



Welcome to Senior Year Senior Student and Parent Meeting

Cathedral High School, Fall 2026

Meeting Agenda

What We Will Cover Tonight:

- Counseling Department Senior Contract
- Naviance Requirements
- Communication & Organization
- The College Application Process (Family Fit, Essays, Recommendations)
- Financial Aid, FAFSA, & Fee Waivers
- SAT/ACT Testing



Counseling Department Senior Contract

Senior Contract Expectations:

- **What it is:** A mutual agreement between students, parents, and the counseling team.
- **Deadlines:** Outlines critical dates for application processing and transcript requests.
- **Responsibility:** Emphasizes student ownership of the college application process.
- **Action Item:** Please sign and return the contract to Google Classroom.



Naviance Use Requirement

- **Mandatory Platform:** All seniors are required to use Naviance for the application process.
 - The only means of submitting required school documents.
- **Key Features:**
 - Requesting transcripts and letters of recommendation.
 - Moving colleges from "Thinking About" to "Applying To".
 - Matching your Common App account.



Transcripts

- Seniors should have at least 210 credits completed by now
- Deficiencies --- less than 210 credits completed please contact me at 323-441-3121 for options to make up credits
- Transcripts---students should be making every effort to clear their transcripts of any deficiencies. Colleges will not accept “D’s” or “F’s”
- The deadline for making up credits from previous or first semester is April 5, 2027 or students will not be allowed to attend the prom or graduation exercises



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SSN:

Grade: / Birth Date: / ID#: 6586

Parent(s):

	Semester 1	Semester 2	Summer School
Gr 9 Lit/Comp I		C 5.00	
Gr 9 Catholicism		C 5.00	
Gr 9 Algebra I		C- 5.00	
Gr 9 Biology		B- 5.00	
Gr 9 Spanish I (Nat)		B- 5.00	
Gr 9 World History		C+ 5.00	
Gr 9 Algebra	D 5.00		
Gr 9 (P)Biology	C 5.00		
Gr 9 (P)World History	D 5.00		
Gr 9 (P)Revelation of J	B 5.00		
Gr 9 Intro to Archchitec	C 3.00		
Gr 9 (P) English	D 5.00		
Gr 9 Intro to Materials	C 3.00		
Gr 10 Lit/Comp II	C 5.00		
Gr 10 Religion II	B- 5.00		
Gr 10 Geometry	C 5.00		
Gr 10 Chemistry	C 5.00		
Gr 10 Spanish II	B- 5.00		
Gr 10 Computers II	A 5.00		
Gr 10 Music	B+ 5.00		
Gr 10 Lit/Comp II		B- 5.00	
Gr 10 Religion II		B- 5.00	
Gr 10 Geometry		C- 5.00	
Gr 10 Chemistry		C+ 5.00	
Gr 10 Spanish II		C- 5.00	
Gr 10 Cinema/Film		C 5.00	
Gr 10 Music		A 5.00	
Gr 11 English IIIA (P)	C 5.00		
Gr 11 English IIIB (P)		C- 5.00	
Gr 11 US Hist A (P)	C 5.00		
Gr 11 US Hist B (P)		C- 5.00	
Gr 11 Music Appr A (P)	D+ 5.00		
Gr 11 Music Appr B (P)		B- 5.00	
Gr 11 Religion IIIA	C- 5.00		
Gr 11 Religion IIIB		C- 5.00	
Gr 11 Algebra IIA (P)	D 5.00		
Gr 11 Algebra IIB (P)		D+ 5.00	
Gr 11 Physics A (P)	D+ 5.00		
Gr 11 Physics B (P)		D- 5.00	
Gr 11 Fit/Spts/Cond A	A 5.00		
Gr 11 Fit/Spts/Cond B		A 5.00	
Gr 12 English IVA (P)	C- 5.00		
Gr 12 US Govt A (P)	C 5.00		
Gr 12 Law IA (P)	C+ 5.00		
Gr 12 Statistics A (P)	B 5.00		
Gr 12 World Religion (P)	C- 5.00		
Gr 12 Media Graph A (P)	C 5.00		
Gr 12 Fit/Spts/Cond A	A- 5.00		

Tests		
ACT	Scores	Scores
Date	00/00/0000	00/00/0000
ENGLISH		
MATH		
READING		
SCIENCE		
COMPOSITE		
SAT II		
Date		
Subj 1		
Subj 2		
Subj 3		
SAT		
Date		
Reading		
Math		
Writing		

Current Class Schedule		
Grading	Weighted Courses	Photo
A=90 B=80 C=70 D=60 F=0-59	AP Courses = +1 Honors Courses = +1	
	Attendance	
	Absences:	
	Grade 9 .	
	Grade 10 .	
	Grade 11 .	
	Grade 12 .	

Credits Earned:

Weighted 9 -12 GPA:

Weighted 10 -12 GPA:

Graduation Date:

Accredited by Western Association of Schools and Colleges

Withdraw Reason

Date

UNOFFICIAL

Registrar Signature

Date



Transcript checklist

1. Name— Is it the same as it appears on the birth certificate. No nicknames, abbreviations or omitting hyphenated last names.
2. Birthdate—are all numbers entered correctly
3. Social Security Number—double check the number. Numbers are easily transposed.
4. Grades—Are all grades correctly entered? Are grades from other school entered? Official transcripts must be sent directly to Mr. Godoy.
5. Deadline submit transcripts is
September 6,2025

College Application Timeline

- UC Apps due between Aug 1 - Nov 30
- CSU Apps due between Aug 1- Nov 30
- Private Apps varies (usually Jan)
- Regular Decision varies - Dec 1 - Mar 1
- SAT/ACT Tests in Oct, Nov, Dec.
Students should have Collegeboard and ACT accounts in order to register for the exams. Most colleges take both and take the best scores achieved.
- Last test scores to be accepted for admission are December



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- CalState and UC colleges do need to be added to Naviance. Transcripts will be sent electronically to these colleges.

Many CalStates require a transcript in January.

- Fee waivers are within the application. Your input of financial information determines whether or not you receive a free application or not.
- Definitely check the box that says you want to be considered for EOP. It is a bit more work but, well worth the effort
- **DO NOT FORGET
TO ADD SENIOR
CLASSES**

General Policies and Procedures

1. It is the student's responsibility to enter colleges on Naviance.
2. It is the student's responsibility to meet with Mr. Catlin/Mrs. Lopez with any questions.
3. It is the student's and parents' responsibility to acknowledge reminder emails.
4. Mr. Catlin/Mrs. Lopez can only advocate with the student present with respect to Collegeboard, college admissions and financial aid. Privacy laws prohibit him calling or acting on behalf of a student.
5. Mr. Catlin/Mrs. Lopez be presenting college application information to Government classes. Students should be attentive, patient and ready to ask questions.
6. Athletes should not wait to be recruited. Have a back up plan. Apply now.



Communication

- Staying in the Loop
 - **Check Email Daily:** Colleges and counselors will primarily communicate via student email. Ensure your mailbox is not full!
 - Parents are sent emails so as to remind and check student progress
 - **Student-Driven:** Students should take the lead on contacting college admissions offices and counselors.
 - **Counselor Meetings:** How to schedule an appointment with your counselor (e.g., via Google Form, open office hours).



Finding the "Family Fit"

Choosing the Right Path

- **Academic Fit:** Do your GPA and test scores align with the school's profile? Does it have your major?
- **Social/Environmental Fit:** Size, location, campus culture, and distance from home.
- **Financial Fit:** Have open and honest family discussions *now* about college budgets and expected contributions.
- **Bottom Line:** A "good college" is the one that is the best fit for *your* student, not just the one with the biggest name.



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- NCAA Requirements for Student-Athletes
 - Eligibility Center: Must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center to play Division I or II sports.
 - Core Courses: Must complete 16 NCAA-approved core courses (10 of which must be completed before senior year for DI).
 - GPA Requirements: A minimum core-course GPA is required (e.g., 2.3 for Division I).
 - Amateurism Certification: Must be requested beginning April 1 of senior year.
 - Transcripts: Send official transcripts to the NCAA at the end of junior year and after graduation.

College Application & Testing Fee Waivers

- **Who is Eligible?** Students who receive free/reduced lunch or meet specific income guidelines.
- **What it Covers:** SAT/ACT registration, college application fees, and sometimes NCAA clearinghouse fees.
- **How to Claim:** See your counselor to verify eligibility and receive your waiver codes. Don't let application costs keep you from applying!



Financial Aid & FAFSA

Funding Your Education

- - **FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid):** Required for federal, state, and institutional aid.
 - **Opening Date:** Opens [Insert expected FAFSA open date, e.g., October 1st or December].
 - **CSS Profile:** Check if your private colleges require this additional financial aid form.
 - **Action Item:** Both the student and one parent need to create an FSA ID ahead of time.



Important reminders

1. Take advantage of government class sessions
2. Know the options of schools
3. Keep Naviance up to date
4. Attend application workshops
5. Get letters of recommendation early
6. Visit colleges



College Planning for Seniors

- Q & A

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