

TEXAS COLLEGE PREPARATION PROGRAM

Denton ISD Voucher Distribution
Project 2010--2011

Goals of the TCPP

- *To expand student access to college readiness assessments and college entrance examinations*
- *To expand a college-going culture among all students*
- *To provide data on college readiness to schools and districts to help inform instructional decisions*

Grade 11 College Entrance Exam Opportunity

- Approximately 60% of our students classified as 11th graders have the opportunity to take ONE college entrance exam at state expense.
- Students may register for **ONE exam, either an ACT or an SAT**, and the state will pay the full cost of their regular registration fees to the extent that funding is available.

TCCP Voucher Distribution Training

- **District level training via Region 11:**
 - Dec. 9 and Dec. 13—Counselors, Administrators representing all high schools
- **TCCP Task Force Planning Session -- Jan. 6:**
 - Develop Common Distribution Plan
 - Provide for security of Vouchers
 - Identify Role of Campus personnel in distribution
 - Establish method of parent/student notification
 - Provide for clear understanding of use and limits of the vouchers

Key Points about Distribution

- **ONE voucher per eligible student**
- Eligible students: **current 11th graders only**
- **ONE state-funded exam per student: either ACT or SAT**
- **ONE state-funded administration per student: April, May, or June**
- Student (**not the school**) **has the choice of test**
- Vouchers issued by school officials
- Voucher numbers recorded and secured

Strategies to Inform

- Call out to parents of juniors
- Letters about TCPP ([English](#) and [Spanish](#))
- Flyers posted around campuses and in English III classrooms
- Teachers and Administrators informed
- PA announcements & Blue screen notice
- Information posted on campus and district [websites](#)
- Local media informed


Strategies to Expand Access

- Lists of 11th grade student TAKs scores for past two years—disaggregated
- AP Potential lists from District-wide PSAT 10th grade testing
- Economic Disadvantaged
- First Generation College potential
- Teacher/Administrator referrals
- Counselor individual meetings with Juniors

Campus Distribution

- Phone Call out to parents of all 11th grade students—Jan. 15
- Letters sent home with students
- Posting on campus and district websites
- Campus Distribution began January 20
 - Before school
 - Lunch
 - After school
- Distribution continues through Feb. 28

Sample of the Voucher

		ACT VOUCHER #: SAT VOUCHER #: TEA VOUCHER #:	
<small>TEA VOUCHER # for internal use only. Only one VOUCHER # can be used, on ACT or on SAT—NOT BOTH.</small>			
2010-2011 Texas College Preparation Program Student Voucher			
<p>This voucher is funded by the Texas Education Agency for Texas public or home school students in grade 11 who elect to register for ONE free college entrance exam on an eligible test date through the Texas College Preparation Program. Eligible students may use the voucher to register for ONE test, either the ACT or the SAT—NOT BOTH.</p>			
<p>Select ONE exam: ACT <u>or</u> SAT</p>			
<input type="checkbox"/> ACT (with or without writing section) You may choose one of the following eligible test dates: April 9 Registration Deadline: March 4 June 11 Registration Deadline: May 6		<input type="checkbox"/> SAT (does not include subject tests) You may choose one of the following eligible test dates: May 7 Registration Deadline: April 8 June 4 Registration Deadline: May 6	
REGISTRATION ONLINE —Go to www.actstudent.org . On the payment screen, enter the ACT VOUCHER # printed in the top-right corner of this voucher, "apply" the voucher to validate it, and click "Submit" to complete your registration.		REGISTRATION ONLINE —Go to sat.collegeboard.com . On the Join the Texas College Preparation Program page, enter the SAT VOUCHER # printed in the top-right corner of this voucher, and click "Continue" to complete your registration.	
REGISTRATION BY MAIL —Enter the ACT VOUCHER # in "Block W" of the registration folder. You must return a completed voucher with your completed registration.		REGISTRATION BY MAIL —Enter the SAT VOUCHER # in Field 19 of the registration form. You must return a completed voucher with your completed registration.	
REFUNDS —If you have registered for one of the eligible test dates above at your own expense or with a fee waiver, call (319) 337-1843 NO LATER THAN March 15, 2011 , to request a refund. An ACT VOUCHER # is required to request a refund.		REFUNDS —If you have registered for one of the eligible test dates above at your own expense or with a fee waiver, call (866) 756-7346 NO LATER THAN March 15, 2011 , to request a refund. An SAT VOUCHER # is required to request a refund.	
Student Name _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____		Enter your high school's ACT/SAT code here: <div style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; padding: 2px;"> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> </div> — <div style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; padding: 2px;"> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> </div> <small>Please note: This code must be entered correctly when you register. Registrations with incorrect high school codes may be cancelled.</small>	
<small>This voucher applies to regular registration fees only. Additional registration charges and fees are not included. All voucher numbers are tracked by the Texas Education Agency. Altered or photocopied vouchers are invalid.</small>			
CONDITION OF USE: By using this voucher, you are certifying that you are a grade 11 Texas public or home school student and that you understand you are entitled to register for only ONE state-funded college entrance exam. Your registration may be cancelled or you may be billed if you attempt to use a voucher for more than one exam. Additional registration charges and fees are your responsibility.			
<small>EXPIRATION DATE: June 11, 2011</small>		<small>TEXAS COLLEGE PREPARATION PROGRAM STUDENT VOUCHER</small>	

Which Test?

- In addition to the voucher, students are provided two informational flyers, one from each exam vendor.
- The flyers contain important information about each exam including how to register for the **ONE exam of choice**.
- Counselors available to advise students based on learning styles and academic history.

Refunds?

Eligible students who have already registered and paid for a college entrance exam may substitute voucher payment and request a refund:

- Instructions regarding refund requests are included on the voucher. Students must follow those instruction no later than March 15, 2011 in order to have a refund request honored.
- Exams paid for by vouchers are not refundable
- Fees for additional score reports, change of dates, or late fees are not covered by vouchers.

Distribution to Date

CAMPUS	# VOUCHERS received	# VOUCHERS Distributed as of 2/7/2011	# VOUCHERS going to target group
DHS	186	107	86
RHS	254	181	132
GHS	326	317	172
FMHS	7	3	3
DAVIS	3	2	2

Benefits of Program

- **Benefits to students**
- Diagnose academic strengths and weaknesses in order to better prepare for college and the workplace
- Gain experience on college entrance examinations

- **Benefits to districts**
- Gain valuable data on college readiness
- Make informed instructional decisions to better prepare students for college and the workforce