT School Day (if needing a score before March, register for a national Saturday test date)
- **April 15:** FAFSA/TASFA Priority Deadline for Texas
- **May 5-16:** AP Testing

Finishing Senior Year Strong

Graduation Requirements

- 26 Credits
- Attendance (Must be in attendance at least 90% of each semester)
- STAAR EOC's (English I, English II, Algebra I, Biology & US History)

Planning for the Future

- Narrowing down long-term career goals
- Researching education needed for future career
- Use SchoolLinks as a resource
- Apply for grants & scholarships

Social/Emotional Wellness

- Creating times to check-in
- Work / School / Home balance
- Encouraging healthy habits
- Seek help if needed (Ex- Counseling Office, 988 – text or call)



NOW A
GRADUATION
REQUIREMENT

- **What is it?**
 - *Free Application for Federal Student Aid*
- **How do I apply?**
 - <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa>
- **What do I need?**
 - *FSA ID Number*
 - *2022 Federal Income Tax Return*
 - *Student Social Security Number*
- **How do I get a FSA ID Number?**
 - <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>
- **When can I start?**
 - *FSA ID – Now!!!*
 - *FAFSA – December 1, 2024 (Tentative)*
- **When/How can I get help?**
 - *FAFSA Nights –January & February (Dates TBD)*
- **New State Requirement: All Student Must**
 - *Complete the FAFSA or*
 - *Complete the TASFA or*
 - *Submit Opt-Out Agreement*

College Application Deadline Examples

Texas A&M

- Oct. 15: Early Action
- Dec. 1: Regular Application Deadline

Texas Christian University

- Nov 1: Early Action/Early Decision (Binding) Deadline
- Feb. 1: Regular Application Deadline

University of Texas at Arlington

- Feb. 15: Priority Application Deadline
- No Regular Application Deadline Posted

Ways to Apply

- Apply Texas
 - www.goapplytexas.org
 - Only Colleges/Universities in Texas
- Common App
 - www.commonapp.org
 - Some Texas Private Schools & Out of State Schools
- Specific College/University Website
 - Compare all schools for common submission preference
 - Some schools will be through the website

Other College Deadlines

Financial Aid Deadlines

- FAFSA Typically Required
- Some Are First Come First Served

Housing Deadline

- First Come First Served
- Typically not Available Until Admission Application is Complete

Scholarship Deadlines

- May be earlier than Admission Deadlines
- May vary by type of scholarship

College Entrance Exams

TSIA2

- State Placement Exam
- Student may be exempt (SAT/ACT, Texas College Bridge Completion)

SAT

- www.collegeboard.org
- Next Test: October 5th (Registration Deadline September 20th)
- Future Tests: November 2nd, December 7th, March 8th, May 3rd, June 7th

ACT

- www.act.org
- Next Test: October 26th (Registration Deadline Sept. 20)
- Future Tests: December 26th, February 8th, April 5th, June 14th, July 12th

Resources for Senior Year

- **CTHS Website**

- *Class of 2025 Senior Canvas-* <https://myapps.classlink.com/home>
- *Counseling Webpage-* <https://www.emsisd.com/Page/13799>
- *College & Career Readiness Webpage* <https://www.emsisd.com/Page/44514>

- **Social Media**

- *Facebook: Chisholm Trail High School*
- *X: @ChisholmTrailHS & @CTHS_Counseling*

- **Financial Aid & Scholarships**

- *Going Merry-* <https://www.goingmerry.com/>
- *RaiseMe-* <https://www.raise.me/>
- *EMS PTO West & EMS Education Foundation-* <https://www.emsef.org/for-students/>
- *SchoolLinks-* <https://myapps.classlink.com/home>

- **Next Steps**

- *SchoolLinks-* <https://myapps.classlink.com/home>
- www.texasoncourse.org
- www.collegeboard.org
- www.texascareercheck.com



SCHOOLINKS DIRECTIONS



CTHS
RANGERS!

***SchoolLinks is Accessed through
your Single Sign On (SSO) Portal***
<https://myapps.classlink.com/home>

Schoollinks is the platform that EMS ISD is utilizing for its wide assortment of college and career readiness tools. The outcome-driven services give students ownership over their trajectory in and out of the classroom. A few of the features are listed below.

Colleges

School Search- Use a variety of filters to narrow down your college search.

Favorites & Lists- See schools you've favorited while searching and lists you've created to keep your search organized.

College Applications- Track applications and request important documents, like transcripts and recommendation letters, all in one place!

Enrollment Decision- Select a college to add your enrollment decision and let your counselor know where to send your final transcript.

Careers

Career Center- Your goals help you think ahead so you're ready to take on life's challenges both in and out of school and prepare for success after graduation.

Opportunities & Employer Showcase- Use this search feature to find jobs, internships, volunteer opportunities and more.

Scholarships

Use Scholarship Matching to search for scholarships you could be eligible for and the College Financing tool to estimate the cost of colleges you are interested in and calculate the actual net cost of colleges you have been accepted to.

[SchoolLinks- How To Resources](#)

College Partnerships



UNT EAGLE ADVANTAGE



- Partnership with the University of North Texas
- Automatic Admissions to **Top 20%**
- Eligible for Eagle Advantage \$1000 Scholarship (1 CTHS Student)

CTHS Class of 2025 Graduation Information

When & Where

Saturday, May 31st at Dickies Arena

1911 Montgomery Street, Fort Worth (Adjacent to Will Roger Memorial Complex)

- *Practice will be held at CTHS the week of May 23rd and is **mandatory!***

Graduation Regalia Ordering

https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/catalogBrowse/1411206/Chisholm+Trail+High+School/Graduation/1893304714/CATALOG_REPOSITORY?rcrdu=395

Class Rings & More

<https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/1411206/Chisholm-Trail-High-School/>

Senior Portrait Information

Students **MUST** take their pictures with CADY Studios to be included in the yearbook. The yearbook uses the cap and gown photo for seniors.

- *Tuesday, Aug. 6 | Senior Roadshow 1 (ALL DAY — Charmers Gym)*
- *Friday, Sept. 20 | Senior Road Show 2 (ALL DAY — Charmers Gym)*
- *Thursday, Nov. 21 | Senior Road Show 3 (ALL DAY — Charmers Gym)*

Contact the CTHS Yearbook Teacher, Mrs. Erin Sledge, for additional information- esledge@ems-isd.net

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**Please reach out to your child's counselor
with any questions or concerns. We are
here to help!**