WELCOME TO JUNIOR PARENT COLLEGE NIGHT

You can access to this presentation the following ways:

- **We will share in the Grizzly Guide Newsletter (Monday, 1/19/26)**
- **Posted to student Canvas classroom: Class of 2027**
  - **Presentation under *College Resources***
  - **<u>Directions on how to set up your parent observer account</u>**

OVERVIEW

- College Preparation & Options
- College Applications
- Financial Aid
- College & Career Services







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ADVISING

- Counselors met with students who had English last semester & will be going into English classes on January 15 for those who have English this term to go over post-secondary options, FAFSA/CADAA.

- Presentations can be accessed through Canvas Classroom for Class of 2027

- Graduation Status letter will be mailed out in February

- Advising will begin at the end of the month in your student's 2nd period class where counselors meet each student to go over Transcript/classes for senior year.





NEXT STEPS

- Look at freshmen requirements for admission at a 4 year institute
- Consider taking or re-taking SAT or ACT
  - **Fairtest.org** - you can see if an SAT/ACT is required for admission to any college being considered.
- Utilize CaliforniaColleges.edu & College Board to research post-high school options (2-year colleges, 4-year colleges, Trade/Technical Schools, Military, etc.)
- Prospective College Athletes: Register with NCAA Eligibility Center www.elgibilitycenter.org

PARENT ACCESS:



California Colleges

RJUHSD has partnered with CaliforniaColleges.edu, California's official college & career planning platform.
Student accounts are active with access to all the incredible tools!

To activate your student account:

- Single-step login with Google using your student Gmail account.

Parents/Guardians may also register for an account using their student's **STATE Student ID.**

- Find your student's state ID in Homelink/Aeries under *Demographics*, click the *General* tab.
- The State Student ID number is generally 9 digits long. **DO NOT** use your GBHS Student ID number.

A-G MININUM REQUIREMENTS

A. History - 2 years
B. English - 4 years
C. Math - 3 years (at least through CCIM3)
D. Lab Science- 2 years (1 life & 1 physical)
E. World Language - 2 years of the same language
F. Visual/Performing Arts - 1 year
G. College Prep Elective - 1 year

Students MUST earn C-'s or higher in the above courses
*Remediation options available through Credit Recovery



UC & CSU'S

UC's (University of California)

- 9 campuses
- Comprehensive Review
- GPA (minimum 3.0 weighted)
- 4 PIQ's
- Extracurriculars/strength of curriculum

CSU's (California State University)

- 23 campuses
- Each school has a geographical region that they cater to first
- GPA (minimum 2.5 weighted) *will consider those with a 2.0-2.49



***UC & CSU: NO LETTERS OF RECOMENDATION REQUIRED AND SAT/ACT TEST SCORES ARE NOT FACTORED IN FOR ADMISSIONS DECISIONS**

COMMUNITY COLLEGES

- No admission requirements (HS diploma): www.cccco.edu

*** *First 2 years Free* ***

1. Be a first-time student
2. CA resident
3. Complete the FAFSA/CADAA
4. Enroll full-time: 12 units required



FAFSA = Free Application for Federal Student Aid

CADAA = California Dream Act Application

TRANSFER AGREEMENTS AT A COMMUNITY COLLEGE

UC: Transfer Agreement Guarantee (TAG)

1. Exceptions to TAG: UCB, UCSD, UCLA

CSU: AA-T & AS-T degree transfer options for student's earning 60 units at the community college

1. Transfer requirements, differ by major
2. www.assist.org for CA colleges
3. Apply online: www.sierracollege.edu or www.losrios.edu

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

californiacolleges.edu
www. universityofcalifornia.edu
www.calstate.edu

Other Colleges/Out of State/ Private Schools:

1. Common Application
2. Essays are required & Letters of Recommendation may be required from counselor or teachers
3. Students need to communicate directly w/ their recommenders and give us a resume or a personal profile (found on Class of 2027 Canvas Classroom)
4. LOR's: allow a minimum of 2 weeks to write, sign the FERPA

REMINDERS

- Many other colleges have separate admission requirements, visit the admissions website of each college to ensure requirements have been met
- Official test scores (SAT/ACT) sent directly to the college from College Board or ACT
- AP/IB scores and official transcripts are sent once you have committed to the college

APPLYING EARLY

- **Early Action**: non-binding (you don't have to go if accepted)
- **Restricted Early Action**: non-binding but you are restricted from applying early action or early decision to other colleges
- **Early Decision**: binding (you are committed to going if you are accepted. (never apply to more than one campus under ED)



FINDING THE RIGHT FIT

- Over 4,000 colleges & universities throughout the U.S.
- Keep options open
- Why "fit" is so important
- Do your HW!



WESTERN UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE (WUE)

- WUE is a reduced Out of State Tuition Program
- Reduced tuition is not automatically awarded * www.wiche.edu
- Participating schools have specific major, GPA, or other requirements

- Examples of some schools that participate in WUE:

1. University of Arizona
2. Colorado State
3. University of Colorado, Denver
4. Oregon State
5. Portland State
6. University of Nevada, Reno
7. Boise State
8. Washington State



OVERWHELMED?

- Utilize College Search Options
- Visit Colleges
- College websites/virtual tours
- Attend College visits at GBHS
- Be organized
- Work on PIQ's & essays over the summer
- CSU application available October 1 (submit Oct 1-Nov. 30)
- UC application available August 1 (submit Nov. 1-30)

COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER

- College & Career Speakers/Admissions Reps *sign up via the College & Career Center website
- Scholarships
- FAFSA/CADAA
- Work Permits
- PSAT/SAT/ACT resources
- College/Career Fairs

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Check out the weekly GBHS Grizzly Guide for weekly updates
- RJUHSD Mock Admission Night - Feb 10, 2026/ 6 p.m. / GBHS
- SAT - Mar 4th / GBHS
- Why Out of State (WUE) *TBD.
- Fall District College Fair *September
- College Application Workshops *Fall
- Local Scholarship Program -senior year *February

FINANCIAL AID

1. **FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)**
- All Federal, State, & most institutional aid requires completion of the FAFSA/CADAA

2. CADAA (California Dream Act Application)
- For all students who meet AB 540 criteria and are undocumented

3. Cal Grants
- FAFSA/CADAA information + GPA determines eligibility
- GBHS automatically submits required information (including GPA verification for all seniors)
- Deadline to submit FAFSA/CADAA is March 2nd. Opens October 1st.

4. Institutional Aid
- Pay attention to individual school deadlines

5. Scholarships/Grants

RESOURCES

- **College Search:**

1. California Colleges: www.californiacolleges.edu
2. College Board: www.collegeboard.org
3. Princeton Review: www.princetonreview.com

- **Application Websites:**

1. University of California: www.universityofcalifornia.edu
2. California State University: www.calstate.edu/apply
3. Common Application: www.commonapp.org

- **Financial Aid & Scholarship:**

1. FAFSA: www.studentaid.gov
2. California Dream Act: www.dream.csac.ca.gov
3. Cal Grant: www.csac.ca.gov
4. Financial Aid info: www.finaid.org
5. FastWEB Scholarship Search: www.fastweb.com
6. Going Merry: www.goingmerry.com

- **Athletes:**

1. NCAA (Division 1 and 2): www.ncaa.org
2. NAIA: www.naia.org

Thank You



