



ALAMEDA HIGH SCHOOL

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SENIORS: *Once you have submitted all of your college applications:*

- CHECK YOUR EMAIL
- READ YOUR EMAIL
- Every school you applied to will be emailing you instructions to follow.
PLEASE follow their instructions!! This is the #1 mistake seniors make: not checking their email after they submit. Check your SPAM!
- Update SCOIR: make sure all of the schools you have applied to are added into your “Applied” column.

Community College Enrollment:

- Graduating Seniors: enrollment for Summer/Fall 2025 for all CA community colleges begins in March/April.
- What can I do now? Submit your FAFSA or CADAA. Financial aid is available for Community College

The 2025-26 Financial Aid Application: the [FAFSA](#) (Free Application For Student Aid) and [CADAA](#) (CA Dream Act App) - Is now available online. [Their Beta testing period has finished.](#) More information on page 2.

JUNIORS: AUSD will be offering an opportunity for juniors to take the SAT this spring (tentatively May). You will not find this information on the Collegeboard registration page. I am letting you know so you know that there will be an opportunity to take the SAT in Alameda. Be patient and we will let you know the test date and when juniors can register.

Want some practice taking a full length exam? Cost \$10 each. Register [HERE](#)

Virtual Mock SAT Sat. 2/1/25 9:00 am

Virtual Mock ACT Sat. 2/8/25 9:00 am

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FAFSA & CADAA - Financial Aid for all Seniors!

Mark your Calendars Seniors:

Upcoming Cash for College Workshop

Cash for College Workshops are available to help families submit their FAFSA or CADAA applications for 2025-26 school year. [Information Doc.](#)

There will be two Cash for College workshops in Alameda for families who need help with their application.

- **No sign ups needed.**
- **Bring a laptop or Chromebook**

Late January - Encinal High will be hosting a Cash for College Workshop

Thursday 2/6/25 - Alameda High will be hosting a Cash for College Workshop 5:30pm

Helpful Videos:

- [How do I fill out the FAFSA form?](#)
- [Understand & Prepare FAFSA form Contributors](#)
- [Create your FSA ID](#) ahead of time
- [How Do I Create a StudentAid.gov Account If I Don't Have a Social Security Number?](#)
- [Who is a Contributor on the FAFSA Form?](#)
- [Gather your documents](#)

FYI: AUSD has already submitted every senior's Cal Grant GPA to CSAC for Verification.

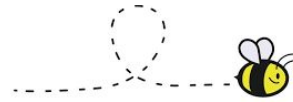
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FRESHMEN & SOPHOMORES:

What can you be doing for life after high school?

- 1) **Do well in school:** This is the one thing you have control over. That means getting a C or better in all of your classes. If you get a D/F in a class for even one semester, you need to talk to your counselor about how you can re-take (or remediate) that semester. Don't wait until senior year to correct these grades.
- 2) **Get involved:** Join an AHS club, play a sport, volunteer, get a job. Listing your "activities" is a big section on college applications. Try [Volunteermatch](#). Dog walking & babysitting are activities that can be listed on college apps. [ARPD](#) offers a volunteer position for those under 16 and paid positions for 16+. Getting job shows responsibility and the \$\$ is good.
- 3) **Get creative:** Whether you are playing music, growing a garden or learning to knit/crochet this is an activity. Figure out what you are interested in. Do you like to make videos? Create a YouTube Channel or social media account to showcase your work. Love sports? Make a podcast with your friends and talk sports/the draft. Virtual yoga with your friends?
- 4) **Stay curious:** If you loved Biology and you want to expand your knowledge, think about taking a summer class. If you love running, train for a 5K, 10K or marathon.

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