

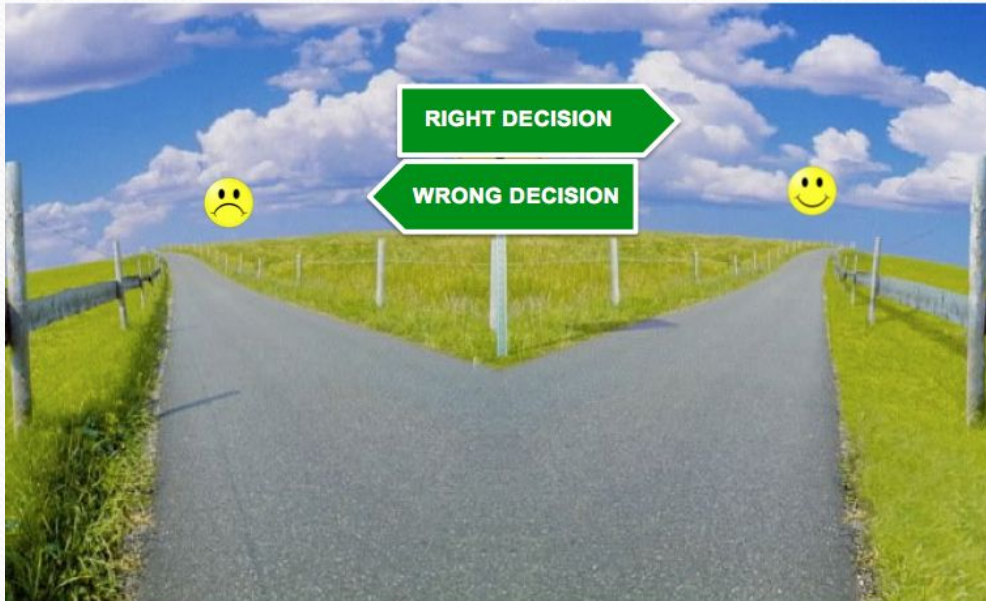
College 101

Fall Family Counseling Night – October 22, 2024

Agenda

- College Systems Overview
- Requirements vs. Selection Process
- College Testing
- College Writing
- High School Timeline
- Questions & Answers (if time permits)

Which College is the BEST?



College Systems

Public Schools

- Community Colleges
- California State University (CSU)
- University of California (UC)
- Out of State Public Schools

Private Schools

- For Profit vs. Not For Profit
- Each college is their own entity with unique requirements

COLLEGE ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

CSU-23

(California State University)

YOU NEED...

-A-G COURSES

- MINIMUM 2.5 A-G GPA

"C"/"CR" OR HIGHER IN A-G COURSES

No SAT/ACT Required

- Hands-on learning
- Prepares students for current & future workforce demands
- Impaction:
 - Campus level
 - Program/Major level
- Redirection
- No essays or letters

Application window Oct 1st to Nov 30th

Apply on [CSU Application](#)

UC-9

(University of California)

YOU NEED...

-A-G COURSES

-MINIMUM 3.0 A-G GPA

"C"/"CR" OR HIGHER IN A-G COURSES

-No SAT/ACT Required
PERSONAL INSIGHT QUESTIONS (PIQ)

- Research institutions
- Eligibility vs. selection: Apply broadly
- PIQ's are viewed as an interview
- Provide context
- No letters of rec

Application submission open from Oct 1-Nov 30th

Apply on: [UC Application](#)

PRIVATE/ Out-of-State

YOU NEED...

-REQUIRED COURSES VARY

-GPA VARIES (USUALLY 3.0+)

-CHECK EACH SCHOOL RE: SAT OR ACT WITH WRITING

-CHECK EACH SCHOOL RE:

- PERSONAL ESSAYS
- LETTER OF RECS

- Research each school for requirements
- Letters of rec usually required
- Supplemental essays
- Extracurriculars, leadership, commitment
- Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE)

Application Deadline Varies

Apply on: Check each college website on how to apply

Community College-116

YOU NEED...

-DIPLOMA/GED

-NO GPA

(2.0 RECOMMENDED FOR FINANCIAL AID)

- Transfer agreements (TAG, ADT)
- Certificate or Degree
- Every college offers different programs
- Do research and visit! (support and outreach program)
- Have an idea of what you want to do/study
- CA Promise
 - Placement based on HS Transcript

Deadline: Rolling

Must complete Orientation before you Enroll

Community Colleges

- 116 Community Colleges in California
- Certificate programs
- Associates degrees (A.A. & A.S.)
- Transfer to a 4-year university
- Campuses all feel very different, a few have dorms
- Many offer honors programs or academic support programs
- Meet with a counselor early to make a plan!

Community College Requirements

- 18 years or older
- High School Diploma or GED
- Must complete Financial Aid application to be eligible for California Promise
- California Promise = Free college tuition for two years and other benefits!

Transfer Route: Community College → UC/CSU



ADT (CSU)

A Degree with a Guarantee



Colleges Find a Career Transfer Degrees & Certificates Financial Aid

ASSOCIATE DEGREE FOR TRANSFER

Are you ready to take your education to the next level? Complete your major preparation and general education requirements at a California community college to get a guaranteed saved spot at



TAG (UC)

Transfer Admission Guarantee
6 out of 9 UC's (most majors)

Admission rates (fall 2024 - CA Residents)

(first-year vs transfer)

- ❖ UCLA
➤ 10% → 26%
- ❖ UC Berkeley
➤ 15% → 30%
- ❖ UC San Diego
➤ 26% → 61%

UC Transfer Admission Guarantee

Who participates in the TAG program?

Davis | Irvine

Merced

Riverside

Santa Barbara

Santa Cruz

Important Note: You can only TAG one campus at a time!



CA Public University Differences

California State University

- 23 CSU schools
- “Hands-on/Career Ready” education
- Each campus is unique
- www.calstate.edu/apply

University of California

- 9 Schools (undergraduate)
- Research emphasis
- Each campus is unique
- www.universityofcalifornia.edu

CA Public University Requirements

CSU

- 2.5 GPA (some exceptions based on supplemental factors)
- A-G course sequence
 - “C” or higher
- Impacted campuses/majors will have higher GPAs

UC

- 3.0 GPA
- A-G course sequence
 - “C” or higher
- Personal Insight Questions

Public Universities

California State University

University of California

THE 23 OUTSTANDING CAMPUSES OF THE CSU



Private Universities/Out of State

- Over 70 private/independent schools in California, many more across US
- All vary in teaching/educational philosophy
- Visit each school's website for more information
- Wide-range of population sizes (large schools & small schools)
- Faith-based schools (ex. St. Mary's, Azusa Pacific, Biola, Santa Clara)
- Vocational-based schools (FIDM, Culinary Institutions, Univ. of Phoenix)
- WUE schools= instate tuition

Private University Requirements

- Each school has their own requirements (check each school's website) but often similar to UC requirements
 - GPA
 - Course sequence
 - Testing requirements
 - Other requirements (Letters of Recommendation, Essays, etc.)

College Testing terms explained

Test Optional: students are not required to have test scores with their application. If they take the test, the student can decide whether to send scores (if they think it will help their application.) Ex. USF, Santa Clara University

Test Blind: test scores will not be considered at all in the application review. Ex. all UC and CSU schools

Test Required: students must take the SAT or ACT and send their scores with their application. Ex. MIT, Georgia Tech, Purdue

Test expected/Test preferred: expect applicants to submit SAT/ACT scores

Testing Recommended Timeline

9th grade

- ▷ Practice Tests on Khan Academy for SAT

10th grade

- ▷ Practice for the PSAT, SAT and AP through Collegeboard
- ▷ PSAT October of Sophomore year

11th grade

- ▷ PSAT in October
- ▷ SAT & ACT early Spring of Junior year
- ▷ Retake SAT or ACT late Spring of Junior year
- ▷ AP Exams May of Junior year (only if it applies)

FUHSD fee waivers
available upon
request for those
who qualify

[District Testing Information](#) (you can find dates/locations)

PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test)

★ 10th and 11th graders only

SEPTEMBER
-Registration

OCTOBER
-Test Date:
One Day Only

JANUARY
-Scores/Analysis
Returned
-Khan Academy

On average students score 145 pts. higher on SAT!

Comprehensive/Holistic Review

(UC's and Private Schools)

- GPA & Test Scores
- # of A-G courses beyond minimum requirements
- Rigor of schedule (Honors and AP classes)
- Quality of students senior year program (at least 5 classes!)
- Quality of academic performance relative to educational opportunities available at the high school
- Academic accomplishments in light of student's life experiences
- Extra-curricular activities, leadership opportunities, talents, awards

College writing (PIQ & Personal Essays)

- Community College, no essays required
- CSU, no essays required except for certain selective programs
- UC, Personal Insight Questions

Students choose 4 of 8 to respond to

“Interview on Paper”

- Private/Out of State universities- often require essays and supplemental questions to respond to

College Reps Say...

- The essay doesn't make or break an application, it is just one piece
- They want to get to know the student, want to hear their authentic voice
- Purpose of essay:
 - Tell your story
 - Showcase your personality
 - Demonstrate what is important to you
- Avoid:
 - Using words that aren't you, cliches, trying to find the magic formula (there isn't one!)

Eligibility vs Selection

University of San Francisco 

Virtual Tour

Communicate 

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Overview

Studies

Student Life

Admissions

Costs

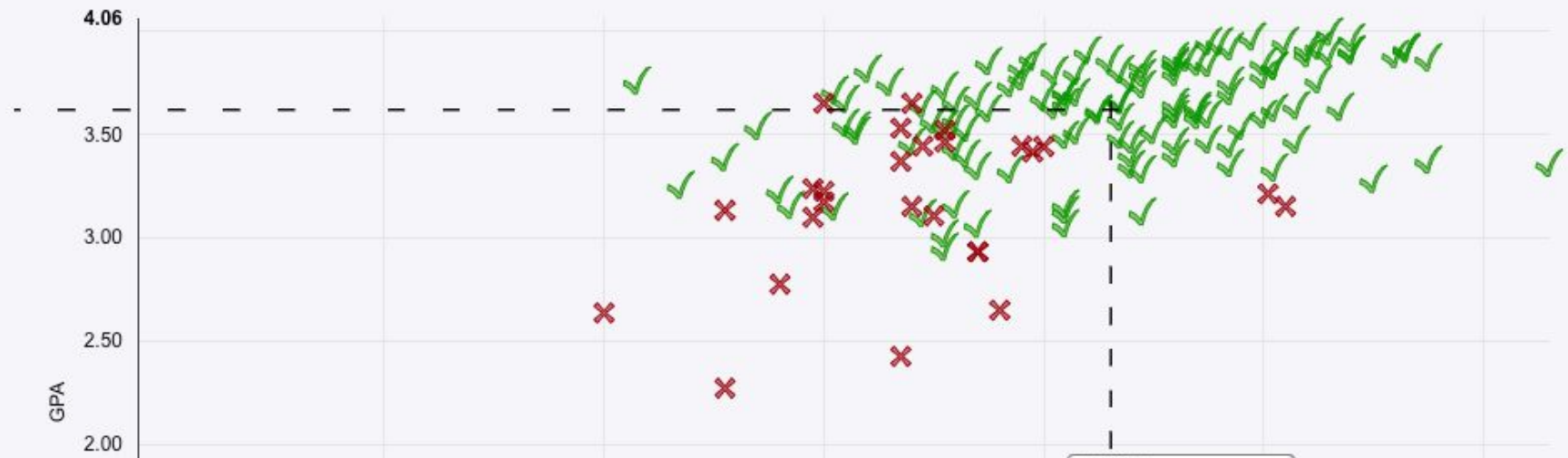
Scattergrams | Applications for Fremont High School

Comparing

Unweighted GPA 

with

SAT (1600) 



Staying Competitive

- Go beyond the minimum (i.e. years of math, language, science)
- Challenge yourself in subjects you are interested in
- Get involved in your school and/or the larger community
- Pursue what you are interested in
- Use your summers: programs, internships, paid jobs, summer classes, volunteer work, informational interviews
- Senior year schedule - keep the rigor

High School Timeline

9th Grade

- Focus on Grades
- Get involved!
- College Visits
- Summer Programs

10th Grade

- PSAT
- Career Exploration
- College Visits
- Summer Programs

High School Timeline

11th Grade

- SAT/ACT (if taking)
- Start making a college list
- Attend Rep Visits in the fall
- Visit schools if possible!

12th Grade

- Apply to 4 Year Colleges (Fall)
- Financial Aid (Fall/Winter)
- College Decisions (Spring)
- Apply to Community College (Spring)

Types of Financial Aid

- Grants- free money, you don't pay back. Must complete financial aid application.
- Scholarships- free money, you don't pay back. Must complete separate applications.
- Work Study- employment on campus or nearby, flexible with school schedule. Must complete financial aid application.
- Loans- must be repaid, don't have to take all, check the repayment plans/interest rates carefully

High School Graduation Requirements vs. A-G Requirements

High School

- Grades of D or better for credit
- Two years of math (Alg 1 and Geo)
- Can graduate without either a language or fine art

A-G Requirements

- Grades of C or higher
- At least three years of math (minimum Algebra 2)
- At least level 2 of World Language
- Fine art required

Being First Generation

- Consider joining programs like AVID!
- Many colleges offer support programs specifically designed to support First-Gen students
- Attend workshops, check your emails, meet with your counselor to ask any questions
 - It's okay not to know how it all works! We are here to help you.
- Talk about being first in your family to attend college in your application
- Utilize resources available to you!

FHS Counseling Team

- [Check out our website](#) (access through the FHS website)
- Grade level presentations (two times per year)
- Parents & Student Family Nights
- Tutorial Workshops
- Encourage your students to come meet with us!












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SCHOOL COUNSELING TEAM

The philosophy of the Fremont School Counseling Department is to help support students through their academic, career and personal development. Utilizing individual meetings, classroom presentations and evening programs, the guidance team works at helping every student meet their individual goals.

It is important to keep your contact information and email address updated in Infinite Campus so you can receive guidance emails and to check the website often for program updates.

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- School Counseling Team
 - Calendar & Events
 - Frequently Asked Questions
 - Transcripts
- High School Planning**
- College & Career Planning
- Student Wellness & Resources
- Climate Office
- Incoming Students