

Ygnacio Valley High

Home of the Wolves

**Welcome to
College
Parent Night**





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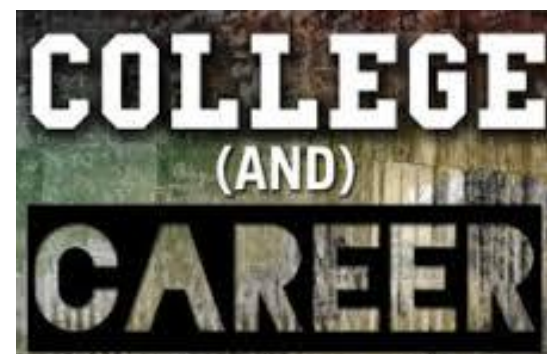
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How Can Counselors Help You?



What we are going to cover

- **High School Graduation Requirements**
- **College Admissions**
- **Financial Aid**
- **Important Dates**



MDUSD Requirements for Diploma

- Social Science 30 credits
- English 40 credits
- Mathematics 30 credits
- Science 20 credits
- Physical Education 20 credits
- VAPA/World Lang/CTE 20 credits
 - 10 credits each from 2 of the 3 categories
- Electives 60 credits

Total credits: 220 credits



Credit Recovery Options

- APEX (online recovery)
- Summer School (on Campus)
- Alternative Ed (Olympic/Prospect)



College Admissions

California's 4 Systems of College



Community College

2-3 year College
113 campuses

Open Admissions

Students can complete requirements to transfer to a 4-year



California State University (CSU)

4 year University
23 Campuses

Admissions Requirements:

- GPA 2.5+
- A-G completion



University of California (UC)

4 year University
10 Campuses

Admissions Requirements:

- GPA 3.0+
- A-G completions
- Essay: Personal Insight Questions



Independent & Private Universities

4 year University
77+ Campuses

Admissions Requirements:

- GPA Varies
- Personal Statement Essay
- ACT/SAT
- Letters of Recommendation
- Interview

Factors in the College Admission Decision

- Grades in College Prep Courses such as IB, AP, Academies, Career Pathways courses, completion of A-G requirements, and GPA
 - CSU minimum gpa is 2.5
 - UC minimum gpa 3.0
- Quality and quantity of courses completed
- Rigor of coursework is important
- Extracurricular activities - sports, volunteering, clubs, work, and music.
- College Entrance Exams **Change for UC, CSU (no longer needed)**
 - SAT, ACT (SAT and/or ACT sent directly to each college. Costs SAT \$55, ACT \$85
 - Mrs. Cardona has SAT fee waivers, if student needs one.

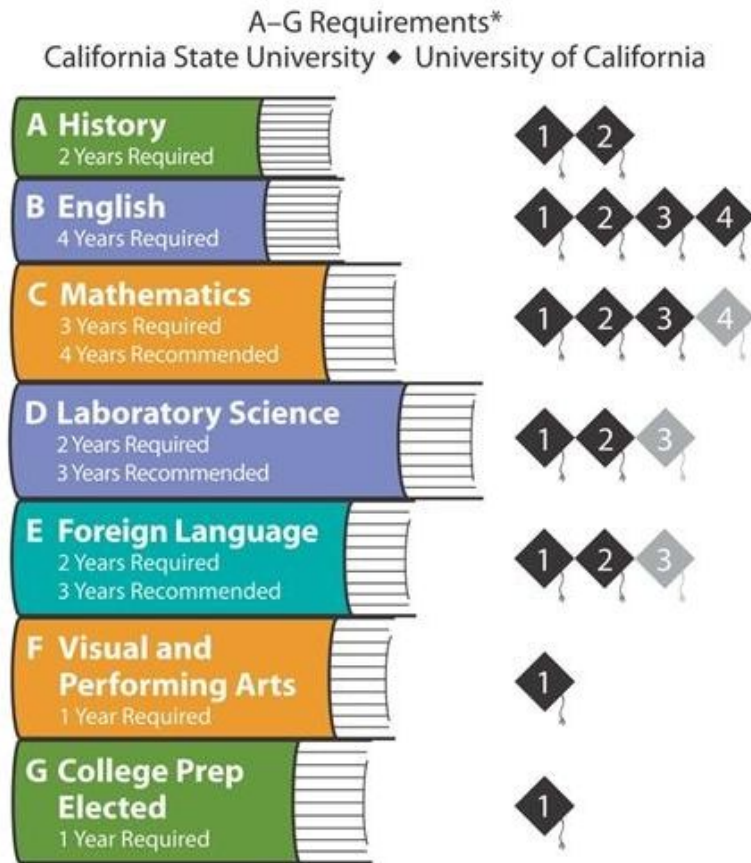
To Consider

- The decision to focus on preparation for a 2 or 4 year college will depend on a variety of factors: family finances, age and relative maturity of the student, academic strength, and the value of the “freshman year” experience.
- **The two year schools (community colleges)** have open access and no pre-reqs. They are close to home, less expensive, and provide a second chance to get into the four-year college of your choice by completing transfer requirements.
- **UC (9 campuses)** primarily a research institution dedicated to preparing students for graduate and professional school.
- **The 23 CSU's** mission is to prepare students for employment after graduation: teachers, business, engineers, architects, nurses, park rangers and construction managers – applied, hands-on majors.
- **Private and Independent colleges** may offer better financial aid packages than public universities, so don't rule them out based on “sticker” price if your family income is modest.

College-Going Requirements

A-G List:

- 2 years of Social Studies
- 4 years of English
- 3 Years of Math
- 2 years of Lab Science
- 2 years of Foreign Language
- 1 year of Visual Performing Arts
- 1 year of College Prep elective



* Grades of C or better required.

Getting Started

Establish Goals

- Are you considering a 2 or 4-year college?
- Are you considering a UC or CSU?
- Private or Out-of state, including WUE schools
 - Consider private or out-of-state, as they can offer a lot of financial assistance making it more affordable to attend than a CSU or UC
- Don't "name brand" shop..."best fit" is better!
 - The best college is the one that is best for your student.
 - Remember parents, you don't have to attend, your child does and what is right for him/her isn't always what is right for you. Listen to your child's wants and needs.

Factors to Consider in choosing a college:

- Size of college
- Academic programs
- Sports
- Geographic location
- Social atmosphere
- Religious orientation
- Cost
- Student body
- Extra-curricular opportunities
- Surrounding community
- Class size



[School Platform FOR COLLEGE SEARCHES:](http://www.californiacolleges.edu)

www.californiacolleges.edu

APPLY BROADLY

Reach/Long Shot

- Selective to Highly Selective
- May meet the minimum eligibility but school may look above the minimum
- Some colleges are long shots for *all* applicants

Target

- Realistic
- GPA and test scores are within the mid-50% of recent admits; all subject requirements met or exceeded

Safety

- Confident that the school will accept you **OR**
- School guarantees admission with minimum GPA, etc.

CSU/UC Estimated Costs

2024-2025

Average costs for an undergraduate California resident living in on-campus housing:

California State University (San Francisco, living on campus)		University of California (Institution wide, living on campus)	
Tuition & Fees	\$7, 950	Tuition & Fees	\$16,236
Books & Supplies	1,100	Books & Supplies	1,300
Room & Board	17,010	Room & Board	19,200
Transportation	1,512	Transportation & Personal	2,500
Personal	3,222	Health Insurance (can be waived)	3,000
Total Estimated Costs <u>2023-24 Estimated Undergraduate Cost of Attendance</u> <u>Net Price Calculator</u>	\$36,050 *W/Financial Aid 2,000-14,000 per year	Total Estimated Costs <u>Estimated average costs for California residents, 2024–25</u> <u>Campus Calculator</u>	\$42,236 *W/Financial Aid \$ 0-14,000 per year

Admission to DVC

- Be 18 years old, high school diploma or have GED or Certificate of Proficiency
- October 22 & 24, students will attend a DVC Application Workshop.
- Students complete online application
- January through June: Students register at DVC and attend Counseling 095
- Currently DVC Classes are \$46.00 a unit, and the average cost to attend full time is \$1700.00 a year.
- Financial Aid may cover ALL tuition!
- Full Time Free Tuition Program
 - Must complete FAFSA or CADAA to be eligible

Professional Career Schools

An Alternative Path to Post-Secondary Education

- o **Huge range in program types:**

- Certification programs at community colleges (DVC, LMC, CCC, Solano, Citrus)
- Art schools (California College of Arts, Academy of Art, Woodbury University)
- Cosmetology schools (Paris Beauty College, Paul Mitchell, Urban Barber)
- Military, or Military Academy (Reserves, Air Force Academy, Military Academy)
- Apprenticeship programs (Plumbers/Steamfitters, Carpenters, Electricians, Ironworkers, Sheet metal workers, Masons)
- Trade school links



- **Some career schools/programs have academic requirements: high school diploma, must be 18 years old, math prerequisites, etc.**



Financial Aid

FINANCIAL AID



❑ FAFSA: Free Application for Federal Student Aid studentaid.gov

OR

❑ CADAA: California Dream Act application <https://dream.csac.ca.gov/landing>

❑ Submit your 2025-2026 FAFSA/CADAA starting December 1, 2024

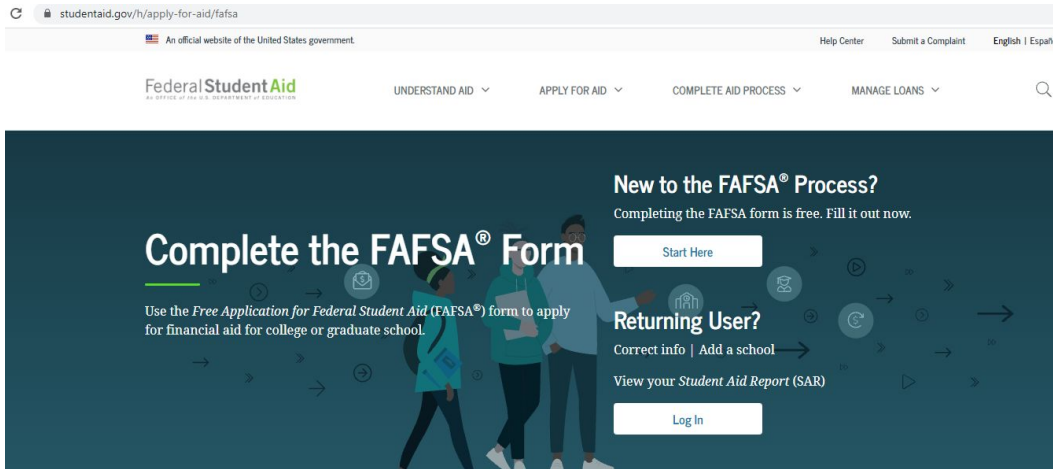
❑ Must be completed and submitted by March 2, 2025 (June 30, 2025 for community colleges)

- Most financial aid is need based (family income is used as a guideline) visit for more info on types of aid:

<https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types>

- ❑ Grants and Scholarships are free money, you do not have to repay them
- ❑ Many Colleges will award merit based grants or scholarships – based on high school academic performance
- ❑ Work-study
- ❑ [Types of Financial Aid](#)

FAFSA/CADAA websites



- [FAFSA Application](#)



- [Dream Act Application](#)

Financial Aid Workshop at YVHS December 3, 6:30pm-8:00pm

Information needed for *FAFSA

- Student and Parent information is used
- Social security #
- Permanent Residency Card (non-citizens)
- 2023 Income tax returns
- W-2s
- Cash, checking/save balances
- Record of any untaxed income
- Parent Date of Birth
- Parent month/year marriage/divorce/separated

*Important to create student and parent FSA ID before completing the form. [FAFSA Website](#)

CADAA Information Needed

Students are eligible to complete the CADAA and apply for California aid if they are:

- Undocumented
- Have a valid or expired DACA
- U Visa holders
- Have temporary protected status (TPS)
- Meet non-resident exemption requirements under AB 540
 - Student must have complete at least 3 years in school.

Information needed to complete the form:

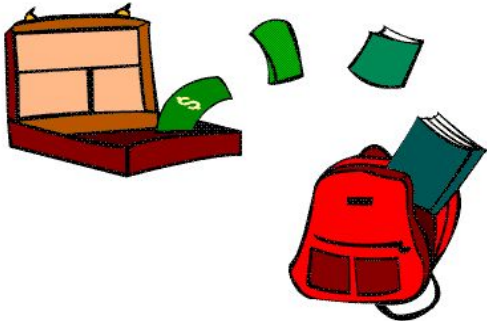
- 2023 Income tax forms
- W-2s
- Cash, checking/save balances
- Record of any untaxed income
- Parent Date of Birth
- Parent month/year marriage/divorce/separated

[Dream Act Website](#)

Scholarship Search

Free Scholarship Search Engines

- A scholarship search company collects information on hundreds of awards and compares your student characteristics with scholarship restrictions. Based on your answers to a questionnaire, you will receive a list of possible scholarships. It is up to you to decide which ones you will apply.
- You should never have to pay for scholarship information. If you're asked to pay a fee for "exclusive" scholarship leads, there's a good chance your scholarship service is really a scholarship scam.
- Check out the list of scholarships at the YV College/Career webpage.
Ygnacio Valley Scholarships open in the Spring 2025.



Free scholarship search



Final Decision: College Choice

- ✓ Visit colleges- take advantage of virtual tours
- ✓ Weigh **Pros** and **Cons** for each college
- ✓ Select a college that meets your needs and preferences
 - 80% of college students change majors
- ✓ Make sure you check your college portal accounts for correspondence from colleges you applied to
- ✓ Pay a deposit by May 1st
- ✓ Take Assessment Tests if needed
- ✓ Send Final Transcripts-request through Ygnacio Valley!
 - *All admissions are conditional until final transcripts are received! (request should be made in May 2025)*



Important Dates

Upcoming Events

Dates	Time	Event
10/1	12:00am	CSU & UC Applications open
10/16	11-12pm	Career Education Fair Field trip
10/22 y 10/24	2:45-3:30pm	Workshop on DVC applications
10/24	6:30-8pm	MDUSD Fair
10/29	8:30am	PSAT testing for 11th grade
12/2	12:00pm	Application deadline for UC & CSU
12/3	6:30-8pm	Financial Aid Night

Student College Application Check off list

- Choose your colleges, update [Californiacolleges.edu](https://californiacolleges.edu) with colleges you choose!
 - DVC applications begins in October attend the Application Workshop 10/22 pr 10/24!
 - *Remember to use your personal email address on all accounts
- Apply between October 1-Dec 2
 - Cal State Apply
 - UC Apply
 - Common App
- Create FAFSA ID NOW! student and for parents**
- Apply for [FAFSA](#) or [CADAA](#) before March 2nd
- Make a [Webgrants Account](#)
- You may start to receive college decisions as early as December, compare financial aid packages to make a decision on which college to attend.
- Make accounts to colleges you applied to
- Check your email daily
- Look into housing as soon as it is available, you will need to make a deposit.
- Apply to Ygnacio Valley Scholarships in the Spring
- Submit your college decision by May 1 or before
- Send final transcript through Ygnacio Valley after final semester grades are posted.

Student apply through
[Californiacolleges.edu](https://californiacolleges.edu)

ATTEND COLLEGE FAIRS!!

College & Career Center

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College Career Website

Application Assistance

Tue/Thur @ Wolf Den & by appt.

