

Raider Digest

May 14, 2019

Rouse Vision Statement

The Rouse High School community vision is to be accountable to each other through hard work, relationships, and integrity in order to create a safe, encouraging and respectful culture that honors all student stories and fosters lifelong learning.

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Upcoming Events

SENIOR AWARDS CEREMONY

Wednesday, May 29th

6:30 pm

RHS Auditorium

GRADUATION Cap & Gown Delivery



Graduation Cap & Gowns will be delivered on Wednesday, May, 22nd and Thursday, May 23rd during all of the lunch periods: 12:00pm - 2:15pm in the cafeteria.

GRADUATION Practice (Mandatory)

Thursday, May 30th

8:30am

Comp Gym

Spring Final Exam Schedule

2019 GRADUATION

Saturday, June 1st, 4:00pm

HEB Center, Cedar Park

Class of 2019 Information

Dear Raider Families:

EXEMPTION PROCESS

How are exemptions determined?

- Number of absences must not exceed 6 per class period for the entire year.
- Students moving in at semester must not exceed 3 absences per class period.
 - Minimum average grade required is determined by averaging the 5 grading cycles.
- Students must obtain a grade average of 80 - 100.
- Students who level down from AP/Pre-AP to an on-level course must follow the general exemption requirements.
- Semester courses including AP Government and AP Economics are not eligible for exemptions.
- Students enrolled in semester courses will be required to take the semester exams.

Additional Exemption Considerations:

- Students taking an AP exam for the course in consideration will not have an additional final exam in that class (except AP Government, AP Economics)

All students enrolled in an AP course will take the AP Exam or the Spring final for the course in consideration.

mLISD News

Leander Mobile Learning Initiative (mLISD) supports the vision outlined in our Graduate Profile that "Leander ISD students are well prepared to enrich our world and excel in a global society"

and that "each student is challenged, encouraged, and supported to achieve the highest level of knowledge, skills, and character" in a digital world.

Once again this year, students who are currently participating in the mLISD program have the option to keep their district devices over the summer. Students can begin to pay the support fee of \$70 (\$35 for students on free/reduced lunch) from April 1st through May 19th. Scholarship opportunities are available and the application can be picked up in the counseling office.

Payment will be accepted for the 2019-2020 school year starting April 1st. For credit card payments, click [HERE](#) to sign-up and pay. For cash or money order, bring the payment and the completed [Student and Parent Acceptance Form](#) to the front office.

Personal and cashier's checks are not accepted.

Sign-up and pay the 2019-2020 mLISD fee and your child be able to keep their device over the summer. Click [HERE](#) for more information on mLISD.

Christine Simpson
Principal



AP courses are considered college level courses; therefore, they are not eligible for exemptions.

- Students with a passing semester average in a course that requires a STAAR End of Course (EOC) exam are exempt from the final exam in that class.
- Students who have earned an exemption for a class may choose to take the semester exam and have the exam count in their semester grade if it improves their grade for the course.

Frequently Asked Questions:

- Does my exempted student have to be in class/at school? **Yes**
- Does my exempted student get to leave if they are not taking a final? **Students can earn an exemption from taking their final exam but are not exempt from attending school. Students are required to be in class on the day of their final. Students can leave only if parent gives written permission.**
- Does he need a note? Can he just leave, or does he need to sign out? **Students can only leave campus if parent provides a written note giving permission to leave and receives a pass from the front office.**
- Does my student need me to sign him out? **Yes, if they are not provided with a written note prior to being pick them up.**

Thank You!

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Christine Simpson
Rouse High School, Principal

Assistant Principal's Message:

Regarding meals/food:

As stated in the High School Handbook, page 18: 'during meals, students are permitted only in designated areas. Students are not allowed to have food delivered to school from commercial establishments.'

Parents may provide food for their own child's consumption, they may not provide food items for other students.

Deliveries for students from Commercial Establishments:

In order to not interrupt the educational environment of our students, all attempted student deliveries from commercial establishments will be returned to the delivering establishments (ie: Uber deliveries, Tiff's Treats, Florists, etc.)

Dress Code:

We want to partner with you to ensure that Rouse is a learning environment that helps students grow academically, while also preparing them for the working world. As adults, we abide by dress codes at our workplaces everyday. Students at Rouse also need to abide by the LISD dress code. Last week, the APs met with each grade level and reminded them of the LISD dress code expectations. This week we are noticing many students are still not adhering to the dress code. We are asking for your help in reminding your child of the appropriate dress code expectations.

- Shorts, skirts, and skorts must be fingertip length
- Shirts should meet the beltline- no midribs showing
- No strapless tops, spaghetti-straps, backless, halter, tube tops, or off the shoulder shirts
- Hats are not allowed in the academic halls or classes
- Bandanas are not allowed to be worn
- No clothing that depicts messages of hate, violence, guns, drugs, alcohol, or drugs

LISD Dress Code: <https://tinyurl.com/yaaspzuz>

Item Drop-off:

We would like to also encourage your student to come to school with everything they need for the day. This includes lunch/lunch money, school supplies, homework, athletic equipment, etc. However, we understand that occasionally the need arises to drop off an item. Therefore, we have a table in the Reception Office for this purpose. To minimize disruption of instructional time, we are no longer able to send a pass to your student to retrieve items left on the table. After dropping off items in the front office, parents will need to communicate via text, email, or by calling your student to let them know they have something to pick-up.

FROM OUR DEAN OF INSTRUCTION:

AP Exams take place May 6 - May 17th

We are currently on week 2 of AP Testing. Students receive an email the day prior to any exam they have registered for with test day reminders. Click the link to see the 2019 AP Exam schedule.

[2019 AP Exam Schedule](#)

By law, all Texas public colleges and universities must award course credit to students who submit scores of 3 or higher on an AP exam. Colleges and universities across the country have AP crediting policies in place to reward students for their hard work in these advanced placement classes. Individual university policies can be accessed [here](#).

For more information on AP exams visit the College Board website.

<https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/home>

COUNSELORS' CORNER

Click [here](#) to visit our website

12TH GRADE STUDENTS

PLEASE LET US KNOW YOUR POST-SECONDARY PLANS! CLICK [HERE](#)

PLEASE REPORT YOUR SCHOLARSHIPS! CLICK [HERE](#).

Please complete this form for EACH Award, Scholarship, Honor, or Grant offered to you. Remember to include all offers separately, whether or not you are accepting them. This information will be used to honor you at the Senior Recognition Ceremony on May 29th, 2019 at 6:30 PM. The award will be announced, but not included in the program.

The total amount of scholarships offered to the RHS graduating class of 2019 will be announced and published at graduation (individual students will not be published).

Final Transcripts- Please use [Parchment](#) to order your final transcript for college. When ordering, use the "Hold for grades" option. The transcript will be sent when finalized.

ALL UNDERCLASSMEN (9TH, 10TH, 11TH GRADERS)

COURSE REQUEST VERIFICATION FORMS ARE NOW DUE. THE FINAL OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE COURSE REQUEST CHANGES IS THROUGH A GOOGLE FORM THAT WILL BE SHARED VIA EMAIL IN LATE JUNE.

Please take a look at the below links for information on additional resources for improving scores on the PSAT and SAT:

ACT Test Prep

- Utilize <https://academy.act.org/> for free online ACT test prep
- Enter previous ACT scores for a personalized plan.

SAT Test Prep

- Utilize <https://www.khanacademy.org/test-prep/sat> for free SAT test prep
- Students can link their PSAT or SAT results from College Board for a free personalized SAT prep program

College and Career Update:

I've Been Accepted!

We want to know where you've been accepted - please fill out this [Google form](#) and include a screenshot of your acceptance letter. For each entry you will receive a pennant representing that school on your mini diploma in the "R". All 4-yr, 2-yr, trade school, and military acceptances will be honored.

Request TSI Scores

Students can access a copy of TSI scores through the Accuplacer website. Follow these instructions:

- 1) Go to studentportal.accuplacer.org/studentisr
- 2) Fill in identifying info (Note: Student Institution is "Leander Independent School District")
- 3) Click send - your TSI score report will be emailed to the address shown

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Meeting Dates: *5/1, 5/8, 5/15, 5/22 & 5/29 - RHS Library, 5:30pm*

<https://rousehsprojectgrad.com/>

Senior Parents!! Senior year is quickly winding down and we have a few updates about RHS Project Grad '19!!

We have one more big fundraiser coming up in a few weeks! Please see the information on the website about our Raider Fitness Challenge!!

Also, you can find the link to the registration page for our celebration at Austin's Park and Pizza!! This has to be downloaded, printed, filled out and turned in to the AP's office by May 24, 2019! It will be a fun night that includes food, a hypnotist, bumper boats, mini golf, laser tag, go karts, climbing walls, bowling, video games, and a 7D motion theater!!

Also, if you've not been able to attend any meetings or volunteer this year, but feel that you could make a monetary donation to help us, we would absolutely appreciate any amount you could give!! We are still trying to raise \$\$ to make this an extra special night for the kids!! Please find the donation link on the website as well!!

Countdown is on!! Let's finish strong!!

**Thank you,
Rouse Project Grad '19 Committee**

Project Graduation is a safe, alcohol-free and drug-free Senior class party! Project Grad is run 100% by volunteer parents of graduating seniors and funded 100% by donations and contributions. Our goal is to raise money throughout the year so every graduating senior registers to attend the party for free. There are many opportunities to get involved over the course of the year.

If you are unable to attend the next meeting, contact Assistant Principal Robert.Syner@Leanderisd.org.

RHS PTSA

We are Rouse High Schools PTSA.
Supporting all students, staff and parents by
engaging, collaborating and empowering
our families and community to advocate for all.

PTSA General Meeting Dates:

RHS Library, 4:30pm

October 17th
February 13th

RHS Library, 6:30pm

December 5th (Reflections)
April 10th (Elections)

Click here to join:

<http://www.joinpta.org/>

Volunteer

Volunteers' tasks are limitless - including such things as tutoring & mentoring students, chaperoning school dances & field trips, helping with our athletic & band booster clubs, helping with textbooks, serving at Teacher Appreciations and helping out in the guidance office.

For the safety of our students, Leander Independent School District requires **all potential volunteers** who plan to **work during the day or evenings** (before, during & after school) supporting any Club/Organization/Sports team, etc. to receive a background check by the Department of Public Safety (DPS). This check will be completed using the Raptor Volunteer Management System.

Here is how someone can become an 'APPROVED' LISD Volunteer:

1. Complete and submit the *NEW* Raptor Volunteer Application:
2. [English](#) | [Español](#)
3. The background check should be complete in 2-3 business days.
4. Once approved, an email will be sent to the volunteer containing their login credentials and account information for their virtual volunteer profile.
5. When the volunteer is needed and it is during the school day, they MUST check-in at the front office and acquire a Volunteer Badge from the Receptionist.

