



Academic Planning Terminology: A helpful list of terms you will see throughout your middle and high school academic planning journey.

College Readiness

Accelerated Block: LISD high schools operate on an accelerated block schedule. This system allows students to earn eight (8) credits per academic year; four (4) credits in the Fall semester and four (4) credits in the Spring semester.

ACT/SAT: Standardized tests sometimes used for college admissions.

ACT: act.org & SAT: collegeboard.org

Admission Requirements: The academic and application criteria you must meet to get into a college.

Class Rank or RIC (Rank in Class): Students are ranked in order by their weighted GPA.

[LISD Rank in Class Information](#)

CCMR (College, Career, Military Readiness) : College, Career, and Military Readiness is how Texas helps students prepare for life after high school-whether that's college, a career, or the military. By the time you graduate, you must meet at least ONE of the CCMR indicators to be considered "ready". [LISD CCMR site](#)

Credits: Earned after successful completion of a high school 18-week course (1 credit). A half credit is earned after successful completion of a high school 9-week course (.5 credit).

Dual Credit: Courses that count for both high school and college credit. Starts in 10th grade. [Dual Credit in LISD](#)

Endorsement: Every LISD student must declare one of the five endorsements to meet graduation requirements: Multidisciplinary; Arts and Humanities; Business and Industry; Public Services; or STEM.

FAFSA: Free Application for Federal Student Aid; used to apply for financial aid for college. [Financial Aid Information](#) & [LISD Financial Aid & Scholarship Resources](#)

Four-Year Plan: A guide that outlines the courses a student will take to meet graduation requirements.

GPA (Grade Point Average): A numerical representation of a student's average academic performance, typically on a scale from 0.0 to 4.0. [How is GPA Calculated?](#)

Honors Courses: The purpose of these courses is to meet the needs of students eager to engage in challenging curriculum. Courses offer an additional layer of depth and complexity. [LISD Advanced Academics - Honors](#)

Loan: Money borrowed to help pay for college expenses that must be repaid with interest.

PGP (Personal Graduation Plan): A Personal Graduation Plan is a customized roadmap that outlines the courses a high school student will take to meet graduation requirements and prepare for college, a career, or the military.

PSAT (Practice Scholastic Aptitude Test): Practice standardized test offered in the fall to certain grade levels. College Board: [collegeboard.org](#)

Scholarship: Financial aid awarded based on merit, need, or other criteria that doesn't need to be repaid. [Scholarship Resources](#) & [LISD Financial Aid & Scholarship Resources](#)

Transcript: A record of your academic performance, including grades and courses taken that counts towards high school graduation. [LISD Transcript Request Order](#)

TSI (Texas Success Initiative): Assessment to determine basic skills in reading, math and writing. [LISD TSI Information](#)

VLA (Virtual Learning Academy): Virtual Learning Academy supports all LISD students by creating flexibility through online high school courses. [LISD VLA site](#)

Career Readiness

CTE (Career and Technical Education): Courses that provide students with real-world experiences and hands-on training to help them begin identifying possible career choices. [LISD CTE site](#)

Career Pathway: A series of jobs and experiences that lead to a specific career goal. [LISD CTE Programs of Study](#)

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Resume: A document that outlines your work experience, education, and skills.

Soft Skills: Personal qualities like communication, teamwork, and problem-solving.

TECC-East and TECC-West- LISD's two Technology, Exploration & Career Centers.

[TECC-East](#) & [TECC-West](#)

Military Readiness

ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery): a test used to determine qualification for military service. Offered at least one time during high school.

[LISD ASVAB site](#)

Military Careers: After graduation, students have the opportunity to serve in different branches of the military. [LISD CCMR - Military Readiness](#)

- Army
- Marine Corps
- Navy
- Air Force
- Coast Guard
- Space Force
- National Guard

Junior ROTC: Junior ROTC or JROTC is an federally-sponsored high school program that educates and trains students to develop a leadership mentality, attention to detail, and a problem-solving skill set that aims to benefit the school, community, and the cadets.

**See your high school campus site for specific program information.*