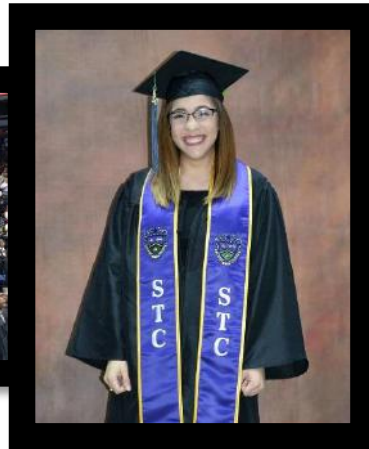
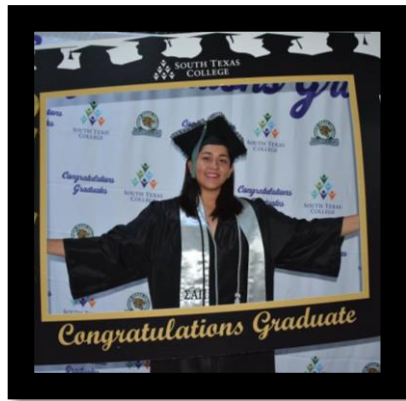


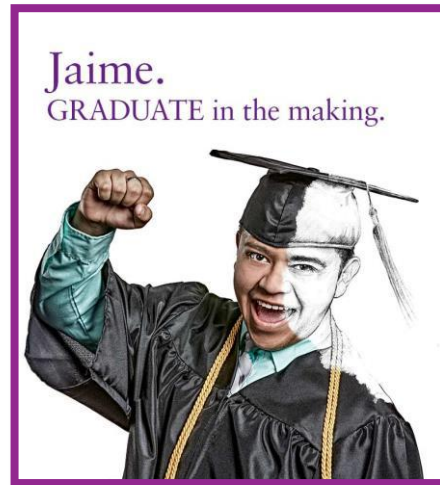
Helping Your Student Succeed in College



A Message to Parents, Family Members and Friends...

When a family member enters college, a journey begins for the whole family!

- Encouragement from parents, family and friends is a critical factor in student success.
- Establish a communication plan to discuss college with your student today!



Making the Transition from High School to College

Many students experience difficulties transitioning from high school to college.

- They are unaware of the expectations placed on them.
- They aren't equipped with strategies for success on campus.
- College students reported they had to change their **“high school ways to college ways”** in order to meet the demands of college.



High School vs College

▪ Semesters:

Fall (August-December) — Spring (January- May) — Summer (June - August)

▪ Grades:

Grade Point Average (GPA)— 4.0

A — 4 B- 3 C — 2 D - 1 F - 0

▪ Financial Aid:

1. Grade Point Average— 2.0 2. Complete 67% 3. Graduate within the Maximum Time Frame

2. Warning —————> Suspension

(Maximum time frame is the total hour's financial aid will fund while in a particular degree.)

▪ Exams/Tests

▪ Teachers/ Professors

High School vs College

■ Personal Freedom:

Study, Work, Volunteer, Get Involved!

■ Classes:

Full Time- 12 hours (4 classes)

■ Studying:

- ✓ attending class regularly
- ✓ taking classes with friends
- ✓ sharing class notes
- ✓ participating in study groups
- ✓ reading before class
- ✓ meeting with professors regularly

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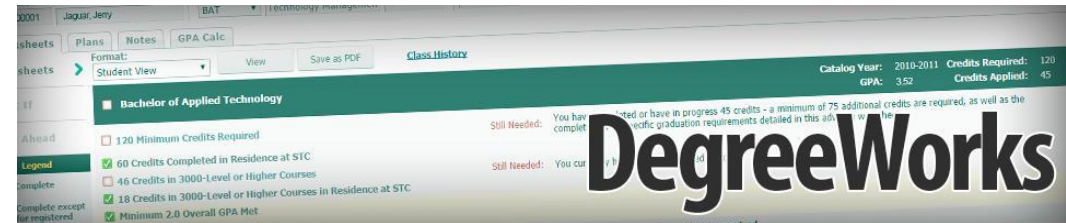
How Can I Find Out How My Student is Doing in College?

All information about college, including courses, grades and financial obligations, goes directly to the student.

The best way to obtain information is to talk to your student

[The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act \(FERPA\)](#) is a federal law designed to protect the privacy of educational records.

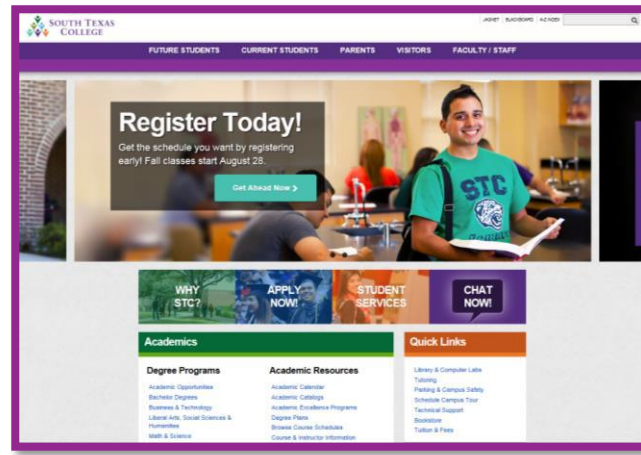
- ✓ academic information cannot be shared with others, including parents and spouses, unless the student gives written permission.
- ✓ this includes grades, schedules, classes, attendance, college services and financial information.



My Student Seems to be Having a Problem- How Can I Help?

South Texas College has many resources and services to help students succeed.

- Become familiar with our resources and encourage students to reach out for help.
 - ✓ College Web Site– <https://www.southtexascollege.edu/>
 - Academic Calendar
 - ✓ STC Rave Emergency Alert – <https://www.getrave.com/login/southtexascollege/>



Support Strategies

- Prepare your student for the increased academic demands they will face in college.
 - ✓ share your own experiences or introduce them to others who have recently attended college.
- Discuss the importance of attending class regularly, reading before class, taking thorough notes, completing all class assignments, and participating in study groups.
- Encourage your student to meet with their professors outside of class to follow-up on questions about course material.
- Encourage your student to use free services available on campus such as tutoring, the counseling center and academic advising.
- Stress the importance of effective time management.
 - ✓ use a calendar to keep track of due dates and tasks that need to be accomplished.

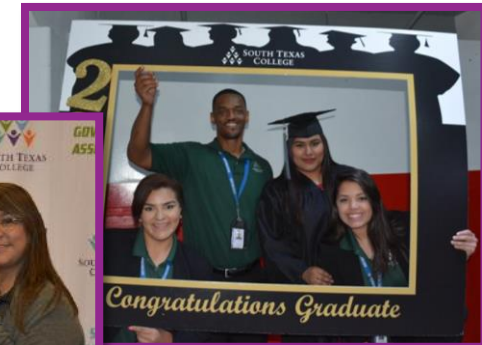


Support Strategies Cont.: How to help deal with distractions

Students stated that major distractions included the Internet, friends, and Social Media

Discuss the dangers of spending too much time online!

- Although the Internet can serve as a way of maintaining social connections, too much time online can prevent students from meeting their academic responsibilities.
- In order to maintain this balance, students described the importance of managing their time appropriately.
- Although students were able to describe why time management and responsibility were important, **they admitted to often procrastinating on their schoolwork.**



Valuable Information

■ Job Opportunities:

- ✓ Part Time Positions- South Texas College Website
- ✓ Work Study Positions— Financial Aid Department

■ Barnes & Nobles:

- ✓ Books
- ✓ Online Websites

■ Information on Parking and Transportation:

✓ Student Parking Permit:

- JagNet- \$25
- Make & Model

✓ JagExpress: Free for Students!

<https://www.southtexascollege.edu/jagexpress/>

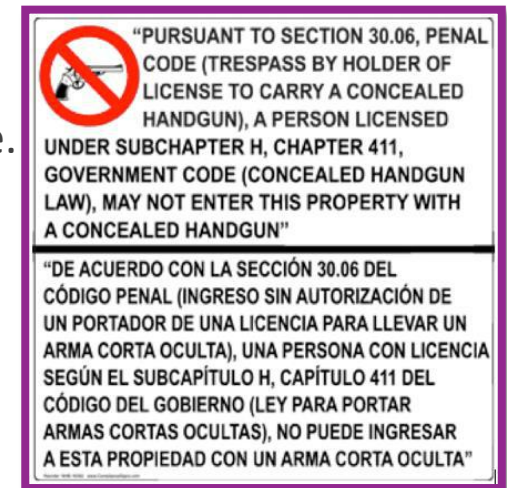
Campus Carry

The 84th Legislative Session, Senate Bill 11, Campus Carry law concerning concealed carry is effective on August 1, 2017 for South Texas College.

*The 84th Legislative Session, House Bill 910, **Open Carry** law took effect in the state of Texas on January 1, 2016, but does not apply to university or college campuses, therefore the open carry of handguns is not allowed on college property.*

- “Concealed” means that the handgun is not visible. The handgun can be in a backpack, purse, holster underneath clothing, or in any other area in the immediate control of the license holder that is not in plain view of the public.
- As long as no part of the gun is showing (just the imprint), Texas law considers it concealed.
- Law requires that the college gives notice to license holders for each restricted, gun free zone. Gun free zones will have notice signs.
- Only individuals with handgun licenses can carry.

**For more information concerning the Campus Carry law
contact the South Texas College Department of Public Safety
(956-872-4444).**



Student Activities and Wellness

Encourage your student to “get involved” on campus. Research shows that students involved on campus are more likely to be successful in college.

Activities / Organizations / Clubs / Sporting Events / Educational Programs



College Services

Student Planner / College Web Site / Academic Calendar

- [Counseling](#)
- [Advising](#)
- [Career & Transfer Center](#)
- [Cashiers](#)
- [Centers for Learning Excellence](#)
- [disAbility Support Services](#)
- [Financial Aid](#)
- [Career & Employer Services](#)
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Questions?



Department of Student Activities and Wellness

