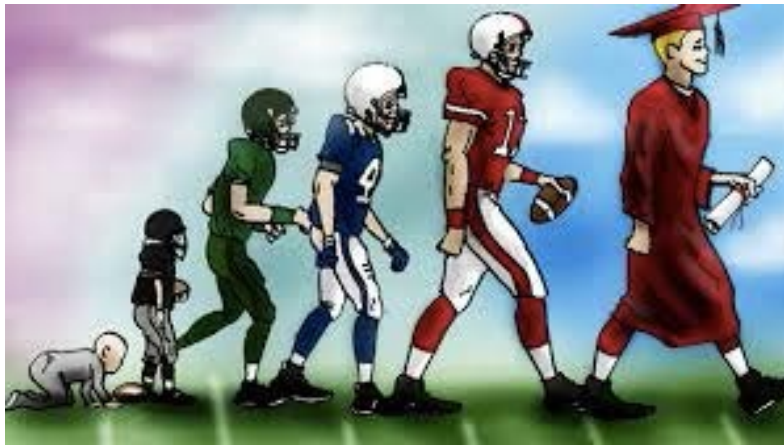


Dawson Football Booster Club Academic Advising



“Action expresses priorities” –Gandhi

“A goal without a plan is just a wish” –Anonymous

“You have to set goals that are almost out of reach. If you set a goal that is attainable without much work or thought, you are stuck with something below your true talent and potential.” – S. Garvey

“Success; so many will fail NOT because they didn’t set goals, but because they didn’t set behaviors” – S. Maraboli

Setting and Achieving a Goal

WHERE ARE YOU STARTING?

The first step in your college selection process is to understand where you stand as a student. You will need the following information:

- GPA
- Class Rank
- Class Percentile
- SAT or ACT Scores

Your GPA, Class Rank and Class Percentile should be on your unofficial transcript in Skyward. You can see your counselor if you are having trouble accessing this information. Do not record this information here. However, use the information to judge which colleges would be good options for you.

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

Next, you need to decide where you are going and what you want to become as an adult. Your goals can certainly change as you learn more but it is good to have a starting idea of what you want to do as a career and college major.

Career Goals

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Potential Majors

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Do you want to stay in Texas or move out of state?



HOW WILL YOU GET THERE?

Now that you have a goal of where you want to be, it is time to prepare for the journey. You are going to research your school and career option, then select the target schools you are interested in and then begin working toward admissions.

Research

Many websites exist to help you with your college search. Although some websites charge a fee, we have selected some of the best websites that are either free or have substantially free content. Some of the information below is from a blog post by Cassidy Mayeda from the Magoosh test prep website.

- **College Board's Big Future:** <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/> If you are completely new to the college research process and have no idea where to start, this is the engine for you. It's probably the best at creating a small (but still broad enough) range of schools based on your SAT/ACT scores. Additionally, it has video explanations for every step of the process, which can help a lot if you aren't sure how filters affect your search.
- **Cappex:** <https://www.cappex.com/> It's easy to use, and worth wading through the constant promo ads because it has the best financial aid calculator, admissions chances calculator, and % match functions that allow a non-math-savant understand the numbers.
- **College Confidential's SuperMatch:** <https://www.collegeconfidential.com/> This site is the best known among high school students, and for good reason. It has, by far, the best specific match criteria unavailable on other sites—everything from a conservative/liberal, Greek Life, LGBT-friendliness, the party scene, and disability access. It also is one of the few sites that allows students to ask questions, and actually get answers.
- **Niche College Prowler:** <https://www.niche.com/?ref=colleges> On a related note, College Prowler is the best for candid student reviews on every aspect of the school. The at-a-glance college comparison screen is actually a letter-grade report card on the school generated by students. It's a by-the-students-for-the-students experience.

You do not need to use all these sites. However, you may find that some sites cover more about what you are looking for than others. If you have no idea where to start, start with the College Board's Big Future site.

In this packet is a cheat sheet of school information for many popular schools or schools where former Dawson football players are now attending. This sheet can also help you get started on your academic search.



Selection

Now that you have done your research, select the schools to which you will apply.

Reach Schools: Select two schools that would be your dream schools to attend. Be realistic though. If you are not close to the 25% ACT or 25% SAT score for admitted students at that school then it may be an unrealistic choice.

- 1.
- 2.

Ideal Schools: Select three schools that seem to be a perfect fit for you to attend. You believe you can get into this school but it is not a sure thing. You should be at the middle of their ACT/SAT score range.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Backup Schools: Select two schools that you are extremely well qualified to attend and would be happy to attend if you have no other options. Preferably, you should meet or exceed their automatic admission target.

- 1.
- 2.

School Information: For each school listed above, make sure you know the following information.

- School Name and Location
- Average SAT and ACT Score Range (25%-75%)
- GPA Requirements
- Date to Begin Application
- Deadline for Application
- Application Requirements
- Tuition (Cost)
- Average Class Size
- List of likes and dislikes for each school



Act

Now that you have an idea of where you want to go, it's time to start working toward that goal ***immediately***.

Testing: If you have not done so, sign up for your ACT or SAT test immediately. Some competitive schools may require SAT Subject Tests that are different from the standard SAT. Make sure you have met those requirements as well. Here are the remaining 2019 dates.

- SAT and SAT Subject Tests
 - August 24: Registration Deadline is July 26
 - October 5: Registration Deadline is September 6
 - November 2: Registration Deadline is October 3
 - December 7: Registration Deadline is November 8
- ACT
 - July 13: Late Registration Available until June 24
 - September 14: Registration Deadline is August 16
 - October 26: Registration Deadline is September 20
 - December 14: Registration Deadline is November 8

Start Your Application Now: Plan on submitting your college applications as early as possible. Waiting until the deadline reduces your chances of getting assigned to the right major program and can impact your admission as well. Plan on starting your application as soon as it opens for the next school year.

- ApplyTexas <https://www.applytexas.org> : All public colleges in Texas use accept applications from the Apply Texas site. Many Texas private schools will accept them as well. Create your account immediately. You can start your application on July 1st.
- Common App <http://www.commonapp.org/> : Many private schools like Rice require you submit you application through a system like Common App. If your school does not accept Apply Texas, the you may need to use Common App. Create a Common App login immediately. You can start your application on August 1st.
- NOTE: Some schools like LSU have their own application system but will also accept Common App. Look at your schools requirements for applications.

Letters of Recommendation: Some colleges may require letters of recommendation from teachers, coaches or counselors. Contact people you will request letters from one week before the start of school.

Application Essays: Some college applications require essays. You should start working on your essays immediately after the application opens. Your goal is to complete your essays before school starts.



School	Location	NCAA Division	Auto Class			SAT	SAT	ACT	ACT	US News	Admitted	Cost Tuition/Room
			Rank	Auto ACT	Auto SAT	25%	75%	25%	75%			
MIT	Boston	D3	-	-	-	1460	1590	33	35	3	8%	49892/14720
U Penn (Ivy)	Philadelphia	*D1/D3*				1420	1550	33	35	8	9%	53534/15066
Duke	Durham	D1	-	-	-	1380	1570	31	34	8	11%	53744/15500
Northwestern	Chicago	D1	-	-	-	1400	1560	32	34	10	11%	52678/16047
Rice	Houston	D1	-	-	-	1460	1550	33	35	16	15%	43918/13750
Notre Dame	South Bend	D1	-	-	-	1350	1540	32	35	18	19%	51505/14890
UCLA	Los Angeles	D1	-	-	-	1160	1470	28	33	19	18%	41270/15441
Case Western	Cleveland	D3	-	-	-	1350	1490	30	34	42	35%	47074/14298
UT	Austin	D1	Top 6%	-	-	1140	1410	26	32	49	40%	10136/10070
TAMU	College Station	D1	Top 10%	30 + Top 25%	1300 + Top 25%	1070	1310	24	30	66	67%	10036/10368
Baylor	Waco	D1	-	-	-	1200	1350	26	31	75	40%	43790/12588
TCU	Fort Worth	D1	-	-	-	1160	1360	26	30	78	38%	44760/12360
OU	Norman	D1	-	-	-	1060	1345	23	29	97	71%	24443/10588
LSU	Baton Rouge	D1		22 + 3.0 GPA	1100 + 3.0 GPA	1010	1250	23	28	133	76%	28051/11750
UTD	Richardson	D3	Top 10%	-	-	1140	1380	25	31	145	68%	12162/11112
Texas Tech	Lubbock	D1	Top 10%	26 + Top 50%	1260 + Top 50%	1020	1200	22	27	176	63%	10771/9384
UH	Houston	D1	Top 10%	24 + Top 50%	1100 + Top 50%	1040	1250	23	28	192	59%	11887/9984
UNT	Denton	D1	Top 10%	23 + Top 50%	1050 + Top 50%	1060	1260	20	26	250	72%	11500/9600
Louisiana Monroe	Monroe	D1		18 + 2.35 GPA		950	1360	20	25	250	76%	20381/6963
Lamar	Beaumont	D1	Top 25%		21 1080	950	1140	18	23	250	82%	10100/8600
Louisiana Lafayette	Lafayette	D1	-	23 + 2.5 GPA	1130 + 2.5 GPA	940	1180	21	26	250	51%	23074/9998
Texas State	San Marcos	D1	Top 10%	22 + Top 50%	1090 + Top 50%	930	1120	20	25	250	71%	10621/8804
UTSA	San Antonio	D1	Top 25%	24 + Top 50%	1170 + Top 50%	920	1130	20	25	250	76%	9380/7190
UTEP	El Paso	D1	Top 10%		21 990	920	1130	16	22	250	100%	7050/5088
Sam Houston State	Huntsville	D1	Top 10%	22 + 2.5 GPA	1110 + 2.5 GPA	870	1070	19	24	250	72%	9890/9180
TAMU CC	Corpus Cristi	D1	Top 25%	21 + Top 50%	1000 + Top 50%	850	1060	17	23	250	65%	12944/10410
TAMU Kingsville	Kingsville	D2	Top 10%	17 + Top 50%	910 + Top 50%	850	1060	17	23	250	82%	8462/8760
Prairie View A&M	Prairie View	D1			800 + 2.5 GPA	750	940	15	19	250	85%	10059/8754
Texas Southern	Houston	D1		17 + 2.5 GPA	900 + 2.5 GPA	715	900	15	19	250	51%	9000/9664
TAMU Galveston	Galveston	-	Top 10%	30 + Top 25%	1300 + Top 25%	1070	1250	22	26 *		55%	8000/10000
Trinity	San Antonio	D3	-	-	-	1160	1370	27	31	1 - Region	41%	41344/13136
UHCL	Clear Lake	-	Top 10%	23 + Top 50%	1050 + Top 50%	930	1110	20	23	63 - Region	65%	8188/9732
HBU	Houston	D1	-	-	-	940	1140	21	26	70 - Region	68%	31730/8814
SFA	Nacogdoches	D1	Top 10%	20 + Top 50%	1030 + Top 50%	870	1090	19	24	73 - Region	62%	9537/8868
West Texas A&M	Canyon	D2	Top 25%	18 + Top 50%	940 + Top 50%	850	1060	18	24	81 - Region	60%	7557/7196
Southwestern	Georgetown	D3	-	-	-	1050	1280	23	28	96 - LibArt	45%	40560/11810
Angelo State	San Angelo	D2	Top 25%	17 + Top 50%	920 + Top 50%	930	1120	18	23	96 - Region	74%	8720/9130