

Welcome to Junior Parent Night



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Agenda for Tonight



- Graduation Requirements (review)
- Post-Secondary Options
- College Requirements
- CSU/UC/Private Schools
- Creating a College List
- College/Career Resources

Graduation Requirements (review)

- 230 Credits
- 20 Hours of Community Service

HS vs. College Requirements (A-G)

High School Requirements

| | |
|----------------|-------------|
| History | 30 credits |
| English | 40 credits |
| Mathematics | 20 credits |
| Science | 20 credits |
| F. Lang.* | 10 credits |
| VPA/ | 15 credits |
| Practical Arts | |
| Physical Ed | 25 credits |
| Electives | 70 credits |
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| Total | 230 credits |

College Requirements (A-G)

| | | |
|-----------------|------------|---|
| History | 2 years | a |
| English | 4 years | b |
| Math | 3+ years | c |
| Science | 2+ years | d |
| F. Lang. | 2+ years | e |
| V.P.A. | 1 yr | f |
| No Applied Arts | | |
| No Physical Ed | | |
| Electives | 1 year | g |
| <hr/> | | |
| Total | 15 courses | |

A-G courses must be completed with a "C" or better

Making Up Classes

- D is a passing grade for high school
- C is a passing grade for college
- Keep in mind $C+ \neq B-$
- No room for Fs
- Credit Deficiencies must be made up:
 - Summer School
 - Night school (Jr. and Sr.)
 - WILL
 - Online class (have to pay)

Vocational/Tech
School/Apprenticeships

Community
College

Military

4-year
College/University

Career

**Post-Secondary
Options**

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graph TD; A[Post-Secondary Options] --> B[Vocational/Tech School/Apprenticeships]; A --> C[Community College]; A --> D[Military]; A --> E[4-year College/University]; A --> F[Career];
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If Bound for a 4-year College...



- A-G Course Requirements
- GPA Requirements (in A-G courses)
 - UC min 3.0 (min eligibility)
 - CSU min 2.0 (min eligibility)
 - Private sch. varies
- SAT/ACT Scores (depending on school)
- Upward academic trend (GPA)

College Testing 2024

Standardized test scores, once a staple of college admission requirements, have become less common in recent years.

Q - Should I Still Take the SAT/ACT? In light of testing cancellations & COVID 19 more than half of all 4-yr colleges are now “test_optional”. If you're applying to a UC/CSU systems, a recent ruling prevents these schools from accepting SAT/ACT scores .The UC regents vote unanimously to drop the SAT and ACT completely starting in 2025 and to replace them with their own tests.

Q - If I end up taking the SAT/ACT, do I have to submit my score? No, you control the release of your test scores but keep in minds that some colleges are still requiring the SAT/ACT, so make sure to check each application closely. College Board and the ACT will not release your scores without your consent.

Q - If I don't take the SAT/ACT will it hurt my application? If a college does not require the test, then generally NO, it will not hurt your application. But know that without test scores other parts of your application will become more important (GPA, your college essay, awards and achievements, references, and any extracurricular activities).

Q - What are the benefits of taking the SAT/ACT even if my school doesn't require a test score?

There are still benefits of taking these exams even if you don't end up submitting your score on your college application: more scholarship opps, improved chances at some preferred schools, greater confidence, etc. 25 states still require SAT/ACT scores as part of high school graduation requirements. Check with each school to determine if it requires a score from one of these two tests (ex, Georgetown U)

Other Considerations



- Rigorous academic curriculum
- Honors/AP classes taken in 10-12th gr. are awarded an extra point (up to 8 semesters = 4 year-long classes for UC/CSU only).
- In-state colleges won't accept D/F in any required course (A-G)
- Algebra II (min 3 yrs of Math) **NEW CLASS - DATA SCIENCE**
- 2-3 years of Foreign Language (has to be the same language)
- Transcripts evaluation for grad requirements, deficiencies & college eligibility

Making Informed Decisions about AP classes



AP Classes (Expectations & Outcomes):

- If you are the smartest person in the room, then you are in the wrong room!
- UCs take only 8 sem of AP classes for weighted GPA (max of 4 classes: 2 classes/Jr yr & 2 classes/Sr yr)
- **Balance is the key.**

AP Tests:

College credits for AP tests are NOT guaranteed (some don't take them at all, others limit or accept 4 & 5 scores only)



College Requirements



- **CSU** Grades (Transcript)
- **UC** Grades + Personal Statement
- **Private Schools** Grades + Test Scores (depending on school)
+ Personal Statement + Letters of Rec

Types of Colleges & Universities



Public (UC)

- *University of California (top 9%)*

Public (CSU)

- *California State University (top 25-30%)*

Out of State/WUE

- Ex, Boise State (75% Acceptance Rate)

Private (start at 4% acceptance rate)

- Stanford University (4% Acceptance Rate)

California State University



- California State University (CSU)
 - Eligibility vs. Selection
- 23 campuses in the state
 - CS, Nursing, Business, Engineering
 - Humboldt in the North
 - San Diego in the South
 - Local SJSU, SFSU, CSUMB, CSU East Bay
- Large vs. Small Campus
 - SJSU Freshman Class 3,486
 - Sonoma State Freshman Class 1,749

Cal State Apply

- Deadlines: Oct 1st to Nov. 30
Apply Early: before Thanksgiving
- Transcript: sent through www.parchment.com
- Set up Portals for each campus
College Board Code: 3594
- Eligibility vs. Selection
- Impacted Campuses/Majors (google)



FRESHMAN APPLICATION CHECKLIST

When you're ready to complete your application, be sure to have these items on hand:

- ☐ Unofficial transcripts
- ☐ Test scores (SAT, ACT, AP or IB)
- ☐ Your Social Security number
- ☐ Your citizenship status
- ☐ A method of payment
- ☐ Your parent's citizenship status
- ☐ Annual income: Your parent's if you are a dependent; your income if you are independent
- ☐ EOP only: Your parent's employment background and two recommendations

2023-2024 CSU Undergraduate Impacted Programs Matrix

| | Bakersfield | Channel Islands | Chico | Dominguez Hills | East Bay | Fresno* | Fullerton* | Humboldt | Long Beach* | Los Angeles* | Maritime Academy N | Monterey Bay | Northridge | Pomona | Sacramento | San Bernardino | San Diego* | San Francisco | San Jose* | San Luis Obispo* | San Marcos | Sonoma | Stanislaus |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------|-----------------|----------|---------|------------|----------|-------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|------------|--------|------------|----------------|------------|---------------|-----------|------------------|------------|--------|------------|
| Apparel Design & Merchandising | | | | | | | | | | | | | | O | O | | | O | | | | | |
| Architecture | | | | | | | | | | | | | | I | | | | | | I | | | |
| Art | O | O | O | O | O | I | I | O | I | I | | O | O | O | O | O | I | N | I | I | O | O | O |
| Biological Sciences** | O | O | O | O | O | I | I | O | I | I | | O | I | I | O | O | I | O | I | I | I | O | O |
| Business | O | O | O | O | O | I | I | O | I | I | O | O | N | N | I | O | I | N | I | I | I | O | O |
| Chemistry/Biochemistry | O | O | O | O | O | I | I | O | I | I | | | O | I | O | O | I | O | I | I | O | O | O |
| Child/Human Development | O | | O | O | O | I | I | O | I | I | | O | O | | O | O | I | O | I | I | O | O | O |
| Communication | O | O | O | O | O | I | I | O | I | I | | O | I | I | O | O | I | O | I | I | I | O | O |
| Computer Science | O | O | O | O | O | I | I | O | I | I | | O | O | I | O | O | I | O | I | I | O | O | O |
| Criminology/Criminal Justice | O | | O | O | O | I | I | O | I | I | | | I | | I | I | I | O | I | I | O | I | O |
| Economics | O | O | O | O | O | I | I | O | I | I | | O | O | O | O | O | I | O | I | I | O | O | O |
| Engineering | O | I | O | O | O | I | I | O | I | I | I | | O | N | O | O | I | O | I | I | I | O | O |
| English | O | O | O | O | O | I | I | O | I | I | | O | O | O | O | O | I | O | I | I | O | O | O |
| Environmental Studies/Sciences | O | O | O | O | O | I | | O | I | | | O | | N | O | O | I | O | I | I | O | O | O |
| Family & Consumer Sciences | | | | | | I | | | I | | | | O | | O | | | O | | | | | |
| Film & Electronic Arts/Cinema | | | | | | | I | O | I | I | | O | I | | O | | | O | | | | | |
| Food & Nutrition/Dietetics | | | O | | | I | | | I | I | | | O | O | O | O | I | I | I | I | | | |
| Graphic Design | | | O | O | O | I | I | | I | I | | O | O | O | I | O | I | N | I | I | | | |
| Health Science/Education | O | O | O | O | O | I | I | | I | I | | | I | O | I | O | I | O | I | | | | |
| History | O | O | O | O | O | I | I | O | I | I | | O | O | O | O | O | I | O | I | I | O | O | O |
| Hospitality & Tourism | | | O | O | O | | I | | I | | | O | O | O | | O | I | O | I | I | | | |
| Information Systems | O | | O | O | O | I | I | | I | I | | O | O | O | O | O | I | O | I | I | O | | O |
| Interior Design | | | O | | | I | | | I | | | | | | O | | I | O | I | | | | |
| International Business (B.A.) | | | | O | | I | I | | | I | | N | | N | I | O | I | N | I | | | | |
| Journalism/Mass Communications | | | O | O | O | I | I | O | I | | | O | O | O | O | | I | O | I | I | I | | |
| Kinesiology/Physical Education | O | | O | O | O | I | I | O | I | I | | O | I | I | O | N | N | O | I | I | I | O | O |
| Liberal Studies | O | O | O | O | O | I | I | O | I | I | | O | O | O | O | O | I | O | I | I | O | O | O |
| Marine Transportation | | | | | | | | | | | I | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mathematics | O | O | O | O | O | I | I | O | I | I | | O | O | O | O | O | I | O | I | O | O | O | O |
| Music | O | | N | O | O | I | I | O | I | I | | O | I | O | O | O | I | O | I | I | | O | O |

University Of California (UC System)



- **9 campuses in the state**
 - Davis in the North
 - San Diego in the South
 - Local school: Santa Cruz
 - San Francisco is graduate school only
- **Large vs. Small Campus**
 - UCLA Freshman Class 4,869
 - Merced Freshman Class 2,034
- **Send transcripts through Parchment.com**

What Are Private Colleges Looking for?



● **Primary Factors:**

- Academic Records (GPA, Trends, SAT if applicable)
(Will you succeed academically on my campus?)
- Standardized Test Scores (varies by school)
(How true are your academic records?)

● **Secondary Factors:**

- Activities (What will you contribute to my campus?)
- Essay (Are you the right fit for my campus?)

TEACHER RECOMMENDATION
(to validate all of the above)

Private Schools (cont'd)



- Common Application www.commonapp.org
- Deadlines vary for each school
- Secondary School Report (SSR)
 - It's a packet that includes: School Profile, SSR Form, Guidance Letter of Recommendation, Official Transcript, Mid-Year Report
 - If you are planning to apply Early Decision/Early Action, SSR forms are due beginning of September.
- Letters of Rec (require at least 2 weeks notice ...request early!)
- Essay
- Supplements (often overlooked)
- CSS/Financial Aid Profile (deadlines vary... check with each school if/when).

College Search Strategies



- Know College Search Criteria (location, size, major, etc.)
- Research Colleges (visits, fairs, guides, on-line research)
- Finalize College List before Nov 1
- Average number of colleges to apply is 10-12.
- Clustering Colleges: 3-4 Safety, 3-4 Match, 3-4 Reach
- Factors to consider: average GPA, average SAT/ACT scores, % of applicants accepted
- Good web resource is www.californiacolleges.edu

CREATING A COLLEGE LIST

A good college list should include the following.



Doubtful/Reach

2-3 colleges Max

0 – 35% Acceptance Rate

Colleges I would like to attend,
low acceptance percentage rate



Possibility/Match

5 college Max

36% - 75% Acceptance Rate

There is a good possibility that
I would be accepted



Likely/Safety

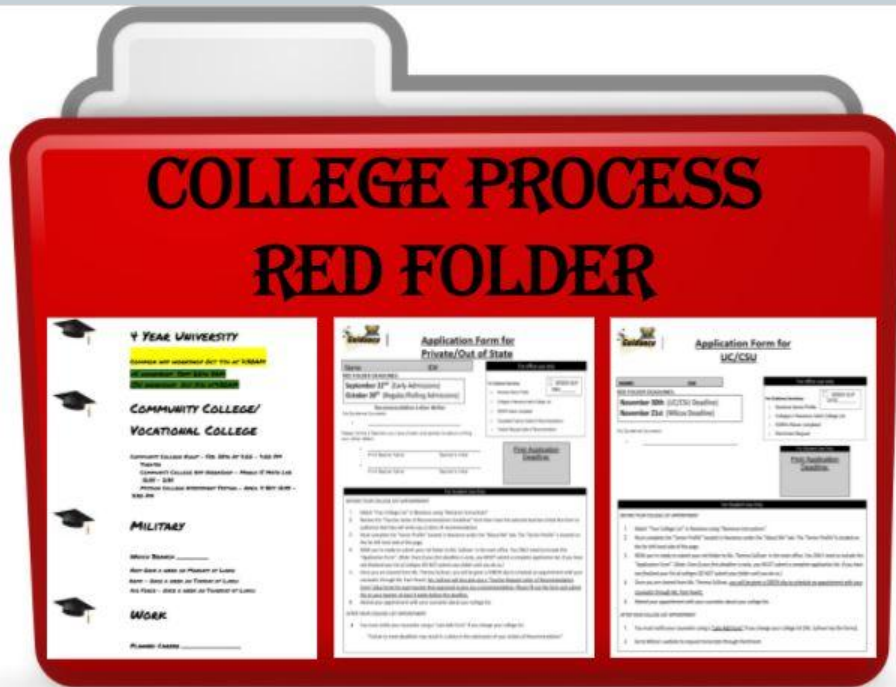
2-3 College Max

75% - 100% Acceptance Rate

It is very likely I would get
accepted into one

College Application Process

- Common Apps (for private & some out-of-state schools)
- Seniors were given **Red Folders** with deadlines:
 - Early Admissions: TBA
 - Regular Admissions: TBA



Application Form for Private/Out of State

Name: _____ ID#: _____

RED FOLDER DEADLINES:

September 22nd (Early Admissions)
October 20th (Regular/Rolling)

Recommendation Letter Writer

My Guidance Counselor

Please list the 2 Teachers you have chosen and spoken to about writing your other letters

Print Teacher Name _____ Teacher's Initial _____

Print Teacher Name _____ Teacher's Initial _____

For office use only

For Guidance Secretary:

☐ GREEN SLIP
Date: _____

- ☐ Naviance Senior Profile
- ☐ Colleges in Naviance match
- ☐ College List
- ☐ FERPA Waiver completed
- ☐ Completed Teacher Initials for

First Application
Deadline:

Next Steps for Juniors



1. Grades

- Improve your GPA ; retake classes if needed.
- Do well 2ndsem (last sem for college GPA calculation).Get A/B in A-G classes.

2. Course Planning for Sr. year.

- Take challenging classes Sr year (H/AP)...prep yourself for college
- Plan to continue with a Foreign Language & Math your Sr. year

3. Testing

- Depending on schools, commit to testing
- AP (May), if applicable

4. College Search

- Start building a College List based on your college search criteria
- Visit Colleges
- Research colleges; guidebooks, college website, virtual tours, YouTube, fairs
- Over the summer can start working on College Essay/UC Prompts

(can use 'The Essay Guy' for help)

Common Pitfalls



- Procrastination: don't wait till the last minute
- Be aware of all your due dates and your colleges deadlines
- Narrow down your college list (the best college for you is the one that fits you as a person)
- How practical is my Major? Will it lead to a career?
- Make a professional e-mail account just for you colleges



College Planning Resources

CALIFORNIA COLLEGES.edu
DISCOVER. PLAN. LAUNCH.

My Plan **College** Career Financial Aid

College Options

- College Search Tool
- Learn about College
- College Options in California
- Learn about "a-g"
- Building Your College List

Major and Degree Options

- Major Search Tool
- Choosing Your Major
- Degrees and Certificates

Apply To College

- Learn about College Applications
- College Application Checklist
- California Community Colleges Application
- California State University Application
- University of California Application
- Common Application
- Common Black College Application

After You Apply

- The Waiting Game
- Admissions Decisions
- Getting Ready to Go
- College Basics
- Resources for Foster Youth
- Resources for Undocumented Students

Financial Aid

My Financial Aid Plan

First Gen Journey

Will you be the first one in your family to go to college? Hear stories and advice from first-generation college students.