

Junior Guidance Unit



MS. BALENTINE (A-GOU)

MRS. COSCIA (GOV-L)

MRS. LAM (M-SHA)

MR. STIVER (SHE-Z)

Objectives




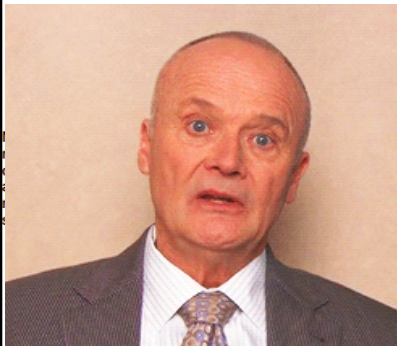
- **Students will be able to:**
 - Create a college list with appropriate reach, target, and safety schools—focusing on the right “fit”
 - Identify post-high school plans and college admissions requirements
 - Identify college search resources

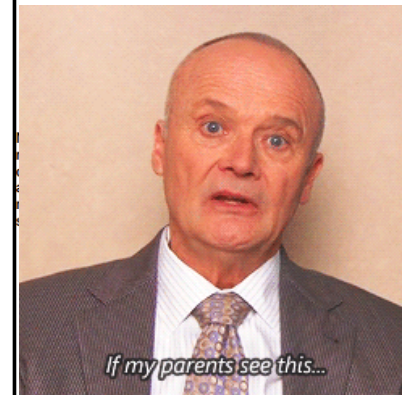
Sample 11th Grade Transcript



A-G Course
Code:
courses with
codes in
grades 10-11
get included
in UC/CSU
GPA

Student Information			#4334462 Monta Vista High School				#4334462 Monta Vista High School					
			Course	Mark	Weight	Credit	Course	Mark	Weight	Credit		
			2012-2013 Grade 09 Term 2						2014-2015 Grade 11 Term 1			
			2320 Algebra 2/Trig	C	5.0000	5	3630 AP Chemistry	B	5.0000	5		
			College Code: C Mathematics			College Code: D Laboratory Science						
			6110 Art 1	A	5.0000	5	1240 British Lit/Writ	A	5.0000	5		
GPA Summary			College Code: F Visual and Performing Arts			College Code: B English						
			3110 Biology	B	5.0000	5	4850 Law	A	5.0000	5		
			College Code: D Laboratory Science			College Code: GA History/Social Science Elective						
			1010 Lit/Writ	A	5.0000	5	2420 Pre-Calculus H	B	5.0000	5		
			College Code: B English			College Code: C Mathematics						
Cumulative GPA (Unweighted)			3.594	2510 PE 9	A	5.0000	5	4340 Spanish 4 H	A	5.0000	5	
CA Cal Grant GPA			3.611	4320 Spanish 2	A	5.0000	5	College Code: E Language other than English				
Unwghtd 10-12 A-G GPA			3.611	Credit: 30.000 U/W GPA: 3.500								
Unwghtd 9-12 A-G GPA			3.536	2013-2014 Grade 10 Term 1								
Enrollment Summary			6120 Art 2						A		5.0000	5
Start/End Date			Grade	School	College Code: F Visual and Performing Arts							
08/20/2012-06/06/2013			09	Monta Vista High School	3620 Chemistry H							
08/19/2013-06/05/2014			10	Monta Vista High School	College Code: D Laboratory Science							
08/18/2014-			11	Monta Vista High School	2400 Math Analysis							
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Work In Progress			
3630 AP Chemistry			5.000
1240 British Lit/Writ			5.000
4850 Law			5.000
2420 Pre-Calculus H			5.000
4340 Spanish 4 H			5.000
1730 US History			5.000
Standard Tests			
			
If my parents see this...			



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Credit Summary

Curriculum Program: High School

High School	Attempted	Earned	Required	Remaining
English	30.000	30.000	40.000	10.000
Algebra	10.000	10.000	10.000	0.000
Geometry	20.000	20.000	10.000	0.000
Life Science	20.000	20.000	10.000	0.000
Physical Science	15.000	10.000	10.000	0.000
World History	10.000	10.000	10.000	0.000
US History	10.000	10.000	10.000	0.000
Economics	0.000	0.000	5.000	5.000
US Government	0.000	0.000	5.000	5.000
Physical Education	20.000	20.000	20.000	0.000
World Language**	30.000	30.000	10.000	0.000
Fine Arts**	30.000	30.000	10.000	0.000
Applied Academics**	10.000	10.000	10.000	0.000
Electives	0.000	0.000	60.000	0.000
Total	205.000	200.000	220.000	20.000

Elective
category does
not accurately
reflect credits

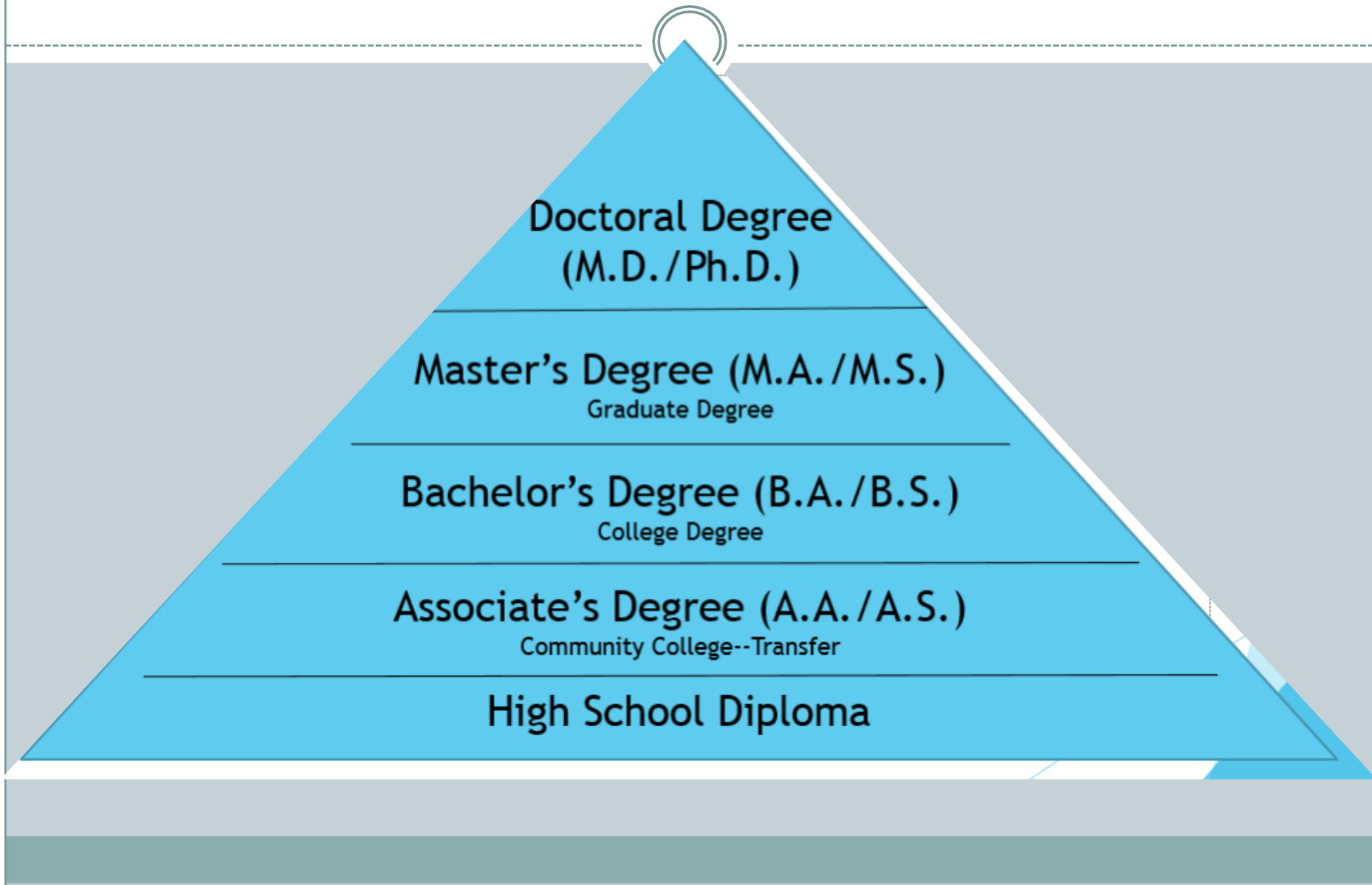
Comments

Post-High School Options



- **4-Year College**
 - In-state/out of state/public/private
- **Community College**
 - Transfer pathway
- **Gap year**
 - Work, travel, volunteer—can apply to college after
- **Trade school/Vocational/Apprenticeship**
- **Armed Forces**
 - Army/Navy/Air Force/Marines/Coast Guard

Educational Steps



Typical Education Timeline



Doctoral Degree (M.D./Ph.D.)	4+ years after Bachelor's Degree
Master's Degree (M.A./M.S.)	2-3 years after Bachelor's Degree
Bachelor's Degree (B.A./B.S.)	4-5 years total (2-3 years after transferring from community college)
Associate's Degree (A.A./A.S.)	2 years

University of California—UC's



- 9 Campuses
- Public, 4 year college
- \$33,000 avg/year
- UC application
 - Personal Insight Questions
 - Apply Nov. 1st-30th
 - No letters of rec or transcripts
 - SAT/ACT scores
 - 3.0 min GPA
- Research-oriented approach

California State Universities—CSU's



- 23 Campuses
- Public, 4-year college
- \$23,000 avg/year
- CSU Application
 - Cal State Apply
 - Apply Oct 1st-Nov 30th
 - No essays, letters of rec, or transcripts
 - SAT/ACT scores
 - 2.0 min GPA
- Practical and real-world based approach

Private Colleges

- 1,600+ throughout the U.S.
- 4-year college
- Local Privates:
 - Stanford
 - Santa Clara University
 - Univ. of San Francisco
 - Menlo College
- Admissions req's and application window varies
- \$30,000--\$70,000 avg/yr.
- SAT/ACT/SAT subject tests
- Teacher LOR's
- Secondary School Report (SSR) needed
 - May 21st –Lunch
 - May 22nd –Tutorial
- Tend to be smaller than public colleges
 - School size varies!
 - USC vs. Pomona College



Letters of Recommendation



- **Teacher**

- Make initial request in person towards end of 2nd semester
- Provide copy of college list with due dates
- Ask teachers if they would like any personal/supplemental information

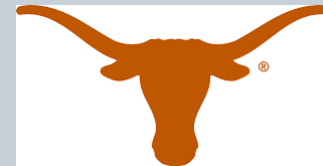
- **Counselor/Administrator**

- If a college requests a counselor or administrator letter of rec, then add the school to SSR request form
- SSR presentations:
 - ✦ May 21st Lunch
 - ✦ May 22nd Tutorial

Out-of-state Public Colleges

- Thousands in the U.S.
- 4-year colleges
- Admissions req's vary
- Application window and requirements vary
 - SSR/Teacher LOR/SAT subject tests all may be required
- Cost: comparable to private colleges
 - WUE—lower tuition cost

- Huge variety in size, location, programs, cost, approach, etc.



CA Community Colleges



- 100+ schools in CA
- 2-year colleges
- Local CCC's:
 - De Anza—Cupertino
 - West Valley—Saratoga
 - Foothill—Los Altos
 - Mission—Santa Clara
 - San Jose City—San Jose
- No admissions req's!
- \$3,000--\$5,000 avg/yr
- College Promise
 - Free tuition \$\$\$ for 1st year
 - \$\$\$ for textbooks

- TAG pathway
- Transfer pathway
- Special Programs
 - De Anza—Nursing, Auto Tech
 - Foothill—Paramedic, Dental
 - West Valley—Architecture, Theater
 - Mission—Fire, Nursing
 - San Jose City—Cosmetology
- MV CCC Week—4/8--4/12
 - Presentations on campus from local CCC's
 - More info to come!! Check School Loop

Early Application Options



- **Early Action** (non-binding)
- **Early Decision/Early Decision II** (binding)
 - Must complete ED Agreement through Common App (student, parent & counselor)
 - LET YOUR COUNSELOR KNOW!
 - Once you accept, you will still not be aware of financial aid package
- **Restrictive Early Action** (can only apply here early, non-binding) (Ex: Yale)
- **Rolling Admissions** (first come, first served) (Ex: Menlo College)
- **Priority Deadlines** (often for scholarships or special programs)

Why Apply Early?



- You finish applications early and you hear whether or not you're admitted in December
- You're a strong student and feel confident about colleges making a decision without seeing 1st sem. senior year grades
- While the admit rate for early applicants tends to be higher, much of this is a result of the **stronger applicant pool in the early round.** Most students admitted early would have been admitted if they applied regular decision
- Early Decision allows you to indicate that a school is your 1st choice



When is it better to apply Regular?



- If you have had some ups and downs in your transcript, you may benefit from a school looking at your 1st semester senior-year grades—especially if you do really well!
- You are still in the early stages of the school search, and need the extra time to make informed decisions about what you want in a school
- You need the extra months to put together a strong application

Building college list—Find the right fit!



Students and parents may have different priorities. Families should discuss differences **before** starting the research process.

Considerations when narrowing your choices:

- Size/Location
- Major/Academics
- Environment
- Admissions Requirements
- Cost/Financial Aid
- Research Opportunities
- Internship Availability
- Time it takes to graduate

Reach, Target, Safety



- **Reach**

- Dream school
- Might be a long shot
- Your GPA/test scores may fall below the college's averages

- **Target**

- GPA/test scores fall within range of the college's averages
- Majority of your colleges should be in this category

- **Safety**

- GPA/test scores fall above the college's averages
- A school you would be happy attending
- Community College could be your safety

Reach, Target, Safety--Example



Categorize each college based on your research from the college's website, Naviance Scattergrams, average GPA, average SAT/ACT

My data: GPA 3.5, 3.8 (weighted) ACT 29

Reach

Cal Poly SLO

4.1 Avg. GPA

30 Avg. ACT

1400 Avg. SAT

Target

UC Santa Cruz

3.76-4.16 GPA

26-33 ACT

1220-1430 SAT

Safety

USF

3.56* Avg. GPA

23-29 ACT

1140-1310 SAT

(Engineering Dept.
averages are higher)

*unweighted

College Search Resources



- **Naviance**

- Scattergrams
- Interest Inventories (to help with major exploration)
- How You Compare/ “Compare Me”
- SuperMatch

- **CollegeBoard**

- Big Future
 - ✦ Exploring Majors
 - ✦ College Summary Page (includes admissions and financial aid statistics)

Activity Time!



- Make your own college list!
- See instructions on the front page of your packet



Thank You!