

Concord High School

**Welcome to
College/Career
Information Night**



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Who are your Counselors?

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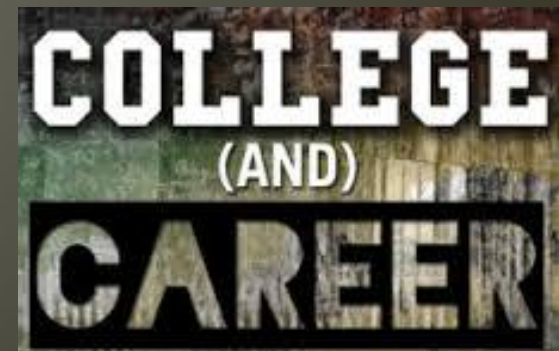
Nashon Williams, VP - 10th/12th grades

Kevin Honey, VP - 9th/11th grades

Who are your Administrators?



How Can Counselors Help You?



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

College/Career-Going Culture

A-G List:

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



Credit Recovery Options

- APEX
- Summer School
- Alternative Ed

College & Career Center

Sheila Bergum, Advisor

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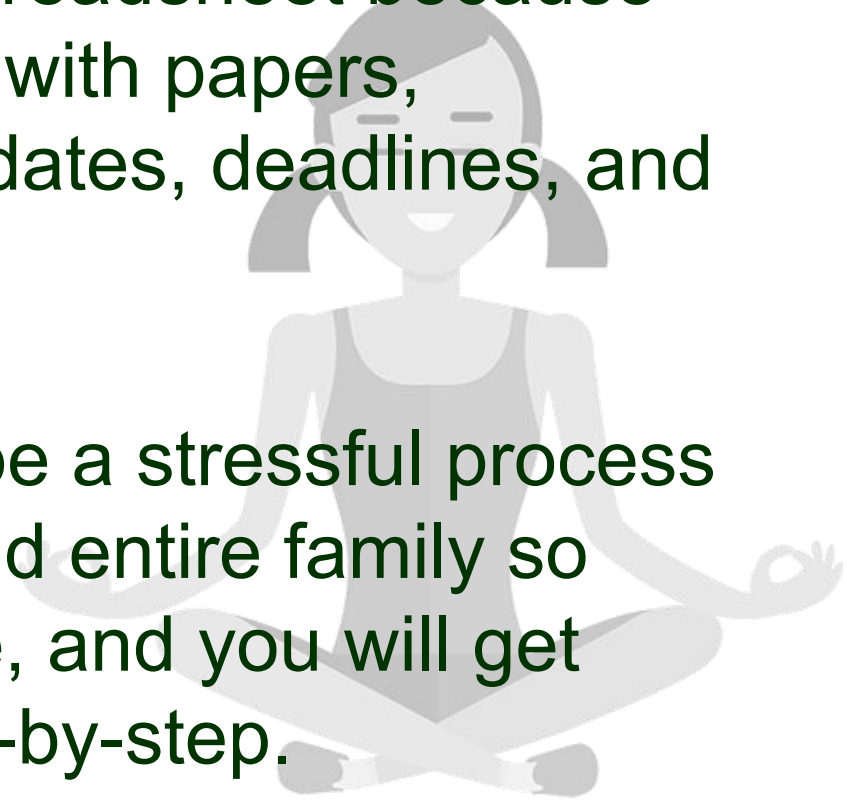
- Information on:
 - Colleges
 - Careers
 - Training programs
 - Military
- PSAT, SAT, ACT, AP Testing
- CaliforniaColleges.edu
- College Applications
- Financial Aid
- Scholarships
- NCAA



College Admission Process

Just Breathe

- **Stay organized.** You are going to need a binder and/or create a spreadsheet because you will be overwhelmed with papers, passwords, usernames, dates, deadlines, and requirements.
- **Step-by-step.** This can be a stressful process for the student, parent and entire family so remember to just breathe, and you will get through the process step-by-step.



Getting Started

Establish Goals

- ▣ Community college or Four-year college?
- ▣ UCs or CSUs?
- ▣ Private/Out-of state, including WUE schools
 - ▣ Don't rule out 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



College Search Tool
Major Search Tool

www.californiacolleges.edu

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.**
- **Community colleges (2 year) 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.**

Apply Broadly

Reach

- Selective to Highly Selective
- May meet the minimum eligibility but school may look above the minimum
- Some colleges are reach 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
- School guarantees admission with minimum GPA, etc.

College search tool in CaliforniaColleges.edu is a good tool for starting college research for campus specific information and then the list can be narrowed down.

Important Factors in College Admission

- **Rigor of Coursework**
- **Grades/GPA in college prep courses (A-G)**
 - Academic GPA vs Total GPA
- **Information provided in personal statements/UC personal insight q's**
- **Activities and Extracurriculars - Commitment/Progression/Leadership**
 - Activities on campus - student run clubs or organizations
 - Volunteering for community groups
 - Part-time jobs
 - Taking care of family at home
- **Test scores (Depends on the institution!)**
 - SAT, ACT for competitive/impacted majors at institutions that accept them
 - UC/CSU test free
 - Over 2,000+ degree granting institutions will be test-optional or test free for fall 2025 application cycle [Fairtest.org](https://www.fairtest.org)

Standardized Tests

- **PSAT/NMSQT** (Optional 11th grade)
- **SAT or ACT**- UCs and CSUs no longer use for admission or scholarship, but some test optional institutions might accept.
 - Fairtest.org for list of over 2,000 test optional institutions across the U.S.
- **AP**- UCs, CSUs scores of 3,4, or 5 will meet requirements for some courses. Check with institution for specific requirements

Admission Requirements

California State Universities

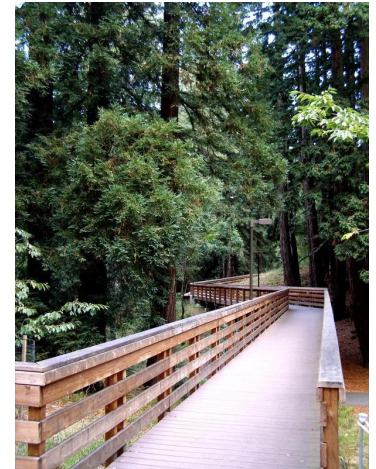
- “A-G” courses (minimum grade of C)
- Minimum GPA of 2.5
- Students earning a GPA between 2.00- 2.49 may be evaluated for admission based on supplemental factors.
- One application for all 23 campuses
- Do not send transcript unless requested
- Application - October 1- November 30
- Launch/match application through CaliforniaColleges.edu platform
- \$70.00 application fee per campus
- Waiver determined in application



Admission Requirements

University of California

- A-G courses (minimum C)
- Minimum GPA = 3.0
- Must have completed 11 of the 15 required A-G by end of junior year
- Test Free
- No Transcript or Letters of Recommendation unless requested
- 4/8 Personal Insight Questions
- Extra-Curricular Activities
- Supplemental applications for some programs
- \$80 application fee per campus
- Submit application between October 1 - December 2



CSU/UC Estimated Costs

2025-2026

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

| California State University (Chico State, living on campus) | | University of California (Institution wide, living on campus) | |
|--|-----------------|--|-------------------|
| Tuition/Fees (Varies from campus to campus) | \$8, 472 | Tuition Fees | \$14,934 1,700 |
| Books & Supplies | 1,100 | Books & Supplies | 1,400 |
| Room & Board | 16,500 | Room & Board | 20,500 |
| Transportation | 740 | Transportation & Personal | 3,200 |
| Personal | 2,280 | Health Insurance (can be waived) | 3,500 |
| Total Estimated Costs | \$29,092 | Total Estimated Costs | \$45,234 |

Net Price Calculator on US Department of Education: <https://collegecost.ed.gov/net-price>





Out-Of-State Option: WUE

Western Undergraduate Exchange

What is WUE? (pronounced Woo-Wee)

Western Undergraduate Exchange

- **15 Western states have a reciprocal agreement that allows students from these states to attend colleges at in-state tuition plus 50% of the institution's resident tuition.**
- **Not all schools**
- **Not all majors**
- **Not all students are eligible**
- **These colleges are worth checking out because programs are not impacted, and many students graduate in four years.**

<https://www.wiche.edu/wue> for more info.

Historically Black Colleges & Universities - HBCUs

- **Majority of HBCU institutions are in Southern and Eastern US**
 - Over 100 institutions
 - Alabama has 14 HBCUs
 - California has its own HBCU: Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science
- **HBCUs are a mix of public and private institutions**
 - HBCUs champion diversity
 - “Divine Nine” are a significant part of HBCU culture - Black Fraternities and Sororities
- **HBCUs represent only 3% of American institutions, yet they produce 16% Bachelor degrees and 25% STEM Bachelor degrees received by black students**
- **HBCU College Caravan Fair in February**



Admission Requirements Private/Out-of-State

- Courses- most are satisfied with A-G, but some require additional math or science courses**
- SAT/ACT- many institutions are test optional for class of 2025, but check with institution for specific policy**
- Early Action/Early Decision options at some institutions**
- Essays and/or work samples**
- Extra-Curricular Activities (required by some; not ALL)**
- Letters of Recommendation (required by some)**
- Transcripts**
- School Profile**
- Secondary/Mid-year School Report**

CHECK THE COLLEGE WEBSITE FOR SPECIFIC REQ'S

Common Application Process

- ✓ Students applying to a private or out-of-state college typically use the Common Application (Common App)
- ✓ Student will be asked to invite their counselor and teachers to recommend them using the teachers email address.
- ✓ Complete a senior brag sheet posted in senior google classroom and share with teacher/counselor recommender
- ✓ Student needs to ask their recommender if they will write a letter *before* they invite them on the common app.
- ✓ Common Application or student can access through CaliforniaColleges.edu.



Community Colleges

- 18 years old, high school graduate or have GED or Certificate of Proficiency
- Senior year, students attend DVC Kick Start application workshops in fall and spring
- March through June: Students register at DVC and attend Counseling 095
- Currently DVC Classes are \$47.00 a unit, and the average cost to attend full time is \$1700.00 a year.
- Free Tuition Program- Full time, Free tuition
 - Must complete FAFSA or CADAA to be eligible
 - Full time, grade requirements to remain eligible

Career Education

An alternate pathway for post-secondary education

- ❑ Certification programs at community colleges (116 in California)
- ❑ Art schools (California College of Arts, Academy of Art)
- ❑ Cosmetology schools (Paris Beauty College, Paul Mitchell, Urban Barber)
- ❑ Military or Military Academy (Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Academies)
- ❑ Apprenticeship programs (Plumbers/Steamfitters, Carpenters, Electricians, Ironworkers, Sheet metal workers, Masons)
- ❑ Career Colleges for specific skills



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

Career Education Fair

Concord High

Wednesday, October 16
9:00 am - 12:30 pm

There are many other options in addition to a traditional 4-year college path. Find out about different training programs after high school that lead to great paying jobs and interesting careers.

11/12 graders will attend this school day event through social science classes.

CAREER EDUCATION FAIR 2024

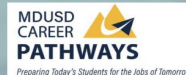
Explore Your Future!
Connect with representatives from organizations in these career fields

- ✓ Apprenticeship Programs/Trades
- ✓ Healthcare Career Training
- ✓ Digital & Graphic Art Programs
- ✓ Public Service Training Programs
- ✓ Cosmetology
- ✓ Hospitality
- ✓ Military
- ✓ Community College Programs

 October 16, 2024

 9:00am - 12:30pm

 Concord High School
4200 Concord Blvd.



Financial Aid



- FAFSA: Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- CADAA: California Dream Act application
- Both applications can be launched through CaliforniaColleges.edu
- 2025-2026 FAFSA/CADAA in December (Revision)
 - Can create FSA ID now
- Must be completed and submitted by March 2
 - Most financial aid is need based
 - <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types>
 - Grants & Scholarships are free money, you do not have to repay them
 - Many colleges award merit based grants or scholarships
 - based on high school academic performance
 - Work-study
- CSS Profile for private institutions - institutional methodology

FAFSA/CADAA websites

The image shows two overlapping website screenshots. The top screenshot is the FAFSA website, featuring a navigation bar with links for 'Help Center', 'Submit a Complaint', and 'English | Español'. Below the navigation is the 'Federal Student Aid' logo and a menu with options like 'FAFSA® Form', 'Loans and Grants', 'Loan Repayment', and 'Loan Forgiveness'. A central banner reads 'A Better 2024-25 FAFSA® Form' and includes a 'Start New Form' button. The bottom screenshot is the California Student Aid Commission website, with a navigation bar for 'Home', 'CA.GOV', 'CSAC.CA.GOV', 'Privacy Policy', and 'Help'. It features the 'CA.GOV' logo and a large banner for the 'CALIFORNIA DREAM ACT' with the text 'Apply by March 2' and a photo of a smiling student. A text box below the banner explains the California Dream Act Application.

An official website of the United States government. Help Center Submit a Complaint English | Español

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A Better 2024-25 FAFSA® Form

The 2024-25 FAFSA form is now available. We've started sending submitted applications to colleges and states. [Learn more about 2024-25 FAFSA updates.](#)

2024-25 FAFSA® Form

Start New Form Access Existing Form

Need to access last year's form? [Edit a 2023-24 FAFSA Form](#)

Check FAFSA® Deadlines for the State You Live in

Some states and colleges use information from the FAFSA form to determine your eligibility for their grants, scholarships, and loans. Check your state's deadlines here!

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School Year

CALIFORNIA DREAM ACT
Apply by March 2

The California Dream Act Application allows students interested in attending eligible California Colleges, Universities and Career Education Programs to apply for state financial aid. This application is unrelated to the federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

Financial Aid Workshop at CHS this winter

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.
- Local scholarships are shared in announcements and posted in the College & Career Center and on social media



Free scholarship search engines:

www.unigo.com

www.CollegeBoard.com

www.fastweb.com

www.scholarships.com

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
- ✓ Seniors need to check college portal accounts for correspondence from colleges they applied to in the fall
- ✓ Pay deposit by May 1st - Student Intent to Register deadline
- ✓ Take Assessment Tests if needed
- ✓ Send Final Transcripts - request through Parchment

All admissions are conditional until final transcripts are received!

CaliforniaColleges.edu



The Tools on CaliforniaColleges.edu



The State of California's official college and career planning platform

We provide students with:



Career Exploration

College and Major Search

CSU and UC Eligibility Tools

Financial Aid Lessons

College and Financial Aid Application Integrations

We provide educators with:



Data Alignment Support

"a-g" Progress Monitoring

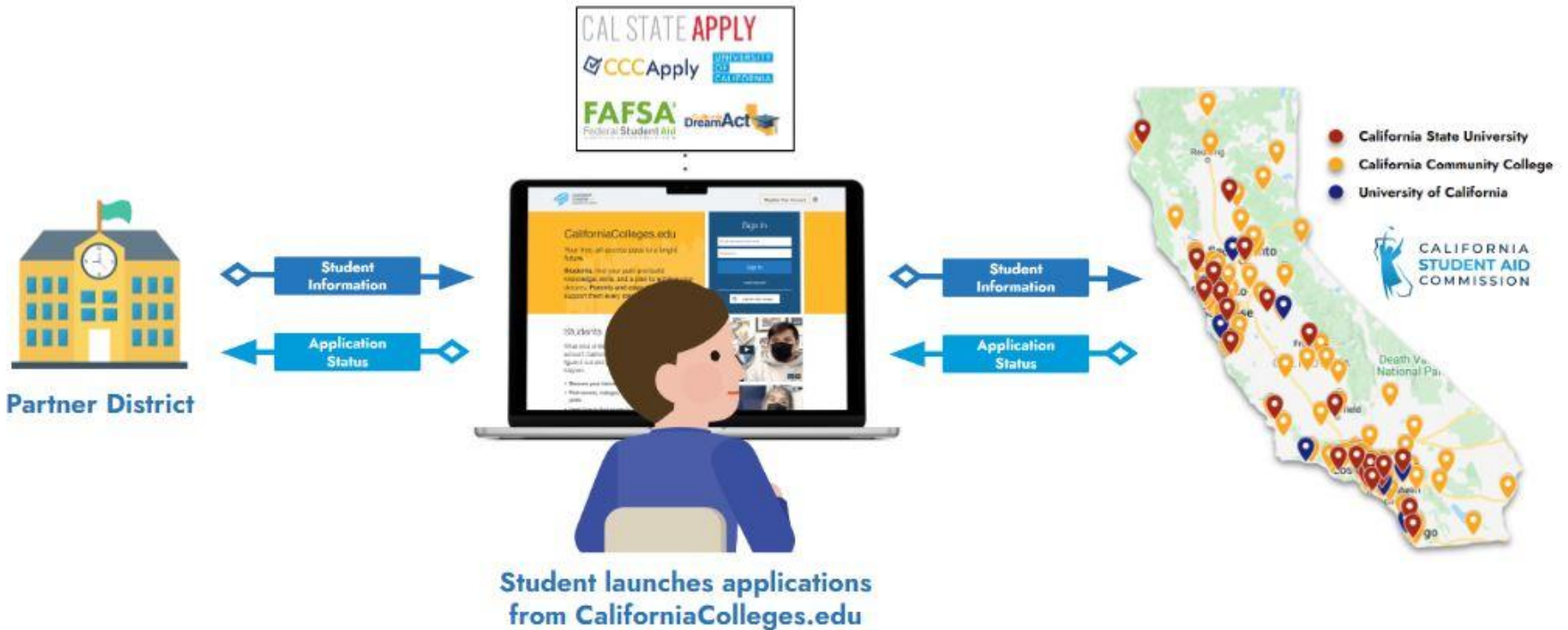
College and Financial Aid Application Tracking

Reporting Tools to Support Timely and Intentional Intervention

CaliforniaColleges.edu



Connecting California's Systems



Parent Accounts can be created to help keep your student on track
Translate CaliforniaColleges.edu using Google Translate

College & Career Center

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□ Social Media:

- Instagram @chs_collegeandcareercenter
- Facebook @collegecareerchs
- Twitter @ConcordHighCCC



Upcoming Events



DVC Day at Concord High - September 20

DVC Kick Start Application Workshop advisory - September 26

Colleges on Campus Visits - September through November

Application Workshops - throughout the year

Career Education Fair - October 16, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

**MDUSD College Fair at Ygnacio Valley High
October 24, 6:30 - 8:00 pm**

Cash for College Workshop/Financial Aid Night - January 2024