



College Advising:

The admissions process can be a lot to unpack. That's where personal advising comes in and independent consultants often charge staggering sums out of reach for many families. Still, free resources are available that can similarly serve students.

College Possible (college.possible.org), a nonprofit organization under the AmeriCorps umbrella, offers free college admissions assistance to students in public high schools, generally concentrated in major metro areas, in seven states: Illinois, Minnesota, Nebraska, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Washington, and Wisconsin. College Possible functions as an after-school program, guiding students via a college access and success curriculum.

The Common App also recently entered the college advising world, partnering with College Advising Corps – a nonprofit focused on student advising – and ed-tech company AdmitHub to offer free admissions guidance to 500,000 low-income and first-generation students.

Opportunities for Hispanic Students

Local College and Career Preparation Programs

TRIO – educational opportunity outreach programs designed to motivate and support students from disadvantaged backgrounds, including potential first-generation students and disabled students

*AVID – an in-school academic support program for grades seven through twelve

*LISD Career Centers East and West – learn practical technical skills to launch a career and receive certification in your choice of multiple fields, for example, cosmetology, culinary arts, landscaping, welding, heating and air conditioning, auto mechanics/automobile body work, digital technology, etc.

*Online Courses through LISD or various programs, academies or universities to expand knowledge or review school topics or get tutoring on specific topics e.g. Khan Academy

*Gifted and Talented Program – provides more challenging and rigorous academic courses

*LISD STEM Academies for Elementary and Middle School Students– for those interested in pursuing science, technology, engineering, and math fields

*LISD Collegiate Academy – for students interested in obtaining dual credit and a possible Associates College Degree

*PSAT/SAT/ACT preparation – entrance exams for many colleges. Can obtain books from libraries, pay for tutoring, use online resources, or take advantage of school sponsored preparation courses. Take practice exam in middle school when offered to determine areas of weakness



*School and Community Libraries – for pleasure reading, video watching or researching specific topics

*School and Community Clubs/Volunteer Activities/Work Experience – all teach valuable lessons and skills and may provide exposure to new opportunities

*Private Lessons in Music, Dance, Art, Sports

*Participation in Junior ROTC in high school if interested in military training or career or college scholarships through the military

*Teachers/School Counselors/Community Members – can provide guidance about career choice and path to take. Follow up with school counselors to help get enrolled in program

*Go to lisd.net, click on search icon (magnifying glass) and enter topic of interest for specific information.

Cultural Activities

*Latino Cultural Center Dallas – <https://lcc.dallasculture.org/>

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month in Dallas - <https://www.visitdallas.com/things-to-do/arts/diverse-dallas/latin/>

Scholarship Websites (for Traditional College Fields, The Arts and Sports)

- <https://www.hsf.net> Hispanic Scholarship Fund – empowers parents and students with knowledge and resources to complete a higher education beyond high school. <https://thebestschools.org/resources/college-finance/scholarships-latino/> a higher education
- [Scholarships For Hispanic Students | Affordable Colleges Online](#)
- [National Hispanic Recognition Program: Overview + Cutoff Scores | CollegeVine Blog](#)
- <https://bold.org/scholarships/by-demographics/minorities/hispanic-students-scholarships/>
- <https://www.collegescholarships.org/grants/hispanic.htm>
- <https://www.forbes.com/advisor/student-loans/scholarships-for-latino-and-hispanic-students/>
- <https://www.hispanicarts.org/>
- <https://www.hispanicoutlook.com/articles/arts-education-and-hispanics>
- <https://www.hispanicculturearts.com/programs>
- <https://www.collegesportsscholarships.com/scholarships-hispanic.htm>
- <https://www.forbes.com/advisor/student-loans/scholarships-for-latino-and-hispanic-students/>