

College Student Success **2020/2021**

College student Success (CSS) is a program developed that ensures transitions for all students at various levels by providing valuable skills needed to be successful in and out of the classroom.

CSS- Freshman Orientation

This is a required course for all entering freshmen. This course is focused on providing study skills, time management, and organization. All necessary skills needed to be successful and to ensure a smooth transition to entry-level dual credit courses. (Recommended for all student first-semester 9th-grade students)

CSS-Career Exploration

This course is designed to have students begin to discover the various careers that may await them in their future. In this course, students explore different career fields and the skills and education required to attain these fields. All different industries are discussed and students are tasked with researching different fields to broaden their scope and possibly discover new interests not previously considered. (Recommended for students in grades 9-10)

CSS-College Exploration

This course is designed to allow students to explore the process of college admissions. Students will establish schools that are a dream, fit, and safe. The focus will be placed on fit, looking at college demographics, location, size, and degree plans. This course also focuses on different degree types, i.e. Associate's, Bachelor's, Masters and Doctorate. (Recommended for students in grades 10-11)

CSS-Interpersonal Skills

This course focuses on the soft skills involved in various situations. Students develop these skills in mock interviews, phone skills, and face-to-face meetings. By the completion of the course, students will be equipped with the tools needed to be successful in all interactions that could impact college admission, summer program admissions, and internships. (Recommended for students in grades 9-10)

CSS-PSAT/SAT/SAT Prep

This course will utilize computer software including but not limited to Khan Academy, Edmentum, and Bit world. The objective of this course is to provide students an opportunity to increase skills associated with college admission tests to assist in the college acceptance process after they graduate and transition to their four-year college or university. (Recommended for students in grades 10-11)

CSS-Essay Writing

This course focuses on admission essays include prompts with Apply Texas and the Common Application. By the completion of the course students will have finished products in the means of completed, and revised essays ready to submit with college applications. (Recommended for students in grades 11-12)

CSS- College Applications

This course provides students an opportunity to complete college applications and assembles all required information needed to complete the application packages, such as SAT Scores, Transcripts, and letters of recommendation. (Recommended for students in grade 12)

CSS-Scholarship Search

This course is designed to provide students an opportunity to search for available scholarships and also allow students a process to collect any additional needed to complete scholarship applications. (Recommended for students in grades 12)

CSS-Study Skills

This course goes into greater detail about the study skills required to be successful academically. This will include note-taking techniques, grade checks, and personal goal setting. (Recommended for any students as needed)