Heritage High School - Senior Year Action Plan 2026-2027

- ✓ Check daily announcements for College "to do list" reminders & find out which college representatives will be visiting.
- ✓ Visit the HHS College & Career Center or website – for financial aid, scholarships, college/major search & other resources.
- ✓ Stop by the College & Career Center for Career resource material.
- ✓ Attend College & Career Workshops and Guest Speaker Presentations.

AUGUST

☐ Make a list of college characteristics that are important to you; i.e. regions of the country, cost, school that offers pre-med, etc. Check the college catalogs available in the College & Career Center or utilize these search websites: www.universityofcalifornia.edu, www.calstate.edu, www.californiacolleges.edu, https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/ & www.collegiatechoice.com

☐ Check college requirements. Make sure you have fulfilled the necessary requirements for the college you plan on attending. If you plan on playing collegiate sports be sure to check your Core Course Completion. **Eligibility check list, available in the College & Career Center**

☐ Take the necessary entrance exams for college: SAT or ACT.
Test dates & study information is available online at
Tests should be taken by **December**. REMEMBER TO REGISTER BY THE DEADLINE.
You can register online@: ACT: www.act.org and SAT: www.collegeboard.com

Do you qualify for Free or Reduce lunch? YES! Stop by the CCC to pick up SAT/ACT or College Application Fee Waiver.

Military or Vocation

☐ Visit the College & Career Center for information and contact numbers and sign-up for ASVAB test.

SEPTEMBER

☐ Make a list of all your accomplishments, achievements, & community service while in high school. This is valuable information for college and scholarship applications.

College Application **HELP**:
During Patriot Plus
*Contact the CCC for more dates/times

☐ Attend District College Night **OCTOBER 14, 2026 6pm-8pm** at Liberty High School

☐ If you wish to OPT out of the Cal Grant, please notify the College and Career Center ASAP.

☐ Review private/out of state institutions' web sites for application process and timeline.

☐ Letters of Recommendation are required with some college applications & scholarships. Utilize the Brag Sheet form, located in the College & Career Center. (Provide a minimum of two week's notice.)

☐ Register in the College & Career Center for **ASVAB** testing on November 18, 2026 and February 24, 2027. Visit CCC for more info.

☐ Begin final edit of your UC Personal Insight Questions, Link to the prompt:
http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/how-to-apply/personal-questions/



☐ Look for institutional scholarships for each college that you apply to. **Register at *www.fastweb.com***

☐ Find out which financial aid application your college requires? FAFSA or CSS Profile.

☐ Attend Senior Financial Aid Night for parents and students**.**

CSU Bound – Calculate your Eligibility Index Score & research your college requirement, before you apply.
https://www2.calstate.edu/apply/eligibility-index

OCTOBER

FAFSA **HELP**: During Patriot Plus
Contact the CCC for more dates/times

☐ File for a FSA ID with WWW.FAFSA.ED.GOV for students and parents.

☐ Apply on-line for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (**FAFSA**) Application @ www.fafsa.ed.gov.

DO NOT PAY for a FAFSA application to be processed. Go to www.fafsa.ed.gov

☐ California State University, apply on-line at www.calstate.edu/apply Application submission period 10/1 - 11/30.

☐ Apply to Local Scholarship Program (only open to Seniors)

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS become available online October 30th and are due January 15th.

NOVEMBER

☐ University of California, apply on-line to the University of California (UC) during the month of November www.universityofcaifornia.edu UC Application submission period 11/1 - 11/30. Application opens in August.

☐ **If you have not done so, send your SAT or ACT test scores to the colleges. Requests can be made online at www.collegeboard.com or at www.actstudent.org .** If you request your official SAT/ACT score report and have it sent to one campus,

your scores will automatically be release to **ALL** CSU/ UC campuses to which you applied.

☐ **Create your college portal account.** Check your college communication emails and **READ THEM** - follow the directions given.

DECEMBER

☐ Check deadlines for mailing applications to private colleges.
December is the last month for most Fall term College Freshman to take the SAT and ACT (verify with your institution).

JANUARY

☐ If you haven't done so already…complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (**FAFSA**) Application @ www.fafsa.ed.gov.

☐ Check College/University Housing requirements, you may need to apply now!

☐ **HHS LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE NO LATER THAN 4pm in January 15, 2027.**

Want to go out of state for College & save money? **Go to** www.wiche.edu/ca

FEBRUARY

☐ Check your FAFSA applications to ensure they have been properly completed before the DEADLINE.
Keep a copy of your FAFSA form. Track your Cal Grant at www.webgrants4students.org

☐ Register for ASVAB test, last testing date is February 24, 2027. Visit CCC for more info.

LOS MEDANOS COLLEGE

☐ MARCH

☐ Cal Grant Application closes, 3/2. Be sure you have completed the FAFSA. Heritage H.S. will electronically submit Cal Grant GPA Verifications for all seniors.

APRIL

☐ Expect to hear from colleges by mid-April. Students should tell their counselors and the College & Career Center Coordinators about college acceptance and scholarship successes.

☐ Register to take the required College Assessment Test.
CSU & Junior College students check your EAP results www.csumathsuccess.org/eap_results
Will you need to register for a CSU Early Start Program???

MAY

☐ 4 year college bound students; complete your intent to Enroll by 5/1**.**

☐ Graduates attending a 4-year institution need to request a final transcript to be mailed**.**

☐ NCAA & NAIA Athletes need to send final transcript for approval**.**

☐ Scholarship Night - (Invite ONLY) and Senior Award Night - (Invite Only)



Stay Focused

JUNE

☐ Graduation: June 3, 2027. Congratulations, Heritage High School Graduate!



COMMON QUESTIONS

- Are there scholarships for community college as well as a 4 year college? YES – you can find out more by contacting the college's Financial Aid Office.
- Can the Local Scholarships be used at a community college? YES – you never know what you can get, until you apply.
- If I go to a community college, do I need to complete the FAFSA? YES – there are grants and waivers available.
- My parents make too much money, should I still complete the FAFSA? YES – let FAFSA make that decision, there are so many factors involved.
- Do colleges really look at my social media profiles? YES – be careful what you post, it never goes away.
- Can a college rescind my acceptance? YES – your acceptance is contingent upon how you finish high school.
- Are all college admission processes the same? NO – so keep track of deadlines.

Visit your Counselor or stop by the College & Career Center if you have additional questions.