



Senior Presentation College Applications & Other Post High School Options

Class of 2023

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What we will be covering today

- ❑ Post-high school options
 - ❑ Community College
 - ❑ Vocational Schools
 - ❑ Military & Academies
- ❑ 4-year College Application Process
 - ❑ Important Dates & Deadlines
 - ❑ College Options
 - ❑ Naviance
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 - ❑ What colleges look for
 - ❑ Student Essays
 - ❑ Letter of Recommendation
 - ❑ Scholarships

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Google Classroom for Seniors

- Action Plans
- College rep schedule
- Tutorials
- Links to various resources
- Scholarship opportunities
- Volunteer opportunities
- Vocational/Apprenticeship program information

College & Career Center Class of 2023

Class Code: k6iopn3

College Rep Visits

USC	9/8 at 2:00pm
Southern Oregon	9/15 at 12:00pm
East Bay	9/19 at 10:00am
University of Oregon	9/27 at 1:40pm
St. Mary's	9/28 at 12:00pm
Oregon State	10/3 at 12:10pm
UNR	10/7 at 12:15pm

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Hawaii Manoa	10/11 at 1:40pm
UC Irvine	10/12 at 9:30am
UC Santa Barbara	10/13 at 12:00pm
UC San Diego	10/20 at 1:30pm
Suffolk	10/21 at 12:15pm
Chapman	10/26 at 9:40am
Holy Names	10/28 at 10:00am
Sonoma State	11/4 at 12:15pm



Grad Requirements vs. A-G

CPHS Graduation Requirements:

Social Studies - 3 years 30 credits

English - 4 years 40 credits

Math - 3 years 30 credits

Must pass Algebra 1

Science- 2 years 20 credits

10 credits Life Science

10 credits Physical Science

VAPA, World Language, CTE 20 credits

Need two of three areas

Electives 60 credits

Physical Education - 2 years 20 credits

***D's = Passing Credits* 220 Credits

UC/CSU A-G Requirements:

A: History - 2 years (World History & US History)

B: English - 4 years

C: Math - 3 years, 4 years recommended

-Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra II

D: Laboratory Science - 2 years

-Life Science (Living Earth)

-Physical Science (Earth Science, Chemistry, or Physics)

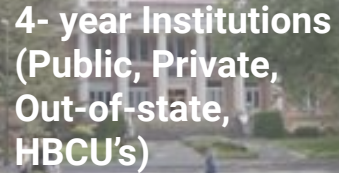
E: LOTE - 2 years, 3 years recommended

F: VAPA (Visual and Performing Art) - 1 year

G: College Prep Elective - 1 year

***C's or better!*

Post High School Educational Options




4- year Institutions
(Public, Private,
Out-of-state,
HBCU's)



Community
Colleges



Apprenticeships



Vocational
Colleges



Military
&
Academies

California Community College System

- **Community College *registration* opens during Spring 2023 for incoming freshman.**
- **DVC will be hosting workshops to help you enroll.**
- **Registration info will be posted in the College & Career Google Classroom as soon as it becomes available in 2023.**
- **No SAT or ACT is required for acceptance.**

California Community College System

What other community colleges are near us?

Diablo Valley College - Pleasant Hill

Los Medanos College - Pittsburg

City College of San Francisco

Laney College - Oakland

Merritt Community College - Oakland

Chabot College - Hayward

Contra Costa Community College - San Pablo

Ohlone College - Fremont

American River College - Sacramento

Solano Community College - Fairfield

San Jose City College - San Jose

**A few things
about the
transfer route:**

- Transfer admission
guarantee (TAG)**
- Associate degree
for transfer (CSU)**



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Career and Technical Education & Military

CA Community Colleges & Adult Education Programs

200 + CTE programs: Health, Advanced Manufacturing, Life Sciences/Bio-Technology, Public Safety and Service, Information Technology, Tourism/Hospitality..and many more!



Apprenticeship Programs

Automotive Technician, Carpenter, Construction Equipment Operator, Ironworker, Welding, Electrician.. and many more!
(Department of Industrial Relations)



Private Vocational/Trade Schools

Massage Therapy, Pharmacy Technician, Cosmetology/Barber, Dental Assistant, Airline Pilot...and many more!

Best-trade-schools.net



Military Opportunities

5 Armed-Services Branches and Reserve Units

www.todaysmilitary.com





- **What is an apprenticeship program/trade school?**

- An apprenticeship program trains you to become skilled in a trade or profession,. An apprenticeship allows you to get paid while learning and offers on-the-job training. Apprentices also provide classroom instruction, mentorship with an experienced professional, and credentials upon program completion.

- **What is Adult Ed?**

- Mt. Diablo Adult Education provides instruction to students to earn a high school diploma (or high school equivalency certificate) and prepare for students for employment, career training programs, and post-secondary education.
- Adult Ed also has shorter programs and internship opportunities to get you into the workforce faster!

- **How are these different from college?**

- Trade schools and adult ed programs offer shorter programs with more affordable options. A university prepares you for the workforce, but it can take 4+ years to complete and it can be costly.



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Career and Technical Education & Military

Trade School vs College

Trade School



Specific training



Lower cost on average



Hard skills



Simple admissions process



Shorter time commitment



Lower earnings on average

College



Broad Education



Potential for large student debt



Soft Skills



More in-depth admissions process

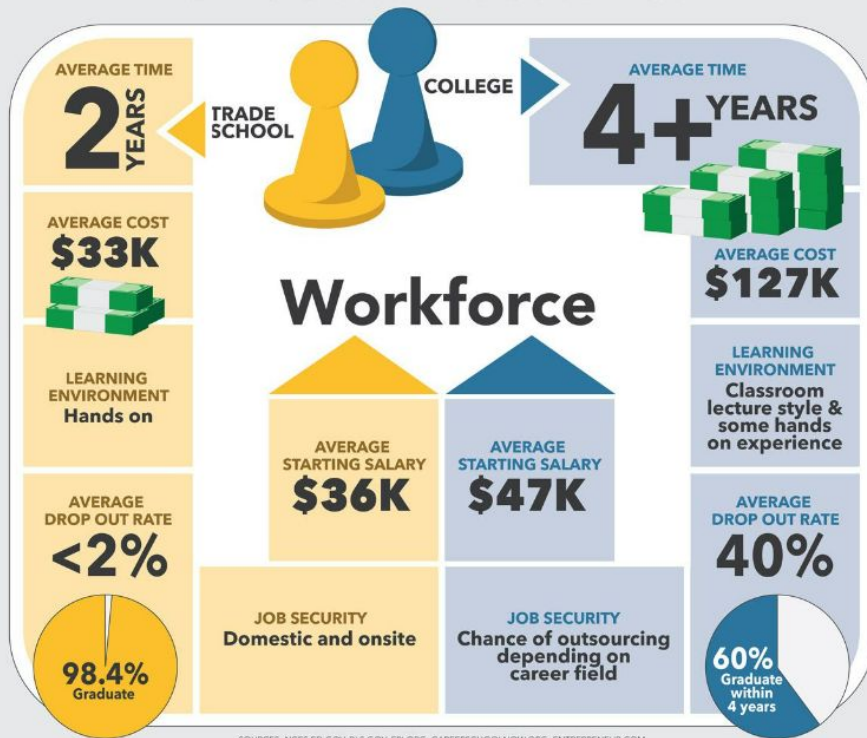


Longer duration



Higher earnings on average

Trade School vs Traditional College CHOOSE YOUR PATH



What are my options for college?

In California

280	Colleges and Universities
114	Community Colleges
23	California State Universities
9	University of California (UC)
134	Private Universities

**There are over 4,200
degree-granting post-secondary
institutions in the US!**



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University of California

10 UC Campuses throughout California

Requirements:

- Minimum 3.0 gpa (10th & 11th grade only)
- UC application (same application for all campuses)
- 4 Personal Insight Questions (pick 4 out of 8)
- \$70 fee per campus
- *UC San Francisco is only a graduate program

NO letters of recommendation

Application filing period: November 1 - 30



**WHERE DO
UC
YOURSELF?**

UC Eligibility

- Complete a minimum of 15 college prep courses (A-G) with a grade of a C or better
- GPA of a 3.0 or better
- No subject tests required for 2022 Admissions
- CR is considered a passing grade
- Students will have more grade reporting options, incl CR/NC
- CR/NC not factored into the GPA





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California State University



23 CSU Campuses throughout California

Requirements:

- Minimum 2.5 gpa (10th-11th grade only)
- Application (same application for all campuses)
- \$70 fee per campus

NO letters of recommendation

NO essay

Application filing period: October 1- November 30

CSU Eligibility



- Must have a GPA of at least a 2.5
- Must have or will complete with a C or better the A-G Courses
- Must “fix” any D with summer school, APEX or at another school
- Classes with a “p” noted on the transcript are considered College Prep
- CR/NC not factored into the gpa



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Private Colleges and Universities

Independent California Colleges and Universities



GPA and course requirements vary greatly, check each college website.

All schools require:

- Common application (apply to multiple schools at same time)
- or college specific application
- Send official test scores**
- Pay application fee
- Personal statement or essay
- Letters of recommendation (0-3 max)

Application filing periods vary

THE 25 BEST COLLEGES IN AMERICA

RANK	SCHOOL	SCORE	LOCATION
1.	Stanford University	4.15	Palo Alto, CA
2.	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	4.12	Cambridge, MA
3.	California Institute of Technology	3.96	Pasadena, CA
4.	Princeton University	3.88	Princeton, NJ
5.	Harvard University	3.80	Cambridge, MA
6.	Yale University	3.80	New Haven, CT
7.	Columbia University	3.74	New York, NY
8.	University of Chicago	3.73	Chicago, IL
9.	University of Pennsylvania	3.71	Philadelphia, PA
10.	United States Naval Academy	3.70	Annapolis, MD
11.	United States Military Academy	3.68	West Point, NY
12.	Dartmouth College	3.67	Hanover, NH
13.	Carnegie Mellon University	3.65	Pittsburgh, PA
14.	Cornell University	3.64	Ithaca, NY
15.	Johns Hopkins University	3.59	Baltimore, MD
16.	Duke University	3.58	Durham, NC
17.	University of California – Berkeley	3.57	Berkeley, CA
18.	Northwestern University	3.49	Evanston, IL
19.	University of Virginia	3.45	Charlottesville, VA
20.	Georgetown University	3.44	Washington, DC
21.	Brown University	3.44	Providence, RI
22.	Harvey Mudd College	3.42	Claremont, CA
23.	Rice University	3.41	Houston, TX
24.	University of Michigan – Ann Arbor	3.39	Ann Arbor, MI
25.	Amherst College	3.38	Amherst, MA

Business Insider's rating is scored out of 5 and is based on the results of a survey that asked thousands of readers how well colleges prepare their students for success after graduation. Tuition was used as a tiebreaker, with cheaper tuition pushing a school to a higher spot.

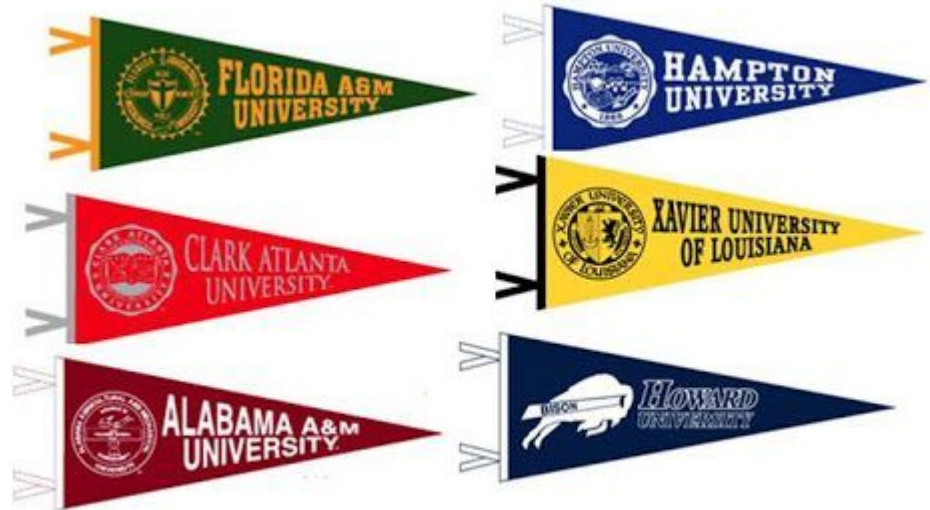


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HBCUs

Historically Black Colleges and Universities - HBCUs



Historically Black colleges and universities are institutions of higher education founded **to educate Black students**. In the 19th century, when many colleges and universities refused to admit Black applicants, HBCU's offered those students a route to higher education.

Out of State

- Non-residents often have additional or higher admissions requirements at public universities

Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE)

- Students can apply for reduced tuition at participating schools within 15 Western States

For example:

University of Hawaii, Colorado State University, UNR, University of Nevada Las Vegas, Portland State University

A top-down view of a wooden desk. In the center is a large, unfolded map with various colored lines and pins. To the left is a silver laptop with a grid of travel photos on its screen. Above the map, a pair of hands holds a small white cup. To the right of the map, a black camera with a strap lies next to a pink sticky note and a brown envelope. Below the map, a hand holds a pen over an open notebook with handwritten notes. In the bottom left corner is a white camera. In the bottom right corner is a small potted cactus. A glass of water is also visible on the right side of the desk.

College List - Prepare to Apply

Exploring Colleges and Majors - Where to start...

- ❑ **Naviance:** College & Career Search Function, Scattergram
- ❑ **CollegeBoard Big Future** - Create Account
<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search>
- ❑ **National Center for Education Statistics, College Navigator**
<https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>
- ❑ **College Visits**
- ❑ **Meeting with College Reps**

Accessing Naviance

- **NAVIANCE is a software program to help you through the college application process. Naviance helps you to manage tasks associated with the College admissions process.**
- **You must use Clever to log into Naviance**
- **Students will log in the same way they get into their Chromebooks at school- with their mdusd.net account and password**



Creating/Refining Your College List

Add schools to your list in:



NAVIANCE!!!



Decide Where to Apply: Student Preferences

- ☐ Location/Setting/Size
- ☐ Academic Majors/Programs
- ☐ Cost/Average debt/student
- ☐ Student life
- ☐ Faculty : Student ratio
- ☐ Diversity
- ☐ Selectivity
- ☐ Type of College (2-year, 4-year, Vocational)
- ☐ Graduation Rates (National Center for Education Statistics - NCES)
- ☐ Create a list of 8 - 10 colleges that you want to apply to
 - ☐ Best Fit
 - ☐ Safety
 - ☐ Reach

Decide Where to Apply

**Create a list of 8 - 10 colleges that
you want to apply to**

- **Best Fit** - schools that fits your requirements
- **Safety** - a school that you are confident that you will be accepted to
- **Reach** - a school that might be very competitive and tougher to get accepted to

Dates & Deadlines

Important Dates & Deadlines

Aug. 1st	UC Application & Common Application OPEN
October 19th	MDUSD Career Fair at Concord High- school day
October 27	District College Fair, 6:30 - 8pm at YVHS
Oct. 1st	CSU Application OPEN FAFSA & CA Dream Act Application OPEN UC Application Filing Period BEGIN
Nov. 30	CSU/UC Application Deadline
Spring 2023	Community College Application Workshops

COVID - 19 Changes

Credit/No Credit

- ❑ High schools across the country changed their grading policy (Spring/Summer 2020) - Students are not negatively impacted by the Credit/No Credit policy

Standardized Testing for 2022/2023 SAT and ACT

- ❑ UC/CSU's are test-blind
- ❑ $\frac{2}{3}$ of four year institutions in the US are test-optional for 2022 admissions
- ❑ Check www.fairtest.org for frequent updates - searchable database
- ❑ Check the admission requirements for each college that you apply to

Test-Blind

Test scores are NOT considered for admissions, placement, or institutional financial awards

Examples: Cal State System, Washington State University, CUNY System, Catholic University, Caltech, Reed College, Dickinson College

Test Optional/ Test-Flexible

Test scores are accepted if a student feels they would be helpful in assessing their application.

- Test optional means test optional
- Increased emphasis on transcript/GPA
- Students may be asked to submit additional portfolios, writing samples, independent research, or an extra letter of recommendation
- May impact merit aid

Testing Required

Even though a large number of 4-year institutions have opted for test-optional or test-blind, a significant number of schools are still requiring standardized test scores (example, State University System of Florida).

Please regularly check the admissions page for each school your student is interested in as requirements continue to shift.

To test or not to test?

- ❑ It depends (Health & Safety, Access & Availability)
- ❑ Some 4-year institutions are still requiring SAT/ACT scores with no adjustments
- ❑ View an admissions process as a sample of what you/your student can expect to experience as a student on their campus

SAT/ACT Testing Updates for 2022/2023

Registration

SAT: Register on www.collegeboard.org

ACT: Register on [ACT.com](https://act.com)

- ❑ You are responsible for submitting test scores to colleges!
- ❑ Check www.fairtest.org for frequent updates
- ❑ **Check the admission requirements for each college that you apply to**
- ❑ Test preparation: Khan Academy, ACT Academy

To test or not to test?

NCAA/Student Athletes



Students who initially enroll full time during the 2022-23 academic years and intend to play NCAA Division I or II athletics will not be required to take a standardized test to meet NCAA initial-eligibility requirements.

Application Process

Application Steps

- Decide where to apply
- Check deadlines and timelines
- Add schools to Naviance/Request transcripts
- Apply using the College's Website (i.e. UC System, Cal-State System), Common App, or the Coalition App
- Send test scores (if available, test scores to be sent from Collegeboard or ACT directly)
- Application Fee

Other items which may be used:

Student Essays, Letters of Recommendation, Extra Curricular, Portfolio, Interview,

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Applications

The Common Application:

<https://www.commonapp.org/>

UC Application:

<https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply-now.html>








CSU Application:

<https://www2.calstate.edu/apply>

Coalition Application

www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org

Types of Admissions

Early Action vs. Early Decision vs. Regular Decision					
Application Plan	Apply Early	Receive Decision Early	Agreement is Binding	Can Apply to Other Schools	Decision Day for Applicants
Early Action					May 1
Early Decision					N/A; agreement is binding
Regular Decision					May 1

If your student is considering **Early Decision**, consider reviewing NACAC's "Early Decision Self-Evaluation Questionnaire)

Letters of Recommendations

From Teachers:

- Need to be requested in **Naviance**
- Complete brag sheet in Naviance
- Let your teacher know in person, or via email, that you are requesting a letter of recommendation (At least 3 weeks ahead of time)
- Please do not ask for more than is needed

From your Counselor/College & Career Advisor

- Request in person, via email - Ask early, (3 weeks is ideal) - *Cannot be requested in Naviance*
- Complete brag sheet in Naviance and send to Counselor
- Be available for follow-up questions
- Last minute requests cannot be accommodated
- Please do not ask for more than is needed

What Admissions
Offices look for:

- ❑ **GPA & Grades**
- ❑ **Rigor of classes on transcript**
- ❑ **Test Scores*** (varies for Fall 2022 Admissions)**
- ❑ **Extracurricular activities & awards**
- ❑ **Essays***
- ❑ **Letters of Recommendation***

Paying for College & Financial Aid



FAFSA/California Dream Act (CADA)

**Mandatory starting this year
(4-year Colleges, Community Colleges,
Adult School programs, Trade Schools)**



Paying for College

- ❑ FAFSA Opens Oct 1, 2021 (Federal Student Aid)
- ❑ Visit www.FAFSA.gov
- ❑ CA Dream Act opens Oct 1, 2021
- ❑ Visit www.cadreamact.org
- ❑ Net Price Calculator (Center):
<https://collegecost.ed.gov/net-price>
- ❑ Additional information and links are found in the Google Classroom

Scholarships

- ❑ Local scholarships are best - Please check the Senior Google classroom for updated scholarship information

Sample of Scholarship opportunities/websites:

- ❑ Questbridge (National College Match)
- ❑ Raise.me (Students can start collecting micro scholarships in grade 9)
- ❑ Petersons.com
- ❑ Scholarship Informer (Facebook Page)
- ❑ Scholarship.net
- ❑ Immigrants Rising

Don't pay for scholarship opportunities!

Checklist

August - December

- ❑ Finalize your college list (update in Naviance, too)
- ❑ Keep track of dates and deadlines
- ❑ Set up Portals/gather documents (transcripts)
- ❑ Work on apps and essays
- ❑ Complete financial aid app
- ❑ Letters of recommendation
- ❑ Classes and extracurriculars
- ❑ Take the SAT/ACT

[College Application Checklist](#)

Senior Parent/Student Night

Thursday, Sept. 15 @ 6pm

Zoom Meeting

Questions?