SENIOR COLLEGE PRESENTATION

Class of 2027

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AGENDA

- College Preparation & Options
- College Applications
- Financial Aid
- Scholarships
- College and Career Services
- Q & A

FALL SENIOR TO DO LIST



- Finalize College List
- Write College Essays
- Requests Letters of Recommendation
- Complete College Applications
- Take Standardized Tests (if needed)
- Stay on top of school work

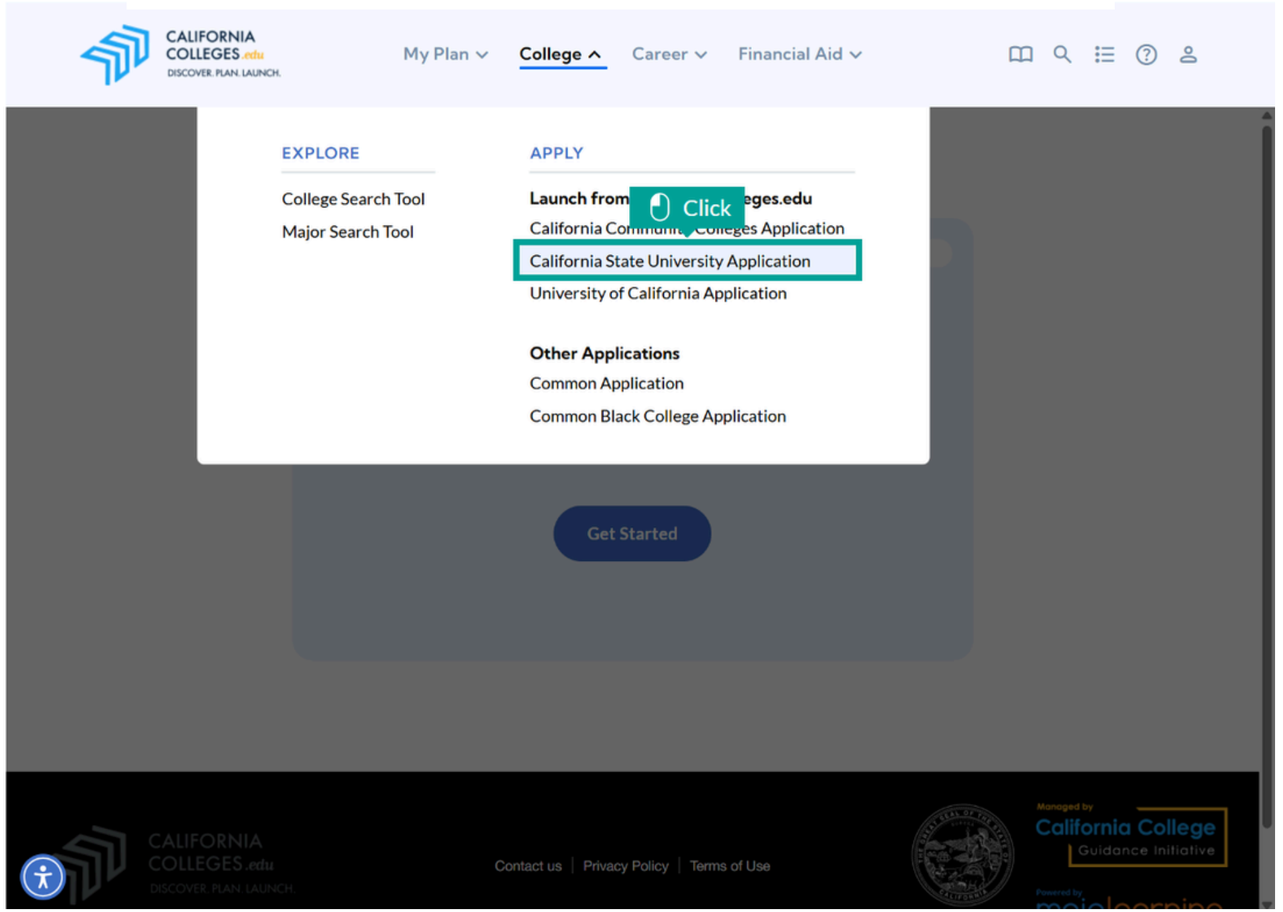
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- State-funded platform to track academic progress, explore careers, & launch UC/CSU/CCC applications right from your student's account
- Has your student's grades and classes automatically loaded.

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UC APPLICATION

FAll 2026 Application

August 1st, 2026 – November 30th, 2026

UC Application

GPA (minimum 3.0 weighted)

Comprehensive Review

Personal Insight Questions (PIQ) required, but no letters of recommendation.

CSU APPLICATION

Fall 2026 Application:
August 1, 2026 thru November 30, 2026

GPA (minimum 2.5 weighted)
No essays, personal statements or letters of recommendation required.



CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

No Admission Requirements

First Two Years Are FREE:

- Complete the FAFSA
- Enroll full-time: 12 units required, 15 recommended
- Apply online February/March of your senior year
- Sierra Enrollment Specialist will be available to support enrollment

Transfer Agreements:

UC: Transfer Agreement Guarantee (TAG)

CSU: AA-T and AS-T degree transfer options

(Transfer agreements differ by major. Use assist.org for California colleges.

EARLY ACTION VS. EARLY DECISION

Early Action: non-binding

Restricted Early Action: non-binding, allows students to apply to multiple colleges at the same time, usually by December.

Early Decision (ED): <u>Binding</u> (Committed to going if accepted - never apply to more than one campus ED.

*Application timeline is early for both options (Usually mid-October to early November. Decisions are typically communicated in December.

USEFUL APPLICATION INFO

College Entrance Examination Board Code (CEEB)
GBHS School Code: 051106

Service Set Identified (SSID) Number or State ID#: Find your student's SSID in Aeries/Homelink
Select **Demographics**, click the **General** tab.

- The State Student ID number is generally 9 digits long. DO NOT use your GBHS Student ID number.

Class Size: 517

common app

APPLICATION FAQS

Academic History Section: UC/CSU/Common App

1. What is the school's term system?
   Answer: Semester (2 final grades per year)
2. When entering grades in your applications, know that:
   For our half year courses...
   UC/CSU Grade 1= Quarter 1 or Quarter 3
   UC/CSU Grade 2 = Quarter 2 or Quarter 4
   For our year long courses...
   UC/CSU Grade 1 = Quarter 2
   UC/CSU Grade 2 = Quarter 4
3. Report Dual Enrollment Classes in the Colleges Attended section of the application

APPLICATION FAQS

Current or Most Recent Year Classes (Common Application)

Please select the course selection system your institution is using.

Answer: Semester

Academic History Section: Common App

1. **If you are receiving high school credit for a college course, here's what you need to do:**
2. **- Select the grade level that corresponds to the academic year in which you took the course (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, or Other)**
3. **- For the School Name, select the high school that awarded the credit for the college course**
4. **- For the Course Level, select 'Dual Enrollment'**
5. **- Complete the remaining parts of Courses & Grades**

You must still send official transcripts from your high school(s) and any college(s) you attended.

STANDARDIZED TESTING AND ADMISSION

Both UC and CSU have eliminated the use of SAT and ACT scores in their admissions process.

For a more complete list of colleges and their test requirements, go to fairtest.org.

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATIONS

- Required by most private colleges and out of state colleges. Check each individual application as they may or may not be required.
- Students should request early. At least two weeks in advance of due date.
- We ask that students complete a **personal profile** to assist the teacher/counselor in writing their letter.

FINANCIAL AID



FAFSA or CADAA (Free Application For Student Aid or California Dream Act Application)

- Recommended that all seniors apply
- Application opens October 1, 2026
- Filing Priority Date by March 2, 2026
- Best to apply early – many states & colleges award limited grant and scholarship money on a first-come, first-served basis

Cal Grants: California's main financial aid program that does not need to be paid back. You must complete the FAFSA or CADAA to be eligible. GBHS automatically submits the Cal Grant GPA verification for ALL 12th grade students.

SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANTS

Where to find...

- **GBHS Local Scholarship Program**
  - Apply in February. Communication will be sent out before the application is available.
- **Scholarship Sites to Search:**
  - fastweb.com
  - bigfuture.com



FINANCIAL AID REMINDERS

- **ALL** planning to attend any type of college should complete FAFSA or California Dream Act

- **Important Step 1:** FSA ID: (both parent/guardian and student will need one.) To create your FSA ID, go to studentaid.gov

FAFSA Resources

California Dream Act Resources

OFFICIAL & UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS

Official transcripts can be ordered through Parchment

You can use this link: **Parchment** or navigate through the GBHS website under the "Resources" tab

Common Application is an exception as your School Counselor will upload your transcript for you.

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ORDER TRANSCRIPTS ONLINE

SENIOR ADVISING & COLLEGE APP SUPPORT

School Counselors will be available in the GBHS Counseling Center to support students with their applications starting in October thru November during both lunches.

We encourage students to come in to see us!

HELPFUL SITES

APPLICATION SITES:

California Colleges

University of California

Californa State University (Cal State Apply)

Common Application

Sierra Community College

Los Rios Community College

COLLEGE SEARCH SITES:

California Colleges

GBHS Counseling Site

ATHLETIC WEBSITES:

NCAA

NAIA

COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER

(MRS. MCHONE IS LOCATED IN THE LIBRARY)

- **Visit with college admissions representatives.**
- **Connect with work permits.**
- **Scholarship information.**
- **Finanical Aid Information**
- **SAT/ACT test resources/ Test Prep**

Upcoming:

Military Night: August 26th @ Roseville High School
SAT/PSAT Test Dates: TBD
Financial Aid Night by California Student Aid Commission: October 19th @ GBHS
District College and Career Night: October 13th @ Oakmont High School

Q & A