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Dear Parent and Students of CHS,

Several years ago the Texas legislature ushered in the “Top Ten Percent” Rule providing any student graduating in the top ten percent of his or her class automatic acceptance to any State college or university provided the student complete the application process, pay fees, etc. Since that time the University of Texas and some other universities have been attempting to have this rule changed. In the 2009 legislative session the rule has been revised.

**"Top Ten Percent" Rule, Revised:** The "Top Ten Percent" Rule guarantees admission to any state university for high-school students who graduate in the top 10 percent of their class. However, this year the University of Texas at Austin convinced the legislature to limit access under this rule to the UT System's flagship campus in the state capital. Under the revised law that takes effect with the 2011 college freshman class, no more than 75 percent of UT-Austin's entering class will be filled by automatic admissions under the "Top Ten Percent" rule. The original rule remains in full force and effect at all other public universities in the state, and even the special modification of the rule for UT-Austin expires in 2015, when the legislature will have to decide whether to keep the cap on automatic "Top Ten Percent" admissions.

Please note that the class of 2010—this year’s seniors--are **not** affected, but that the rule is in effect for the juniors (Class of 2011), sophomores (Class of 2012), and freshmen (Class of 2013).

As always please encourage your student to do his or her best in all classes to support any community service efforts, to be well-rounded, and to start making plans to attend and graduate from a post-secondary school.

Sincerely

Jolinda Whitney  
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