

BROWNSVILLE AREA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT DEVELOPMENT CENTER



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2010-11 School Year

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Welcome to the Student Development Center website. We hope that students and parents come here to “check out” what is going on regarding high school counseling issues. We will be posting “up-to-date” information regarding testing (4 Sight, PSSA, SAT, ACT, PSAT) dates, scholarship information, SAP, etc.



SENIORS!!!



Welcome back to Brownsville Area High School for your SENIOR year. This is important information for you regarding College and other post-secondary education as well as important scholarship information.

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

- **.Obtain applications for the colleges, technical/trade schools, Nursing schools, or other programs that are of interest to you.**
- **. Complete all information and submit this application to Mrs. Bochna. Please include the envelope that comes with your application. Be sure to include the required application fee and any letters of recommendation, along with your personal essay.**
- **Remember, we cannot mail your transcript to colleges without a signed “release” form. If you are under 18 years of age, you must have a parent/guardian sign the release.**
- **Your application will be reviewed, along with your official school transcript and SAT/ACT scores before mailing.**
- **If you apply to a school online, be sure to print out the application along with the signature page and submit this information to the Student Development Center so that we have the necessary information to mail your transcript.**
- **Apply EARLY (before Thanksgiving). By doing this, you avoid the RUSH of Rolling Admissions and have a better chance of being accepted to the college/school of your choice.**
- **All seniors will receive information regarding Financial Aid (FAFSA) in the mail. If you have already taken as SAT, or plan to take the**

SAT in September or October, you will be on the mailing list for PHEAA. You will be asked to file your application on line after January 1, 2011.

EDUCATION PLANNER – PHEAA

Education Planner is recognized by Forbes.com as the # 1 ranked Forbes Favorite “College Planning” website in the nation. EducationPlanner.org guides students step-by-step through the college planning process in an easy to understand and feature-packed format. Use this site for career planning, financial aid and test prep with practice exams for the ACT, PSAT, and SAT tests.

SAT Test Dates 2010-11

October 9, 2010	Register by September 10
November 6, 2010	Register by October 8
December 4, 2010	Register by November 5
January 22, 2011	Register by December 23
March 12, 2011	Register by February 11
May 7, 2011	Register by April 8
June 4, 2011	Register by May 6

Go to www.collegeboard.com to register online

ACT Tests Dates – 2009-10

October 23, 2010	Register by September 17
December 11, 2010	Register by November 5
February 12, 2011	Register by January 7
April 9, 2011	Register by March 4
June 11, 2011	Register by May 6

Go to www.actstudent.org to register online.

ATTENTION SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS!!!

PSAT's will be given at Brownsville Area High School On October 13.

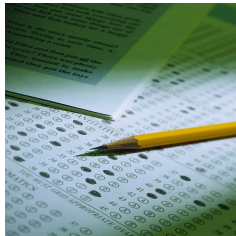
The cost is \$15! Please sign up and turn your money in to the Student Development Center ASAP!

Juniors who take this test will be eligible for National Merit Scholarships if qualified.

AP TESTING

Students enrolled in AP History or AP English are **encouraged to take the AP Standardized Exam**. Information and dates regarding these tests will be available from the AP instructors.

Testing Tips and Information



www.sat1prep.com (Sat Practice tests)

www.ets.org

www.actstudent.org

www.review.com/college

www.collegeboard.com

College Information

www.collegeboard.com

www.collegenet.com

www.collegequest.com

www.petersons.com

www.collegeview.com

www.kaplan.com

www.nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cool (links to college homes pages)

Financial Aid Information

www.fafsa.ed.gov (FAFSA
on the WEB)

www.ed.gov/finaid.html

www.finaid.org

www.srnexpress.com

www.students.gov

www.ed.gov/updates/97918tax.html (tax relief information)

Brownsville Area High School Scholarship Information



www.fastweb.com

Excellent Scholarship search site!



Here is a list that contains financial aid and scholarship websites. You are strongly encouraged to talk with your counselor regarding **post-secondary school and career searches**. You are strongly encouraged to visit the following websites on your own.

www.fafsa.ed.gov (Federal Application for Free Student Aid)

www.access.bridges.com (ID and password required—see instructions below)

www.collegeboard.com (Also SAT info/registration)

www.educationplanner.com

www.AESsuccess.org

www.tuitionfundingsources.com

www.ed.gov/directloan/students.html

www.fastweb.com

www.finaid.org

www.discovercolleges.com

www.schoolguides.com

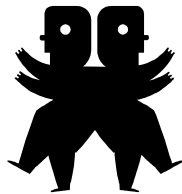
www.collegequest.com

Attention Parents - All scholarship information is free. You should never pay to enter a scholarship information site.

Available Scholarships

The Student Development receives scholarship information daily. As we receive the information, a list will be maintained in our office. Check the information frequently!

Student Assistance Program (SAP)



The Student Assistance Program Team is a group of school and community agency staff that is here at Brownsville Area High School to help you deal with problems that are stopping you from doing well in school or stressing you out.

Maybe you read about the student assistance program in your student handbook or you see signs posted around your school. So you may feel uncomfortable or embarrassed to ask for help. But if you know how and where to find help, you can take an important first step.

Are you or a friend:

- Having problems keeping your grades up?
- No longer feeling like hanging out with friends or family?
- Not enjoying your favorite activities like you used to?
- Not getting along with others?
- Being bullied or harassed?
- Feeling like you just can't seem to get it together?
- Experimenting with or using alcohol or other drugs?
- Adjusting to a new school?
- Close to someone or have a family member serving in the military?
- Having thoughts of hurting yourself or someone else?
- Feeling emotionally overwhelmed?
- Always worrying?
- Thinking about suicide?
- Dealing with the breakup of a relationship?
- Being hurt physically or emotionally by someone?

- Dealing with major changes in your family like your parents' divorce?
- Dealing with the illness or death of someone close to you?

How do I get involved?

Anyone can refer someone for help. You can even ask for help for yourself or a friend. Teachers and other school staff who are concerned about students can make referrals. You can go directly to someone who is on the student assistance team to ask for help.

If you are worried about talking to your parents/guardian about your problems or about being involved in student assistance, someone on the SAP team can help you talk to your parents/guardian. There are many people in your school who care about you and want to help.

What happens after I am in the program?

You, your parents/guardian, and the SAP team will work together to figure out ways to help you deal with the problems you are facing. This might include getting involved in school activities like a support group or working with a mentor or tutor. The SAP team can also help you and your parents/guardian find services in your community that can help such as a professional counselor.

The student assistance team will check in with your teachers to see how you are doing in your classes and other activities. The student assistance team will also stay in touch with you to support you.

How do I get help for a friend?

If you feel that a friend or even your brother or sister needs help. Go to the school office and ask to speak to a member of the student assistance team.

It is never easy to tell someone that they need help, but that is what being a friend is all about. If your friend is afraid to ask for help, you can talk to someone on the student assistance team about how to help them.

Privacy

The staff on the Student Assistance Team will respect you and your parent's/guardian's privacy at all times. No one other than the Student Assistance Team and certain adults, who need to be informed, will know that you are involved in the program.

Brownsville Area High School SAP TEAM

Mr. Sigado
Mrs. Rohlf
Mr. Karwatske

Ms. Mason
Mrs. Karol
Mr. Joe Augustine

Mrs. Assad
Ms. Bock