



**COLLEGE PARK HIGH SCHOOL**

HOME OF THE FALCONS

**Senior Presentation**  
**College Applications &  
Additional Post High School  
Options**

*Class of 2025!*

# CPHS Counseling Department



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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 three areas

**Electives** **60 credits**

**Physical Education - 2 years** **20 credits**

*D's or better!*

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**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 (Biology, Physiology)
- Physical Science (Chemistry, Earth Science, Physics)

**E: LOTE - 2 years**

- Level 2, Level 3 recommended

**F: VAPA - 1 year**

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

*C's or better!*

# Google Classroom

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

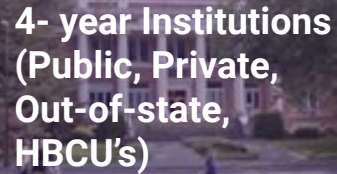
College & Career Center

**Class Code: Ickhnm5**

# Important Dates & Deadlines

<b>Aug. 1st</b>	<b>UC Application &amp; Common Application OPEN</b>
<b>October 16th</b>	<b>MDUSD Career Fair at Concord High- school day</b>
<b>October 24th</b>	<b>District College Fair, 6:30 - 8pm at YVHS</b>
<b>Oct. 1st</b>	<b>CSU Application OPEN UC Application Filing Period BEGIN</b>
<b>Nov. 30</b>	<b>CSU/UC Application Deadline</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>FAFSA &amp; CA Dream Act open</b>
<b>Spring 2025</b>	<b>Community College Application Workshops</b>

# Post High School Educational Options



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



**Community  
Colleges**



**Apprenticeships**



**Vocational  
Colleges**



**Military  
&  
Academies**

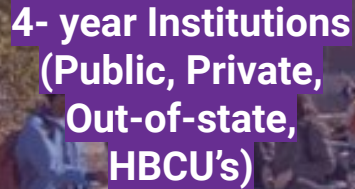
# What's the difference?

A photograph of a community college campus with trees and a building.

**Community  
Colleges**

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

A photograph of students walking on a campus with a building in the background.

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

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

A photograph of a driving school with a semi-truck and a sign that says 'Driving School' and 'UCK'.

**Trade or  
Vocational  
School**

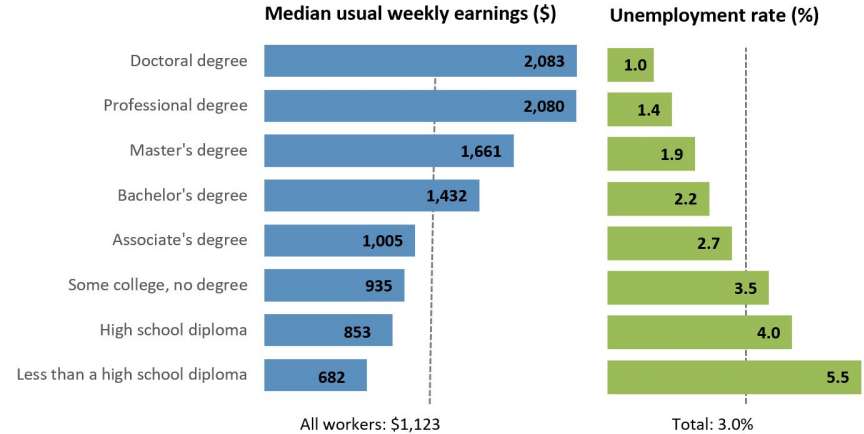
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Earn a certificate

# Education Degree Pyramid Visual



Earnings and unemployment rates by educational attainment, 2022



Note: Data are for persons age 25 and over. Earnings are for full-time wage and salary workers.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey.





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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

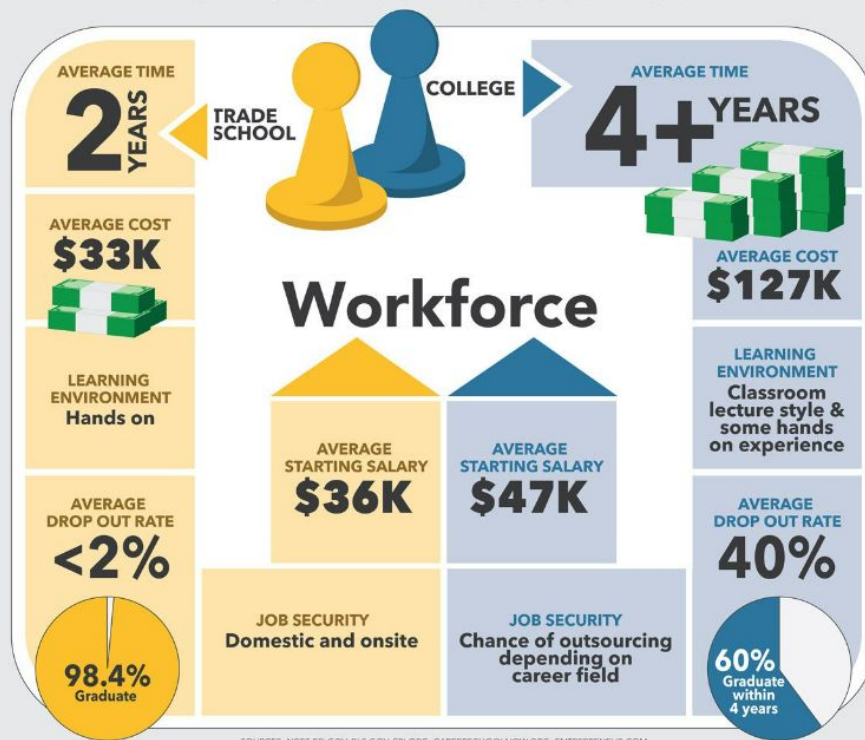


Longer duration



Higher earnings on average

## Trade School vs Traditional College CHOOSE YOUR PATH



# Trade/Vocational Schools

Thinking about pursuing a trade career after graduating high school? Trades are professions like electrician, plumber, welder, auto-mechanic, construction, carpenter - generally professions that require specific training and manual work.

[I Institute](#)

[Unitek](#) Examples of Trade Schools:

[Paul Mitchell The School](#)

[Universal Technica](#)

[Contra Costa Medical Career College](#)

[Carrington College](#)

[Urban Barber College](#)

[Paris Beauty College](#)

[Manufacturing Careers](#)

[Learn more about trades/vocational school](#)



Did you know??  
Community Colleges offer  
Career Technical Programs!!

# Adult Education



## Mt. Diablo Adult Ed.

Allied Health; Medical & Dental Assisting, CNA, EMT, Surgical Tech. CPR, Office & Computer Programs



## Martinez Adult Ed.

Programs: Business Training, Optical Assistant, CAD+Multimedia, Pharmacy Tech,



## Pittsburg Adult Ed.

Allied Health; Administrative Medical Assistant, CNA Medical Billing & Coding, EMT, CPR, Pre-apprenticeship math test prep



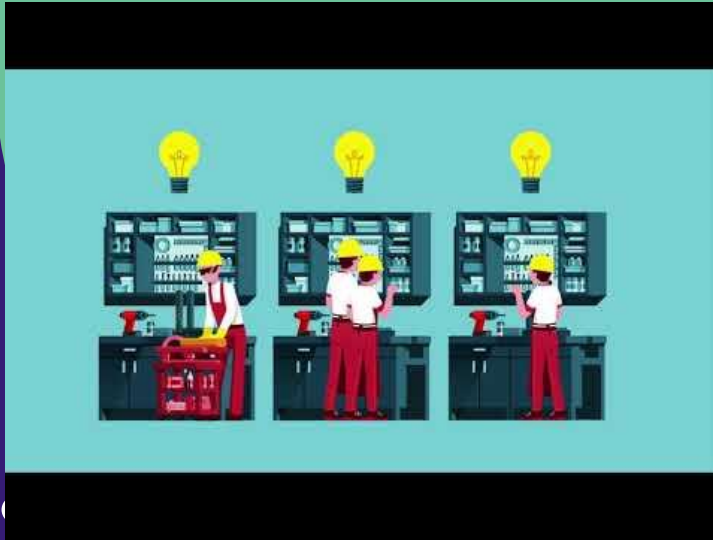
# What is an Apprenticeship?

[Cal Apprenticeship](#)

[Find an apprenticeship](#)

[Los Medanos College](#)

[Diablo Valley College](#)





# Job Corps

Provides *free residential career training* in in-demand industries such as Healthcare, Homeland Security, Hospitality, IT, Advanced Manufacturing, Automotive

Serves students ages 16 - 24

120 campuses nationwide  
(Local: Treasure Island, San Jose, Sacramento)

Free housing, basic medical care,  
weekly allowance, meals

<https://www.jobcorps.gov/explore>





# Go to Work!

1. [Resume](#)
2. [Interview Tips](#)
3. [What NOT to wear at a job interview](#)
4. [Job Search Engines](#)
5. [Job Search Tips](#)
6. [Social Media Etiquette](#)
7. Job Training Programs: [Click here](#)

Get Experience by Volunteering!  
[Teen Volunteer](#)





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- Explore Careers
- Explore Colleges
- Explore Majors
- Launch College Applications
- Launch FAFSA/CADAA

# 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  
degree-granting post-secondary  
institutions in the US!**



# California Community College System



- **Community College *registration* opens during Spring 2025 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 2025.**
- **No SAT or ACT is required for acceptance.**

# University of California (UC)

WHERE DO  
**UC**  
YOURSELF?

## 10 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**



# UC & CSU Eligibility

- Must have or will complete classes with a C or better for the A-G Courses
- Must “fix” any D’s in A-G courses through APEX
- Classes with a “p” noted on the transcript are considered College Prep
- CR/NC (credit/no credit) not factored into the GPA
- CR is considered a passing grade
- No SAT/ACT required for admissions



# 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

## **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

# SAT/ACT Testing Updates for 2024-2025

## Registration

SAT: Register on [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

ACT: Register on [ACT.com](http://ACT.com)

- ❑ You are responsible for submitting test scores to colleges!
- ❑ Check [www.fairtest.org](http://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 2024-25 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.

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

# Application Process



# Decide Where to Apply: Student Preferences

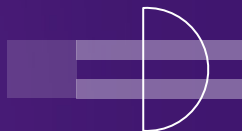
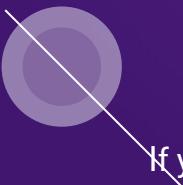
- ☐ Create a list of 8 - 10 colleges that you want to apply to
  - ☐ Likely (Safety)
  - ☐ Possible (Target)
  - ☐ Reach (Challenge)
- ☐ Location/Setting/Size
- ☐ Academic Majors/Programs
- ☐ Financial Fit: Cost/Average debt/student
- ☐ Student life
- ☐ Faculty : Student ratio
- ☐ Diversity
- ☐ Selectivity
- ☐ Type of College (2-year, 4-year, Vocational)
- ☐ Graduation Rates (National Center for Education Statistics - NCES)
- ☐ Explore colleges/majors using: California Colleges.edu, Collegeboard Big Future, College Navigator








# **Decide Where to Apply: Common Data Set (CDS)**

## **What is the Common Data Set?**

**A document with statistics and valuable information that tells you exactly what a college values in their admissions process. It can help to answer common questions such as:**

- **Relative importance of factors in admissions process (i.e., class rank, rigor, recommendations, essay, test scores, etc)**
- **What is the average SAT/ACT score of admitted students?**
- **What's the acceptance rate for first-time, degree-seeking applicants?**

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)

# Letters of Recommendations

## From Teachers:

- Request the letter in the Common App
- 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) - *Add your Counselor to your Common App and request a letter if needed.*
- Complete the bragsheet and send it to the Counselor.
- Be available for follow-up questions.
- Last minute requests cannot be accommodated.
- Please do not ask for more than is needed

# Paying for College & Financial Aid



Please see Mr. Walters to complete the FAFSA  
as it is a requirement.



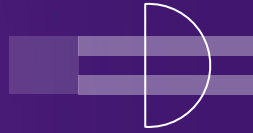
## (Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)/California Dream Act (CADAA)

1. Information in the FAFSA application determines eligibility for state aid, such as grants, scholarships and loans, or tuition waiver and eligibility for direct aid from the college you are planning to attend.
2. Certain scholarships, merit-aid or programs such as DVC's 4 CD promise program require FAFSA completion
3. FAFSA application to open in December 2024
4. Mandatory for all students to complete (4-year college, community college, Adult Education, trade or vocational school)
5. Application is launched from [California Colleges.edu](https://CaliforniaColleges.edu)





# 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!**



# Paying for College

- ❑ FAFSA/CADAA (California Dream Act)  
Opens December 2024
- ❑ Launch your app in California Colleges.edu
- ❑ Net Price Calculator (Center):  
<https://collegecost.ed.gov/net-price>
- ❑ Search out Local and National  
Scholarships

Additional information and links are found  
in the Google Classroom



# Senior Parent/Student Night

*Thursday, Sept. 5th @ 6:00pm*  
*Zoom Meeting*



*Thank you for your time!*

*Questions?*