



COLLEGE PARK HIGH SCHOOL

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College Applications & Post High School Options

Class of 2024!

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What we will be covering today

- ❑ Post-high school options
 - ❑ Community College
 - ❑ Trade Schools
 - ❑ Military & Academies

- ❑ 4-year college application process
 - ❑ Important dates & deadlines
 - ❑ College options
 - ❑ SAT/ACT
 - ❑ Types of admissions
 - ❑ Application steps
 - ❑ What colleges look for
 - ❑ Student essays
 - ❑ Letter of recommendation
 - ❑ Scholarships



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CPHS Graduation Requirements

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

Social Studies - 3 years **30 credits**

VAPA, World Language, CTE **20 credits**

- Need two of the three areas

Electives **60 credits**

Physical Education - 2 years **20 credits**

D's or better!

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 or Financial Algebra)

D: Laboratory Science - 2 years

- Life Science (Biology, Physiology, Zoology, etc.)
- Physical Science (Chemistry, Earth Science, Physics, etc.)

E: LOTE (Language Other than English) - 2 years

- Level 2 is required, Level 3 is recommended

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

G: College Prep Elective - 1 year (Gov/Econ, Math, Science, or LOTE goes here)

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Options for After High School



What's the difference?

**Community
Colleges**



Earn an A.A. or A.S.
(associate's degree),
certificate, or
licensure

**4- year Institutions
(UC/CSU's,
Out-of-state, etc.)**



Earn a undergraduate degree
which is a B.A. or B.S.
(bachelor's degree)

**Trade or
Vocational School**



Earn a certificate
(not a degree)

California Community College System



- Community College **registration** opens during Spring 2024 for incoming freshman.
- DVC will be hosting workshops to help you enroll.
- Registration info will be posted in the College & Career classroom
- DVC Free Tuition Program: To receive free tuition for up to two academic years, CCC, DVC, and LMC students must: 1) Complete FAFSA or Dream Act and 2) Enroll in a minimum of 12 units per semester.
- 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

Career and Technical Education & Military

Community Colleges & Adult Education Programs

200 + CTE programs: Health, Advanced Manufacturing, Life Sciences/Biotechnology, 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





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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



Broad Education



Potential for large student debt



Soft Skills



More in-depth admissions process

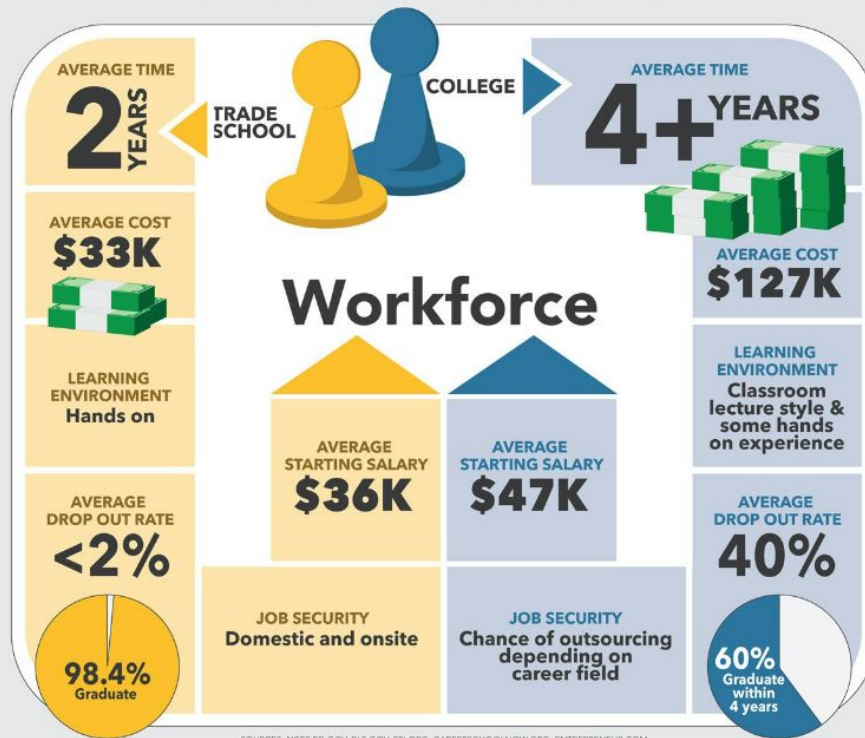


Longer duration



Higher earnings on average

Trade School vs Traditional College CHOOSE YOUR PATH



What are my options for college?

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

**There are over 4,200
post-secondary institutions where
you can earn a degree in the US!**

University of California (UC)

WHERE DO
UC
YOURSELF?

9 UC Campuses throughout California

Requirements:

- Minimum 3.0 gpa (10th & 11th grade only)
- No subject tests (SAT, ACT) are required
- UC application (same application for all campuses)
- 4 Personal Insight Questions (pick 4 out of 8)
- \$80 fee per campus
- *UC San Francisco is only a graduate program
- ***NO letters of recommendation required***

Application filing period: October 1 - November 30

<https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/>



California State University (CSU)

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



Private Colleges & 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!



Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCU's)

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.

Anyone can apply to HBCU's!



Out of State Colleges

Non-residents often have additional or different requirements at public universities

WUE: Western Undergraduate Exchange

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

Examples of colleges:

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

Dates & Deadlines



23-24 Important Dates & Deadlines

Aug. 1	UC Application & Common Application - OPEN (<i>but cannot be submitted YET</i>)
October 18	MDUSD Career Fair at Concord High - school day
Oct. 1st	CSU Application - OPEN UC Application Filing Period - BEGIN
Oct. 26	District College Fair, 6:30 - 8pm at YVHS
Nov. 30	CSU/UC Application Deadline
December	FAFSA & CA Dream Act open
Spring 2024	Community College Application Workshops

SAT/ACT Testing Updates for 2023/2024

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 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.

Please email Mr. Walters to let him know if you plan on playing a sport in college!

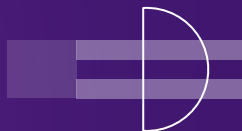

[Eligibility Center Website](#)








Application Process



Deciding Where to Apply

- ❑ 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

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 you are considering **Early Decision**, consider reviewing NACAC's "Early Decision Self-Evaluation Questionnaire"

Creating/Refining Your College List in Naviance

Add schools to your list in Naviance under:

- Colleges I'm thinking about applying to
- Colleges I am applying to

Types of 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

Letters of Recommendations

From Teachers:

- Need to be requested in Naviance
- Complete brag sheet
- 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 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

FAFSA/California Dream Act (CADA)

Mandatory for all students to complete!

The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is for
4-year Colleges, Community Colleges,
Adult School programs, and Trade Schools

Please see Mr. Walters for support with completing this.

Paying for College

- ❑ FAFSA Opens December 2023 (Federal Student Aid): www.FAFSA.gov
- ❑ CA Dream Act Visit: www.cadreamact.org
- ❑ Net Price Calculator: <https://collegecost.ed.gov/net-price>
- ❑ Search out Local and National Scholarships (there are so many available!)

Additional information and links are found in the Google Classroom

Checklist

- ❑ Finalize your college list
 - ❑ update your list in Naviance
- ❑ Keep track of dates and deadlines
- ❑ Set up portals/gather documents (transcripts)
- ❑ Work on apps and essays
- ❑ Complete financial aid app
- ❑ Letters of recommendation
- ❑ Keep up your grades in your current classes
- ❑ Take the SAT/ACT if needed

College Application Checklist

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 2024

Class Code: zpyobtc



Senior Parent/Student Night

Wednesday, Sept. 27 @ 6:00pm
Zoom Meeting



Questions?