

Ygnacio Valley High

Home of the Wolves

**Welcome to
College
Parent Night**



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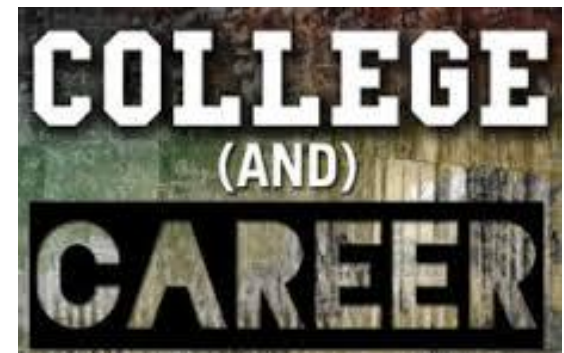
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How Can Counselors Help You?



Academics



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 Credit Recovery)
- Summer School (On Campus)
- Alternative Education
(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 3.5+
- 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 3.5
- Quality and quantity of courses completed
- Rigor of coursework is important
- Extracurricular activities - sports, volunteering, clubs, work, and music.
- College Entrance Exams SAT, ACT (SAT and/or ACT sent directly to each college. Costs SAT \$68, ACT 69. Used for private or out of state colleges)
- Admissions for community colleges is HS diploma only.
- Change for UC, CSU (no longer needed) No test req. for community college.

Mrs. Cardona has SAT fee waivers, if a student needs one.

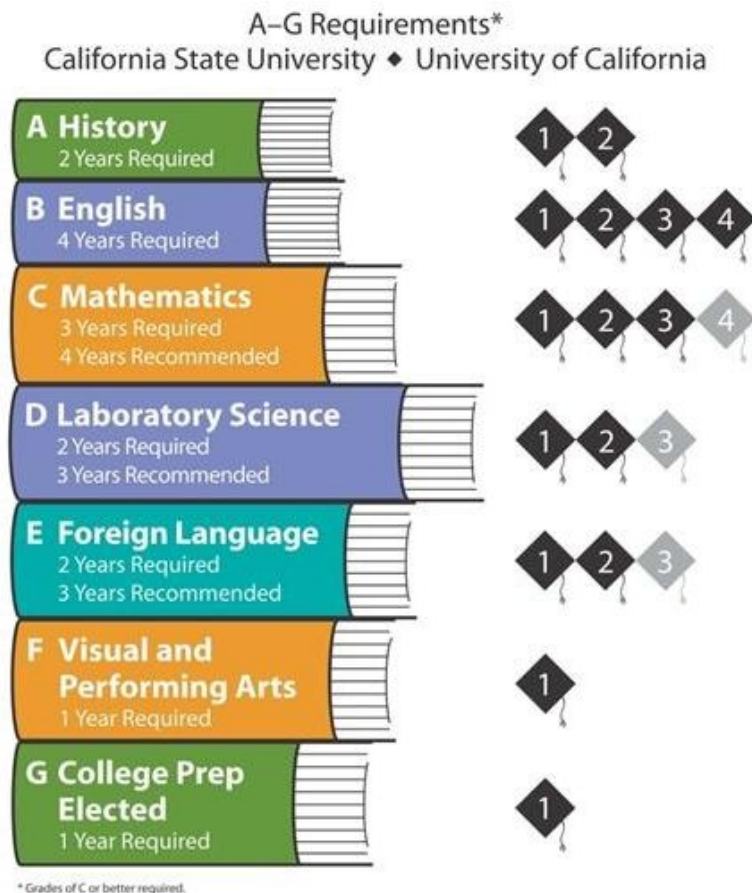
To Consider

- 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



*Entrance requirements for students attending 4-year college after HS.

*Community college has no entrance requirements only HS graduation.

Admission to DVC

- Be 18 years old, high school diploma or have GED or Certificate of Proficiency
- November 4 & 6, students will attend a DVC Application Workshop at YV Library.
- Students complete online application
- January through June: Students register at DVC and attend Counseling 095 online
- 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 [DVC Cost Calculator](#)
 - Must complete FAFSA or CADAA to be eligible

Professional Career Schools

An Alternative Path to Post-Secondary Education

- **Huge range in program types:**

- Certification programs at community colleges (DVC, LMC, CCC, Solano, etc..)
- Art schools (California College of Arts, Academy of Art,)
- 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

CSU/UC Estimated Costs 2026-2027

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

California State University CSU (East Bay, living on campus)	Expenses	University of California UC (Institution wide, living on campus)	Expenses
Tuition & Fees	\$7,583	Tuition & Fees	\$17,084
Books & Supplies	\$1,029	Books & Supplies	\$1,500
Room & meals	\$11,493	Room & meals	\$21,300
Transportation	\$1,791	Personal transportation	\$3,400
Personal	\$2,876	Health Insurance (can be waived)	\$3,700
Total Estimated Costs <u>2026-27 Estimated Undergraduate Cost of Attendance</u> <u>CSU Grants</u>	\$24,772 *W/Financial Aid 2,000-14,00 per year	Total Estimated Costs <u>Estimated average costs for California residents, 2026-27</u> <u>Campus Calculator</u>	\$46,984 *W/Financial Aid \$ 0-14,000 per year <u>How aid works</u> <u>UC Grants Blue & Gold</u>

FINANCIAL AID



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

OR

 **CADAA:** California Dream Act application <https://dream.csac.ca.gov/landing> (for undocumented or students without SSN)

 Submit your 2026-2027 FAFSA/CADAA starting October 1, 2025

 Must be completed and submitted by March 2, 2026

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

Information needed from student & Parent for *FAFSA

- Student and Parent information is used
- Social security #
- Permanent Residency Card (non-citizens)
 - Parents do not need to be citizens for students to receive aid
- 2024 Income tax returns
- W-2s
- Cash, checking/savings 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:

2024 Income tax forms

W-2s

Cash, checking/save balances

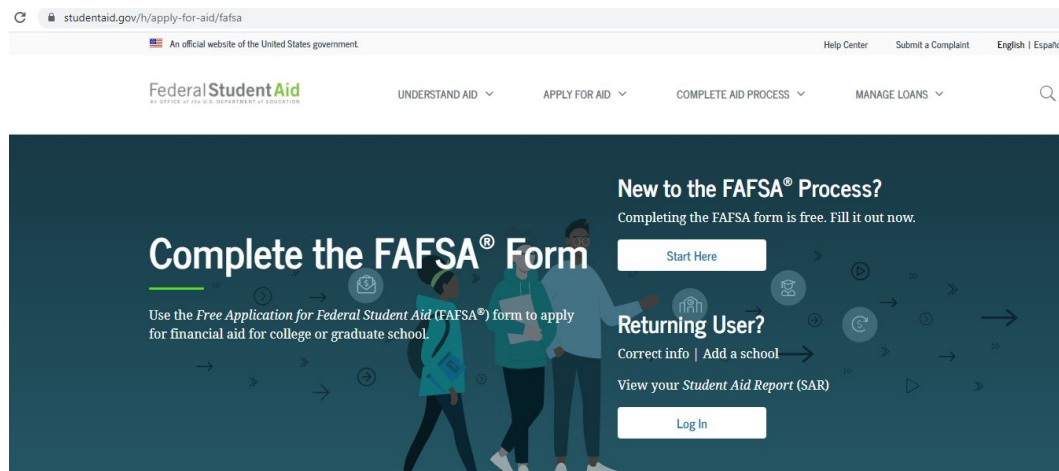
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Financial Aid Workshop at YVHS November 5th 6:00pm-8:00pm

FAFSA/CADAA websites



- [FAFSA Application](#)

- [Dream Act Application](#)



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 2026.



[Free scholarship search](#)



Important Dates

Upcoming Events

Dates	Time	Event
10/1	12:00am	CSU & UC Applications open
10/15	11-12pm	Career Education Fair Field trip to Concord High
11/5	6:00-8pm	Financial Aid Night @ Ygnacio Valley High
11/4 & 11/6	2:45-3:30pm	Workshop on DVC applications @ YV Library
10/23	6-8pm	MDUSD College Fair @ Ygnacio Valley High
10/29	8:30am	PSAT testing for 11th grade @ YV Library
12/1	12:00pm	Application deadline for UC & CSU
12/6	TBD	SAT Testing @ Ygnacio Valley High

Help with completing college applications is available in the career center every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:45-3:30. Students are welcome to attend as often as they like for counseling and assistance. Parents are also welcome to discuss their students' options.

Student College Application Check Off List

- ☐ Choose your colleges, update Californiacolleges.edu with colleges you choose!
 - ☐ DVC applications begins in November attend the Application Workshop 11/4 or 11/06!
 - ☐ *Remember to use your personal email address on all accounts
- ☐ Apply between October 1-Dec 1
 - ☐ Cal State Apply
 - ☐ UC Apply
 - ☐ Common App
- ☐ **Create FAFSA ID NOW!** student and for parent
- ☐ Apply for [FAFSA](#) or [CADAA](#) after Oct. 1, 2025
- ☐ 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

ATTEND COLLEGE FAIRS!!

California Colleges.edu

Parents can connect with our new platform to see student progress in college readiness.

Instruction on how to register are here:

[English](#)

[Spanish](#)



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College & Career Center

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College Career Website

Application Assistance

Tue/Thur @ Wolf Den & by appt.

Thank you!

