

# Alamo Colleges District



Parent Toolkit:  
High School to Career

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## YOUR STUDENTS FUTURE STARTS WITH YOU!

In today's world, most jobs require a college degree to get in the land of opportunities. As a parent, you are an essential role when it comes to planning for your students future. The Alamo Colleges District believes it is never too early to start thinking about your students future in college and the career paths they could explore.

### Show Support

Maintain support for your student as they progress into high school. Make time to talk with your student about their goals and expectations when they graduate. Encourage open and honest conversations about the future, and don't discourage your student if they aren't sure of their goals.

### Find College Readiness Programs

If your student isn't already involved in a college prep program, find a program that will gear them up for college. Look for programs that run in the summer at your local colleges and universities. Some programs offer internships, and a chance for your student to gain leadership skills and independence.

### Connect with Counselors

A high school counselor can guide your student with their classes and potential college degrees based on their interests. High School counselors may even be able to assist with college applications and applying for scholarships.

### Become Familiar with our Colleges

Attend campus tours with your student and become familiar with the college atmosphere. Each one of our colleges offers something different to experience as a student.

# Career Exploration!

## AlamoINSTITUTES

Learn about the 300 plus programs across the Alamo Colleges, grouped into 6 institutes.

<http://alamo.edu/main.aspx?id=48814>

## Education Planner

Find useful tools identifying career clusters and what careers match your skills. Students can also watch career videos, look up hot jobs for the future, and perform career searches on what interests them.

<http://www.educationplanner.org/students/career-planning/find-careers/index.shtml>

## Occupational Outlook Handbook

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## High School Endorsements

This series of bulletins takes a closer look at each endorsement area and connects those endorsement pathways to career opportunities.

<https://lmci.state.tx.us/shared/FHSEB/FHSEB.asp>

## My Skills My Future

Find a new career based on past jobs and skills.

<https://www.myskillsmyfuture.org/>

## Career Coach

A user-friendly web-based tool, that provides real, local data about hiring trends, salary ranges, and the Alamo College programs

<http://www.emsicareercoach.alamo.edu/>

## Succeed at Work

Learn what makes a successful employee that businesses will want to hire and keep.

[https://lmci.state.tx.us/shared/PDFs/succeed\\_at\\_work.pdf](https://lmci.state.tx.us/shared/PDFs/succeed_at_work.pdf)

## Raw Resume

Find step-by-step guides to creating a professional resume.

<https://www.hloom.com/>

# Academic Resources

## How Do You Spend Your Time?

In this activity, you will learn about the American Time Use Survey (ATUS). You will learn how to interpret a pie chart and will be quizzed on your ability to interpret them. You'll also create a pie chart displaying how you spend your time.

<https://www.bls.gov/k12/content/teachers/activities/how-do-you-spend-your-time-activity.htm>

## Khan Academy

This site offers interactive videos that teach Algebra, Geometry and other Advanced Math topics. Other topics include Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, and Humanities.

<https://www.khanacademy.org/>

## Math Power Hour

This site offers interactive videos that teach Algebra, Geometry and other Advanced Math topics. Other topics include Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, and Humanities.

<https://www.khanacademy.org/>

## PhET Interactive Simulations

Instantly add meaningful lab experiences to math and science classrooms for exactly \$0? It's tough to beat that.

<https://phet.colorado.edu/en/simulations/category/by-level/high-school>

## Mathematical Association of America

The Mathematical Association of America (MAA) is the largest mathematical society in the world that focuses on mathematics for students, faculty, professional mathematicians, and all who are interested in the mathematical sciences; that is, mathematics at the undergraduate level.

<https://www.maa.org/programs-and-communities/member-communities/students/student-resources/high-school>



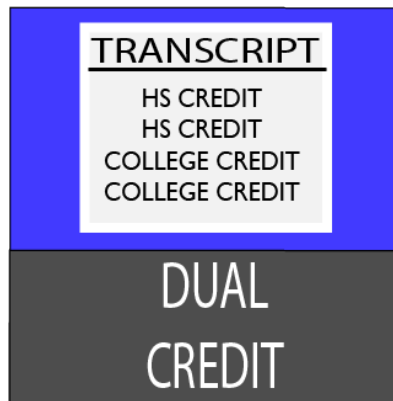
# College Success in High School

High school programs include those that allow high school students to take high school courses concurrent with college level courses. Specific courses have been identified as having both the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) and the Student Learning Objectives (SLOs) and are thereby aligned and able to be taught by the same qualified instructor that meets the requirements for both the high school and the college course.



The Academies provide a college pathway for high school juniors and seniors to attain industry and academic certificates that lead to high-wage jobs or to further higher education while addressing critical workforce industry needs.

<http://www.alamoacademies.com/>



Alamo Colleges is proud to offer high school students throughout our service area programs that allow them opportunities acquire college credit hours before they receive their high school diploma. Some of these programs offer students courses that lead to Level 1 Certificates or different Associate degrees.

<https://www.alamo.edu/academics/youth-education/high-school-programs/dual-credit/>



An Early College High School provides students with up to 60 college credit hours and substantial support to guide students into an Associate of Arts degree, an Associate of Science degree or an Associate of Applied Science degree. Each of these degrees are connected to a degree plan that maps out the detailed coursework.

<https://www.alamo.edu/academics/youth-education/high-school-programs/early-college-high-school/>

# ABOUT THE ALAMO COLLEGES DISTRICT

The Alamo Colleges District serves the Bexar County community through its programs and services that help students succeed in acquiring the knowledge and skills in today's world. Each of our five colleges - Northeast Lakeview, Northwest Vista, Palo Alto, St. Philip's, and San Antonio- offer a variety of associate degrees, certificates, and occupational programs, that prepare our students for the workforce or to transfer to a university.

## Our Values



Students First



Can-Do Spirit



Data-Informed



Respect for All



Community-Engaged



Collaboration

# Admissions to the Alamo Colleges District

The Alamo Colleges District is dedicated to making your students transition into our colleges stress-free. Whether your student is a high school student or transferring from another college/university you can count on our help along the way.

## STUDENT TYPES:

### First-Time Student

A student who is a high school or home school graduate or has obtained a GED.

### Former Student

A student who has previously attended the Alamo Colleges District but has not enrolled for more than one year.

### Transfer Student

A student who has completed coursework at another college/university and plans to attend the Alamo Colleges District.

## Is your student a high school senior?

Our Alamo Colleges District College Connection teams are prepared to assist your student with the enrollment process into any college of the Alamo Colleges District. College Connection reaches out to high schools and provides information and assistance with applications, registration, and even financial aid. Visit our [College Connection](#) page to see what high schools we provide services to.

# AlamoINSTITUTES

## Advanced Manufacturing & Logistics

The Advanced Manufacturing and Logistics Institute is designed for students who have an interest in areas such as architecture, construction, manufacturing, transportation, distribution, and logistics.

## Business & Entrepreneurship

The Business and Entrepreneurship Institute is designed for students who have an interest in areas such as business management and administration.

## Creative & Communication Arts

The Creative and Communication Arts Institute is designed for students who have a key interest in areas such as the arts, audio/video technology and communications.

## Health & Biosciences

The Health and Biosciences Institute is designed for students who have an interest such as health sciences.

## Public Service

The Public Service Institute is designed for student who have an interest in areas such as education, training, government, public administration, human services, law, public safety, correction and security.

## Science & Technology

The Science and Technology Institute is designed for students who have an interest in areas such as agriculture, food, and national resource, information technology, engineering and mathematics.

To learn more about our AlamoINSTITUTES visit <https://www.alamo.edu/enroll/explore/>

# PAYING FOR COLLEGE

College tuition doesn't have to put a hole in your wallet. The Alamo Colleges Districts can cut tuition costs by nearly half of what a student would pay at a four-year university for the same classes. The Alamo Colleges District offers a variety of financial aid to students, and most isn't required to be paid back.

## Free Money!

- Scholarships are awarded to students who have met certain requirements.
- Federal Pell Grants are awarded to students who qualify and have not earned a bachelor's or professional degree.
- Work-study: Provides students paid work opportunities with the Alamo Colleges while enrolled in courses.

## Loans

- Federal Direct Loans: Educational loans are provided through the federal government. They include subsidized and unsubsidized loans for students, and PLUS loans for parents and students. Loans are required to be paid back.

Visit the [Alamo Colleges District Financial Aid](#) webpage to learn about financial resources offered.

Students must complete a [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) to receive financial aid.



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