SENIOR PLANNING PACKET

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College Peer Mentor Support

All seniors have access to help from a College Peer Mentor. For more information, please reach out to Mrs. Robertson in RM 1207.

COLLEGE PEER MENTORS

WE CAN HELP YOU:

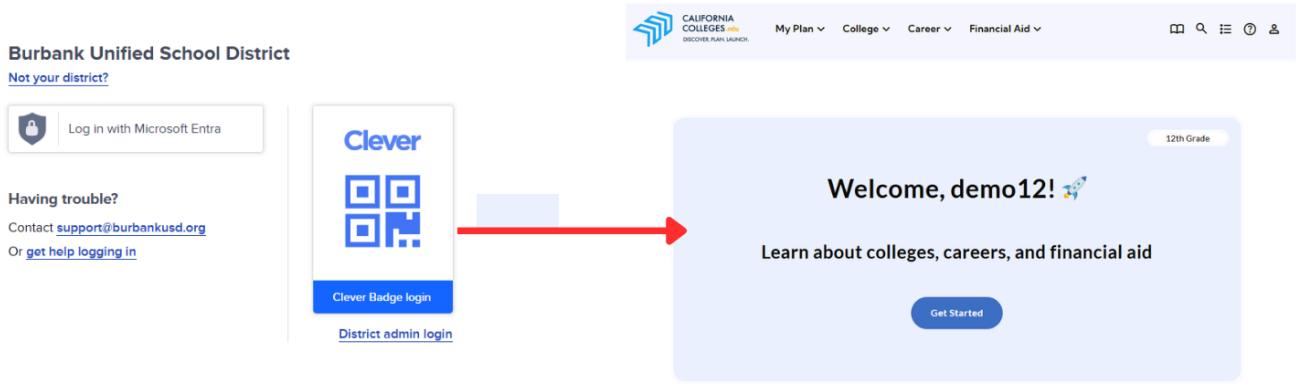
- apply to college
- understand FAFSA
- find scholarships
- prepare for college and other post - secondary plans

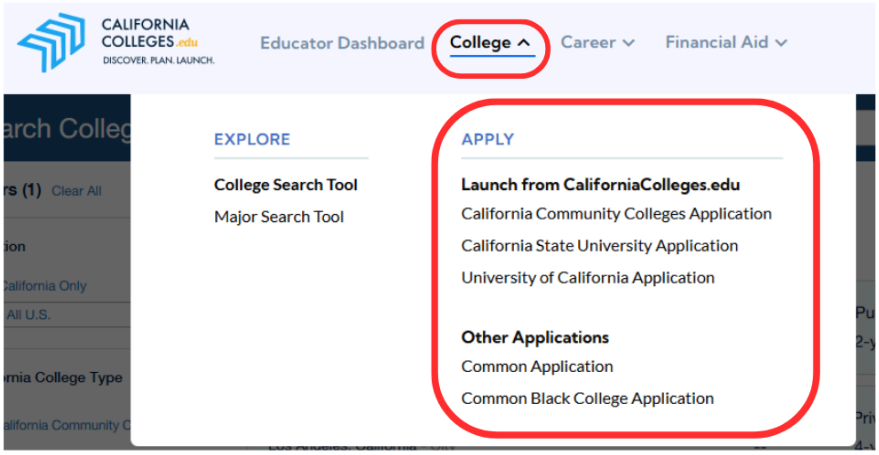


CCGI - CaliforniaColleges.edu

CaliforniaColleges.edu is a student's one-stop shop for the tools they need to plan for life after high school!

- Students can access their account through Clever. Once logged in, students will follow the instructions on the CCGI website to launch and submit their applications.
- Launch your CSU and UC applications - This will help you connect your transcript to your applications so that you do not need to manually input your courses.
- Launch your FAFSA application! - This will help you connect your application so that you can complete the FAFSA graduation requirement.
- If you have already started these applications you can go back and relaunch to connect your accounts.







What Are My Options After High School?

Community College (2-year)	4-year college	Work	Trade/Technical School	Apprenticeship Programs	Military

The College Admission Process

Choosing Your Colleges

- Make sure your college list contains a balance of safe, match, and reach choices.
- Use one of the recommended college search engines (see list of resources) to search and compare colleges based on their admitted student profiles.
- Safe schools are schools that you are highly likely to be admitted to, based on your qualifications. Their admitted students may have qualifications that are lower than yours.
- Match schools are schools you have a good chance of getting into, based on your qualifications. Their admitted students may have qualifications that match yours.
- Reach schools are schools that may be a challenge to get into. Their admitted students may have qualifications that are higher than yours.

College Application Filing Periods

University of California (UC)	Aug. 1 – Nov. 30 (submit starting Oct. 1)
California State University (CSU)	Aug. 1 – Nov. 30 (submit starting Oct. 1). Check with individual Colleges for extensions.
Private/Out-of-State	Check With Individual Colleges
Early Action/Early Decision	Check With Individual Colleges
Community Colleges	Around December

Transcripts

- You **MUST** order your official or unofficial FINAL transcript via www.parchment.com.
- It is your responsibility to REQUEST a transcript in a timely manner at the online link, including final transcripts.
- Check your college application portals to view the status of your transcript submission.

Community College (CC)

- Apply in December of your senior year for Summer or Fall admission. www.cccapply.org/apply
- Remember - FAFSA/CADAA + full-time enrollment + first time enrollment = 2 free years of community college!
- Apply for LA College Promise program or equivalent programs for additional support and resources.
- Honors and Scholars programs are available – check with the college regarding GPA requirements.
- See a CC counselor during registration in order to go over your class choices and to make sure the classes you choose are transferable if you're planning on transferring to a 4-year college!

California State Universities (CSU): www2.calstate.edu/apply

- CSU Application (one application for all campuses online - $70.00 per campus)
- As you complete the CSU applications, the application website will state whether you qualify for application fee waivers (up to 4 campuses). There is no separate fee waiver for these colleges, but please make sure the household financial information is accurate because that is what they will use to determine your eligibility.
- Minimum GPA of 2.5 - Any California high school graduate or resident of California earning a GPA between 2.00 and 2.49 may be evaluated for admission based upon supplemental factors.
- No Ds; minimum grade of "C" in all A-G approved courses required
- No essays or letters of recommendation required (check special programs)
- For information on impacted campuses - https://www.calstate.edu/attend/impaction-at-the-csu
- The CSUs no longer require the SAT or ACT for admissions. However, please check with programs and scholarships to make sure you have completed all requirements.

22 Campuses:

- Bakersfield
- Channel Islands
- Chico
- Dominguez Hills
- East Bay
- Fresno
- Fullerton
- Humboldt
- Long Beach
- Los Angeles
- Monterey Bay
- Northridge
- Pomona
- San Bernardino
- San Diego
- San Francisco
- San Jose
- San Luis Obispo
- San Marcos
- Sacramento
- Sonoma
- Stanislaus

University of California (UC): (http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu)

- UC Application (one application for all UC Campuses - $80.00 per campus)
- As you complete the UC applications, the application website will state whether you qualify for application fee waivers (up to 4 campuses). There is no separate fee waiver for these colleges, but please make sure the household financial information is accurate because that is what they will use to determine your eligibility.
- Minimum GPA of 3.0
- No Ds; minimum grade of "C" in all A-G approved courses required
- Personal Statement (8 questions, you pick 4; max 350 words for each)
- No letters of recommendation (UC Berkeley may require them after application is submitted)
- The UC's no longer require the SAT or ACT for admissions.

9 UC Campuses:

- Berkeley
- Davis
- Irvine
- Los Angeles
- Merced
- Riverside
- San Diego
- Santa Barbara
- Santa Cruz

Private/Out-of-State Colleges: (www.commonapp.org or other application)

- Admissions Application
- SAT (www.sat.org) or ACT (www.act.org) *Many Common App colleges are Test Optional*
- Personal Statement(s)
- Secondary school report (You'll need to add a counselor so we can complete it for you. Counselor will submit transcript, school report and letter of recommendation if requested by student)
- Brag sheet (for your recommenders and Counselor)
- Counselor Recommendation
- Teacher Recommendation(s)
- Mid-Year Report (counselors will complete for you)
- Check on early deadlines for scholarships!
- JBHS School Code = 050400
- Pay close attention to your emails.

Teacher and Counselor Recommendations (for private universities...not needed for state schools)

- Ask your teachers and counselor in-person or via email if he or she will write your recommendation. Provide them with your brag sheet. You can ask the same teachers to do all of your recommendations.
- Complete any student information on your application before inviting your recommender.
- **You must give your recommenders AT LEAST 2 weeks to complete your letter of recommendation. Counselors and teachers CANNOT work on letters of recommendation during school vacations.**
- Make sure to send your recommenders a THANK YOU NOTE and an UPDATE after you submit your applications!

Fee Waivers

- Even though all students get free lunch at JBHS, in order to qualify for reduced AP test fees, you must complete a lunch application and provide the district letter to qualify. https://www.busdfoodservices.com/index.php?sid=1101131625567654&page=lunchapps
- Please talk to your counselor if you need help with obtaining fee waivers. Proof of eligibility is required (such as the letter from the district showing your free or reduced lunch participation).
- As you complete the CSU and UC applications, the application website will state whether you qualify for application fee waivers (up to 4 campuses). There is no separate fee waiver for these colleges, but please make sure the household financial information is accurate because that is what they will use to determine your eligibility.
- If you qualify for any fee waivers, you may qualify for private school application fee waivers as well. The Common Application's fee waiver is embedded in their application. If you have a specific school that you need help with, please contact your counselor.

Financial Aid (Graduation Requirement)

- Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) or CADAA (California Dream Act Application). The FAFSA and CADAA will open October 1, 2026. Priority filing deadline is March 2, 2027. Based on your FAFSA or CADAA, you may qualify for government grants, student loans, work study, and/or scholarships.
- Even if you feel you may not qualify for aid, we encourage you to apply so that colleges can have your information if necessary for scholarships, merit-based aid, etc. if applicable.
- In order to access the free 2 years of community college in CA, you MUST complete the FAFSA or CADAA.
- JBHS will submit the Cal Grant GPA verification for all JBHS seniors.
- Private schools may require the CSS Profile IN ADDITION to the FAFSA (https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/).
- Periodically (every 2 weeks or so) check the "Scholarship List" in the College and Career Center.
- College and Career Center Google Classroom = **ywgjdq5**

https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/dates-deadlines

- www.sat.org
- The highest score on the SAT is 1600.
- The SAT registration fee is $68.
- You can send up to 4 score reports to colleges for free within 9 days of taking the exam. If you need to send your scores to more colleges or need to send after the 9 day period, each score report is an additional $15 each.
- Send scores to:
  - Private schools – Send to each campus
  - No longer required for CSU's and UC's

http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/registration.html

- www.act.org
- The highest score on the ACT is 36.
- The ACT registration fee without writing is $70. The ACT registration fee with writing is $95.
- You can select 4 colleges to report scores to during your registration for no additional cost. If you need to send more score reports, each score report is an additional $20 each.
- Send scores to:
  - Private schools – Send to each campus
  - No longer required for CSU's or UC's

AP SCORES

AP exams are an important part of your academic journey, and understanding your scores is key. Here's what you need to know about AP scores and their role in your post-high school plans.

- Many colleges, especially in California, grant students college credit for AP scores of 3 or higher. This can save you time and money by letting you bypass introductory courses.
- Every year you take an AP exam, you get one free score to send. You must designate the recipient for this free score report by a specific deadline, usually in mid-June. This is a great way to send your scores to the college you will be attending in the Fall.
- If you miss the free score send deadline, or if you want to send your scores to additional colleges, you can order reports for a fee through your College Board account.

QUICK LINKS

College Peer Mentor Website	https://bit.ly/JBHS-CPM
CSU APPLICATION	https://www2.calstate.edu/apply
UC APPLICATION	https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply-now.html
COMMON APPLICATION (for private colleges)	www.commonapp.org
A-G Approved Courses at JBHS	https://hs-articulation.ucop.edu/agcourselist#/list/search/institution

COLLEGE INFORMATION AND PLANNING

BigFuture The CollegeBoard's comprehensive college information, search, and match website.	bigfuture.collegeboard.org
California Colleges a student's one-stop shop for the tools they need to plan for life after high school	log-in using Clever student log-in: https://clever.com/in/burbankusd/teacher
College Scorecard Created by the US Department of Education, comprehensive search engine, which includes graduation and retention rates and financial information.	https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/
Community Colleges Guide to almost 1,000 community college sites and related resources.	www.cccco.edu
UC/CSU Transfer from Community College Online system that shows how course credits can be applied when transferring and provides up-to-date information about transferring.	www.assist.org
AP Credit for College Tracks colleges' policies regarding AP test scores and college credit.	www.collegeboard.org/ap/creditpolicy

CAREERS

O*NET Interest Profiler The O*NET Interest Profiler can help you find out what your interests are and can help you decide which careers you might want to explore.	https://www.mynextmove.org/explore/ip
Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Outlook Handbook Comprehensive information on jobs and careers, including future outlook of specific jobs.	https://www.bls.gov/ooh/

FINANCIAL AID

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Financial Aid application for federal aid	www.fafsa.gov FAFSA Hotline: 1-800-433-3243
California Dream Act For students who do not qualify for the FAFSA due to residency status, consider the Dream Act Application for state financial aid.	Dream.csac.ca.gov
CSS PROFILE Supplementation financial aid application via the CollegeBoard to consider aid beyond the Federal government.	student.collegeboard.org/css-financial-aid-profile
U.S. Department of State Federal Student Aid A guide to federal grant and loan programs, including Pell Grants, Stafford Loans and more.	https://studentaid.gov/
California Student Aid Commission Agency coordinating Cal Grants, scholarships, student loans and specialized financial aid programs.	www.csac.ca.gov

SCHOLARSHIPS

JBHS College & Career Center For scholarship info, service learning, brag sheet, and dual enrollment in community college classes.	https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1iPxqSnkQenjijBgCbmFufh1VXLOLNlO1S9PNr_1SEjc/edit?gid=0#gid=0
Fast Web One of the most popular scholarship search engines out there.	www.fastweb.com
Raise.me Scholarship website based on activities that you complete, specific to particular colleges.	Raise.me
MALDEF Scholarships Publishes an annual scholarship resource guide for students.	https://www.maldef.org/resources/scholarship-resource-guide/
Hispanic/Latino Scholarships Scholarship ($500-$5,000) to assist students of Hispanic heritage to obtain a college degree. Opens in December.	https://www.hsf.net/scholarship
AAPIA (Asian & Pacific Islander American) Scholarship Fund College scholarships for Asian and Pacific Islander Americans (APIA) to create opportunities for students to access, complete, and succeed after post-secondary education.	https://apiascholars.org/scholarship/

TESTING INFORMATION

SAT & SAT Subject Test Registration	www.sat.org
ACT Registration	www.act.org
Khan Academy SAT Resources Khan Academy is the official partner of the CollegeBoard. Provides robust and interactive FREE skills practice for the PSAT and the SAT tests. Supplemental and personalized study plans available for all students based on their areas of need.	satpractice.org/k12 https://www.khanacademy.org/lohp/learner
ACT FREE test prep resources including an ACT question of the day, full-length practice exam, tips, and a study guide.	https://academy.act.org/
SAT vs. ACT This information is created by the CollegeBoard, but provides a good snapshot of the two tests.	https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/plan-for-college/apply-to-college/sat/sat-vs-act

INTER-COLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

National Collegiate Athletic Association Governing body for inter-collegiate athletics.	www.ncaa.org
NCAA Eligibility Center Certifies eligibility for potential Division I and II student-athletes. Find out if you are on track to meet academic eligibility and core-course requirements.	https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/

MILITARY INFORMATION

Information about joining the military and about careers in the United States Armed Forces.	https://www.usa.gov/military-requirements

MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH YOUR COUNSELOR!

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LAST NAMES: HA - MEJIA

HUNG TRUONG

LAST NAMES: MELENDEZ - ROSALES

JODI LEVY

LAST NAMES: ROSEN - ZWICKER

SPECIAL POPULATIONS