
September – October 2017

STISD Business, Education & Technology Academy (BETA): Counseling Department

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Welcome to BETA!

We are excited that you have selected BETA as your school of choice. We are looking forward to meeting you and working with you as you transition from high school into college. At BETA we have three counselors available for your child. We also have our "GO" Center, which is a wonderful resource for all students to find information on college and scholarships. In addition, we have a Special Education Counselor, a Wellness Specialist and a Social Worker available for you as well.

Counseling Department

Christina Sprawls	9th—12th	A—Ga
Julie Ramos	9th—12th	Gb—M
Mario Garcia*	9th—12th	N—Z
Gabriel Hernandez	Special Ed Counselor	
Maricela Hinojosa	Wellness Specialist	
Cynthia Ponce	Social Worker	
Lisa Canchola	Counselors' Secretary	

*Head Counselor

PSAT/NMSQT

The SAT® Suite of Assessments—SAT (grades 11 and 12), PSAT/NMSQT® and PSAT™ 10 (grades 10 and 11), and PSAT™ 8/9 (grades 8 and 9)—systematically and progressively measures the knowledge and skills that are essential for college and career readiness and success. Schools can use the results of the tests to develop and sustain a durable bond between assessment and instruction that provides the backbone of a sound education. The PSAT/NMSQT will be administered on October 11, 2017 to all 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students. Seniors will follow regular schedule (in the 500 Hall way, but IB diploma seniors will be working on their Extended Essays in the Library. Please be sure all students are present on this day.

Senior Interviews

We have met with each senior student on an individual basis and have reviewed their graduation & college entrance information. Be sure to sit down with your son/daughter to review their paperwork.

Apply Texas Drive

We will be having a University representative on Campus Sept. 21, 22 & 25th to help the seniors complete their College Applications.



Calendar of Events

- 8/29-9/1** – Senior Interviews through Senior Science Classes
- 9/11/17** – Texas State University visit Rm. 605 (during enrichment time)
- 9/20/17** – Texas Tech University visit Rm. 605 (during enrichment time)
- 9/21-25** – Apply Texas Drive for seniors during their science class.
- 9/22/17** – UT Austin Visit Rm. 605 (during enrichment time)
- 9/25/17** – Freshman Parent Night @ 6 PM in the Library.
- 9/27/17** – STISD Annual College Fair for 11th and 12th grade to be held at STPA Gym from 1:00 – 3:00 PM
- 9/28/17** – Texas State Technical College Visit Rm. 605 (during enrichment time)
- 10/1/17** – **FAFSA OPENS** – The Free Application for Federal Student Aid Opens for all seniors. www.fafsa.gov
- 10/5/17** – Senior parent Financial Aid Night @ 6 PM in the Library
- 10/9/17** – NO SCHOOL (Columbus Day)
- 10/11/17** – PSAT (All 9th, 10th, & 11th Graders will be tested)
- 10/13/17** – End of Q1 (1st Nine weeks)
- 10/16/17** – NO SCHOOL for students (STISD Staff Workday)
- 10/19/17** – STC Dual Enrollment Academies Presentation @ 10:00 AM for 10th Grade
- 10/31/17** – Halloween
- **Other University/College Visits are being scheduled on a daily basis

More Important News

Graduation Requirements

To receive a high school diploma, a student entering Grade 9 in 2015-2016 school year must:

- Complete the graduation requirements for the Foundation High School Program as well as earn an endorsement and the Distinguished Level of Achievement.
- Earn a total of 28 credits, As per STISD Board Policy
- Pass all areas of the STAAR EOC assessments in:

English 1 Algebra 1 Biology 1 English 2 US History

BETA BELL Schedules

Regular BELL Schedule

1 st Bell	8:20 AM
1 st Period	8:25 – 9:55 AM
Enrichment	9:59 – 10:41 AM
2 nd Period	10:45 – 12:15 PM
LUNCH	12:15 – 12:55 PM
3 rd Period	1:00 – 2:30 PM
4 th Period	2:34 – 4:05 PM
PM Tutorials	4:05 – 5:05 PM

Collaboration BELL Schedule

Teacher Collaboration	8:00-9:15 AM
1 st Period	9:19 -10:45 AM
2 nd Period	10:49-12:15 PM
LUNCH	12:15-12:55 PM
3 rd Period	1:00-2:30 PM
4 th Period	2:34-4:05 PM
PM tutorials	4:05-5:05 PM
* This schedule is every Tuesday.	

TSI Testing

TSI testing for seniors who need it will be during the month of November. If you want to know if your son/daughter needs to test, please ask them for their Senior Interview Form. This form will indicate if he/she needs to test. Students can begin studying using PLATO software.

www.ple.platoweb.com

Account Login: STISD

User Name and password: School ID #

SAT and SAT subject Tests

2017-18 Test Administration Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline
Aug. 26	July 28, 2017
Oct. 7	Sept. 8, 2017
Nov. 4	Oct. 5, 2017
Dec. 2	Nov. 2, 2017
Mar. 10	Feb. 9, 2018
May 5	April 6, 2018
June 2	May 3, 2018

ACT Test

2017-18 Test Administration Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline
Sept 9	Aug 4, 2017
Oct. 28	Sept. 22, 2017
Dec 9	Nov. 3, 2017
Feb. 10	Jan 12, 2018
Apr. 14	Mar. 9, 2018
June 9	May 4, 2018
July 14	June 15, 2018



Announcements:

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@betasrs21 -9th Grade Remind
@srs2020 -10th grade Remind
@betasrs19-11th grade Remind
@beta2018jr -12th grade Remind



School Community

Administration

Dr. Nora Casarez –Principal
Efrain Garza-Assistant Principal
Lydia Gonzalez-Assistant Principal
Marianna Reyna-Campus Secretary

IB Coordinators

Marcos Flores – IB Coordinator
Eduardo Torres – IB Coordinator
Diana Chavez – CAS Coordinator
Jena Esquierdo- Extended Essay Coordinator