

# CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT - COLLEGIATE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT

Collegiate High School (CHS) is a program for high school students who want to begin earning college credits early, but still want to be involved in clubs and activities at their home high schools. Students attend a full school day at COM, but are still enrolled at their regular high school campuses. CHS's mission is to help high school students in their transition to college and/or to prepare them for exciting careers. Supported by COM, public school districts, and local business and industry, students utilize college classes to satisfy their high school graduation requirements resulting in a head start on their college degrees.

High school instruction in core academic areas is also offered. Work-based activities, university prep, and a variety of other activities are offered to challenge these exceptional students.

To be admitted as a Collegiate High School student, students must:

## Step 1 - HS Counselor

Meet with high school counselor to discuss Collegiate High School program and to determine if Collegiate High School is an appropriate pathway. Students not attending participating high schools may contact the CHS office directly.

## Step 2 - Apply to COM

Apply online at the ApplyTexas website (<https://goapplytexas.org/>). There is no charge to apply.

## Step 3 - Pre-Assessment

Complete a pre-assessment activity to be eligible to take the TSIA2 exam. Print the pre-assessment certificate and submit to the Testing Center. <https://www.com.edu/testing-center/tsi-assessment.html>

## Step 4 - Academic Testing

Take and pass the TSIA2 or submit other qualifying scores.

**Minimum Math Score** - TSIA2 Math 950 or Diagnostic 61

**Minimum Reading/Writing Score** - TSIA2 945-990 ELAR/CRC test AND 5 or higher on Essay OR 910-944 on CRC with 5-6 on Diagnostic Test + 5 or higher on Essay

SAT scores: EBRW scores of 480 or higher. A mathematics of 530 or higher is required to enroll in college level math.

ACT scores: Prior to Feb. 15, 2023: English score of 19 or higher. A mathematics score of 19 or higher is required to enroll in college level math, Composite score of 23. After Feb. 15, 2023: a combined score of 40 on the English and Reading and a score of 22 on the mathematics, no composite score needed.

End of Course (STAAR EOC) minimum score of 4000 on Level II of English II, TSI met for Reading and Writing

PSAT Evidence Based Reading Writing (EBRW) score 460

\*Math scores required for college level math; not required for CHS acceptance.

\*Standardized test scores must be provided to the Admissions Office directly from the testing company or must be identified on the official high school transcript.

## Step 5 - CHS Application

Complete an admission application to CHS (available from the high school counselor, the CHS web page, or the CHS office).

## Step 6 - Recommendations

Obtain recommendations from their high schools.

## Step 7 - Essay

Write an essay addressing why acceptance to the CHS program should be granted.

## Step 8 - Bacterial Meningitis Vaccination

Provide proof of bacterial meningitis vaccination. Vaccination must be administered at least 10 days prior to the first day of class. Documentation should be submitted to the Admissions and Records Office. For additional information on this requirement, visit <https://www.com.edu/admissions/meningitis-vaccinations.html>.

## Step 9-Interview

Participate in an interview with the CHS Director.

Step 10 - Register

Meet with the CHS Program Coordinator or CHS Director for registration.

## Step 11 - Payment

COM waives 40 percent of CHS students' tuition and fees.

## Step 12 - Orientation

CHS students are required to attend CHS orientation. Orientation includes, but is not limited to, CHS Policy and Procedures, Student ID's , Emails, Textbooks, Parking Permits, Student Life, Library Services, Helpdesk, D2L, Academic Departments, Judicial Services, etc.

## Need Assistance?

For more information, students may contact their high school counselor and/or call the Collegiate High School Office at 409-933-8169 or visit the website (<http://www.com.edu/chs/>).