



COLLEGE PARK HIGH SCHOOL

HOME OF THE FALCONS

Welcome!
Senior Presentation Parent/Family
Night

Class of 2027!

Please remain on mute throughout the presentation. You can post your questions in the chat feature.

CPHS Counseling Department

Students

A - Er

Ms. Gillette

School Counselor

Students

Es - Gom &
Students w/ IEP

Ms. Chacon

School Counselor

Students

Gon - Lac &
English Learners (EL)

Ms. Ramirez

School Counselor

Students

Laf - Pra

Ms. Mercado

School Counselor

Students

Pri - Z

Ms. Proise

School Counselor

Specialist

**College & Career
Advisor**

Mr. Walters

Your Partners in Student Success





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Graduation Requirements

English.....40 credits

Math.....30 credits

** Must pass Algebra 1*

Science.....20 credits

** 10cr Life Science & 10cr Physical Science*

Social Studies.....30 credits

VAPA, World Lang, CTE.....20 credits

** Need 2 of 3 areas completed*

Electives.....60 credits

Physical Education.....20 credits

220 Credits

D's or better!

UC/CSU A-G Requirements

A - History: 2 years

- (World History & US History)

B - English: 4 years

C - Math: 3 years (*4 years recommended*)

- (Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II)

D - Laboratory Science: 2 years

- Life Sci & Physical Sci

E - LOTE: 2 years (*3 years recommended*)

- Language Other Than English - L2/L3

F - VAPA: 1 year

G - College Prep Elective: 1 year

C's or better!

Google Classroom

Your central hub for college planning, resources, and updates

What you'll find inside:

- Action Plans & Tutorials
- College & University Rep Schedules
- Links to Key Educational Resources
- Scholarship & Volunteer Opportunities
- Vocational & Apprenticeship Info



College & Career Center

Join the class to stay updated

Class Code:

cghq5aul

Important Dates & Deadlines

Applications & Deadlines

August 1st

- UC/CSU & Common App system OPEN to start applications

October 1st

- FAFSA / CA Dream Act OPEN
- UC/CSU Applications can be **submitted**

November 30

- CSU/UC Application Submission Deadline

Events & Workshops

October 14th

- MDUSD Career Fair
 - Concord High — School Day

October 22nd

- District College Fair
 - YVHS — 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Spring 2027

- Community College Application Workshops

Post-High School Educational Options

Explore the main pathways available after graduation



Vocational Colleges

Specialized career & trade programs

Earn trade certificates & licenses



Apprenticeships

Paid hands-on technical training

Earn while learning a skilled trade



Military & Academies

Service branches & military academies

Leadership, service & GI benefits



Community Colleges

2-year degrees & transfer pathways

Earn Associate Degrees (A.A. / A.S.)



4-Year Institutions

Public, Private, Out-of-State & HBCUs

Earn a Bachelor's Degree (B.A. / B.S.)

What's the difference?



Community Colleges

Earn an A.A. or A.S.

Associate's Degree

Associate of Art (A.A.) or Associate of Science (A.S.)



4-Year Institutions

Earn a Bachelor's Degree

Bachelor of Art (B.A) or Bachelor of Science (B.S.)

Post-graduate options: MA, PhD, JD, or MD



Trade & Vocational

Earn a Certificate

(not a degree)

Specific professional training and/or license

Trade/Vocational Schools

Thinking about pursuing a trade career after graduating high school? Trades are professions like electrician, plumber, welder, auto-mechanic, construction, carpenter - generally professions that require specific training and manual work.

Examples of Trade Schools:

[UTI Institute](#)

[Unitek](#)

[Paul Mitchell The School](#)

[Universal Technical](#)

[Contra Costa Medical Career College](#)

[Carrington College](#)

[Urban Barber College](#)

[Paris Beauty College](#)

[Manufacturing Careers](#)

[Learn more about trades/vocational school](#)



Did you know??
Community Colleges offer
Career Technical Programs!!

Adult Education



Mt. Diablo Adult Ed.

Allied Health; Medical & Dental Assisting, CNA, EMT, Surgical Tech. CPR, Office & Computer Programs



Martinez Adult Ed.

Programs: Business Training, Optical Assistant, CAD+Multimedia, Pharmacy Tech,



Pittsburg Adult Ed.

Allied Health; Administrative Medical Assistant, CNA Medical Billing & Coding, EMT, CPR, Pre-apprenticeship math test prep



What is an Apprenticeship?

[Cal Apprenticeship](#)

[Find an apprenticeship](#)

[Los Medanos College](#)

[Diablo Valley College](#)





**EARN \$100K+
NO COLLEGE DEBT**

BUILDING TRADES PARENTS NIGHT

Learn about apprenticeships/careers in the trades and how students can earn \$32+ per hour right after high school!

November 4, 2026 – 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

(Dinner 5:30, program 6:30, interactive stations 5:30 to 7:30)

Concord High School - 4200 Concord Blvd

Event Line: 925.338.7586



Job Corps

Provides *free residential career training* in in-demand industries such as Healthcare, Homeland Security, Hospitality, IT, Advanced Manufacturing, Automotive

Serves students ages 16 - 24

120 campuses nationwide
(Local: Treasure Island, San Jose, Sacramento)

Free housing, basic medical care,
weekly allowance, meals

<https://www.jobcorps.gov/explore>





Go to Work!

1. [Resume](#)
2. [Interview Tips](#)
3. [What NOT to wear at a job interview](#)
4. [Job Search Engines](#)
5. [Job Search Tips](#)
6. [Social Media Etiquette](#)
7. Job Training Programs: [Click here](#)

Get Experience by Volunteering!
[Teen Volunteer](#)



Military Service

U.S. Military Branches Overview

U.S. Army

Largest military branch, ground warfare

U.S. Marine Corps

Expeditionary warfare, rapid response

U.S. Navy

Maritime operations, global force projection

U.S. Coast Guard

Maritime security, safety

U.S. Air Force

Air and space operations

U.S. Space Force

Space operations, satellite defense

Each branch offers unique career opportunities, training, and educational benefits.

Military Service Academy

Service Academies

U.S. Naval Academy

Annapolis, MD

U.S. Air Force Academy

Colorado Springs, CO

U.S. Coast Guard Academy

New London, CT

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

Kings Point, NY

U.S. Military Academy

West Point, NY

What are my options for college?

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280

Colleges & Universities in CA

114

Community Colleges

22

California State Universities
(CSU)

9

University of California (UC)

134

Private Universities

There are over **4,200** degree-granting post-secondary institutions in the US!

California Community College System

114 CAMPUSES

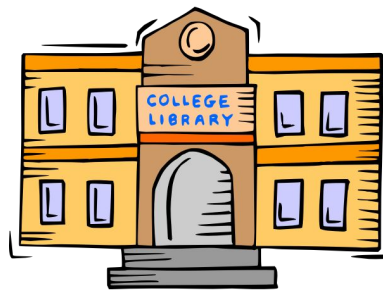
Throughout the state of California

Registration Filing Period
Opens Spring 2027

Admission & Enrollment Info

- **No SAT or ACT** required for acceptance
- **DVC Workshops** hosted to help you enroll
- **Google Classroom** will post info as available

✓ **On Campus Workshop Support**



California Community Colleges: Opportunities & Pathways



Degrees & Career

- ✓ Associate Degrees
- ✓ ADTs / Associate Degrees for Transfer
- ✓ Certificates
- ✓ Career Education / CTE (Ex: DVC offers an AS degree in Dental Hygiene)

BACHELOR'S DEGREES

Select Community Colleges offer Bachelor's degrees (ex, Respiratory Care, Biomanufacturing - these degrees are not offered at the UCs and CSUs)



Transfer Pathways

CSU Transfer

Guaranteed Transfer to CSU

UC Transfer

Transfer to UC

TAG Program (6 UC campuses)

TAG (Transfer Admission Guarantee) where applicable



Access & Value

Open Access

Open-access admission generally

Affordability

Financial affordability

University of California (UC)

WHERE DO
UC
YOURSELF?

10 CAMPUSES

Throughout the state of California (*UCSF is graduate only)

Application Filing Period

October 1 – November 30

Applications are currently open to begin/edit

Admission Requirements

- **Minimum 3.0 GPA** (10th-11th grade only)
- **4 Personal Insight Questions** (choose 4 of 8)
- **\$80 Application Fee** per campus

✗ **NO SAT or ACT Subject Tests Required**

✗ **NO Letters of Recommendation**

<https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/>



California State University (CSU)

22 CAMPUSES

Throughout the state of California

Application Filing Period

October 1 – November 30

Applications are currently open to begin/edit

Admission Requirements

- **Minimum 2.5 GPA** (10th-11th grade only)
- **Single Application** for all campuses
- **\$70 Application Fee** per campus

✗ **NO Letters of Recommendation**

✗ **NO Essay Required**

<https://www.calstate.edu/apply>



UC & CSU Eligibility Requirements

A-G Course Completion

Must have completed classes with a **"C" or better** for all A-G courses.

Grade Recovery (Remediation)

Must fix any **"D" grades** in A-G courses through APEX or summer school.

Standardized Testing

No SAT or ACT required for undergraduate admissions.



Plan Your Path

Ensure you meet all course and grade eligibility requirements to apply successfully to UC and CSU campuses.

Meeting the "Minimum requirements" does not mean "likely admission"

UC - CSU Comparison Chart

UC vs. CSU: Freshman Application Comparison

Application Area	University of California (UC)	California State University (CSU)
Application	UC Application — one application can be used for multiple UC campuses	Cal State Apply — one application can be used for multiple CSU campuses
Application period	October 1–November 30, 2026	October 1–November 30, 2026
Application deadline	November 30, 2026	November 30, 2026
Application fee	\$80 per UC campus for California residents; fee waivers may be available	\$70 per CSU campus; fee waivers may be available
Minimum GPA — California students	3.0 UC GPA	2.5 CSU GPA

Some campuses and majors have additional/higher admission criteria because of impacted programs.

Private Colleges & Universities

Requirements & GPAs Vary!

Check each college website directly for their specific requirements.

MOST SCHOOLS REQUIRE:

- **Common Application**
Apply to multiple schools at once, or use college-specific apps.
- **Official Test Scores**
Send official SAT/ACT reports if required.
- **Application Fee**
- **Personal Statement or Essay**
- **Letters of Recommendation**
Typically 0 to 3 maximum.

⚠ Application filing periods vary!



Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCUs)

Founding Purpose

Historically Black colleges and universities are institutions of higher education founded to educate Black students.

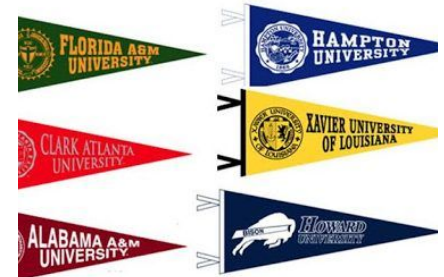


A Route to Opportunity

In the 19th century, when many colleges refused to admit Black applicants, HBCUs offered those students a vital route to higher education.

Admission Open to All

Anyone can apply to HBCUs!



Examples: **Howard University** (Washington, D.C.), **Spelman College** (Atlanta, Georgia), **Morehouse College** (Atlanta, Georgia), **Tuskegee University** (Tuskegee, Alabama), **Florida A&M University** (Tallahassee, Florida), **Charles R. Drew University** (Los Angeles, CA)

Out of State Colleges

Non-residents often have additional or different requirements at public universities.

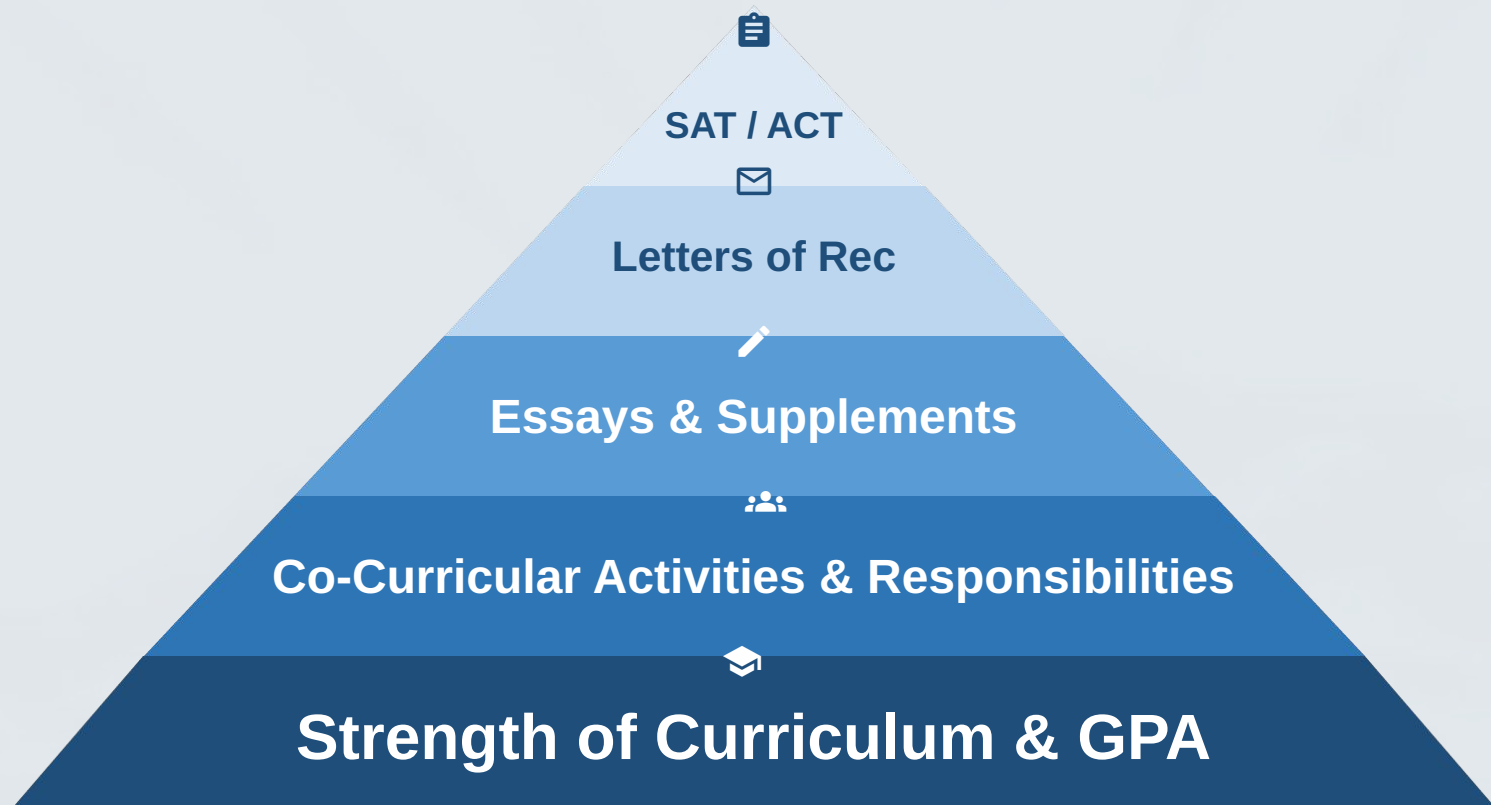
Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE)

Students can apply for reduced tuition at participating public schools and universities within 15 Western States.

Popular Participating Examples:

- University of Hawaii
- Colorado State University
- Portland State University
- University of Nevada, Reno (UNR)
- Montana State University

Top Factors for College Admission



SAT/ACT Testing Updates for 2026-2027

Registration Portal

SAT Registration

Register online at:

www.collegeboard.org

ACT Registration

Register online at:

[ACT.com](https://act.com)

Key Guidelines & Prep

- Students are responsible for submitting test scores directly to colleges!
- Check the admission requirements for each college you apply to.
- **Test Preparation Resources:** Khan Academy, ACT Academy, and CollegeBoard practice tests

Remaining SAT Testing Dates for 2026

SAT Test Date*	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Changes, Regular Cancellation, and Late Registration**
~~Aug. 22, 2026~~	~~Aug. 7, 2026~~	~~Aug. 11, 2026~~
~~Sept. 12, 2026~~	~~Aug. 28, 2026~~	~~Sept. 1, 2026~~
Oct. 3, 2026	Sept. 18, 2026 Register	Sept. 22, 2026
Nov. 7, 2026	Oct. 23, 2026 Register	Oct. 27, 2026
Dec. 5, 2026	Nov. 20, 2026 Register	Nov. 24, 2026
March 6, 2027	Feb. 19, 2027	Feb. 23, 2027
May 1, 2027	Apr. 16, 2027	April 20, 2027
June 5, 2027	May 21, 2027	May 25, 2027

NCAA/Student Athletes



Eligibility Updates

Students who initially enroll full-time during the **2026/27 academic year** and intend to play NCAA Division I or II athletics **will not be required** to take a standardized test (SAT/ACT) to meet NCAA initial-eligibility requirements.

Action Required:

Please email **Mr. Walters** to let him know if you plan on playing a sport in college to make sure that you are meeting the requirements!

Make sure that you have **paid account** through NCAA so that scouts can view your information.

Application Process



Plan Your Future

Essential planning resources available on CaliforniaColleges.edu



01

Explore Careers

02

Explore Colleges

03

Explore Majors

04

Launch College Applications

05

Launch FAFSA/CADAA

Decide Where to Apply

01

CSU's / UC's

02

Common App

03

Military Academies

04

International Schools

05

Community College (Spring)

Early Action vs. Early Decision vs. Regular Decision

Application Plan	Apply Early	Receive Decision Early	Agreement is Binding	Can Apply to Other Schools	Decision Day for Applicants
Early Action					May 1
Early Decision					N/A; agreement is binding
Regular Decision					May 1



Decide Where to Apply

Student Preferences

*Create a list of 8 - 10 colleges to apply to:

Likely
Safety (High acceptance)

Possibly
Target (Good match)

Reach
Challenge (Dream school)

Key Decision Factors

▪ Location / Setting / Size

Where & how big is the school?

▪ Academic Majors & Programs

Are your desired majors offered?

▪ *Financial Fit

Cost & average student debt

▪ Student Life & Diversity

Campus culture & community

▪ Faculty : Student Ratio

Class sizes and faculty access

▪ Selectivity & College Type

2-year, 4-year, or Vocational

▪ *Graduation Rates

Via National Center for Education
Statistics

Explore colleges & majors using:

CaliforniaColleges.edu ▪ College Board Big Future ▪ College Navigator

Decide Where to Apply

Common Data Set (CDS)

What is the Common Data Set?

A comprehensive document containing official statistics and key admissions criteria directly from colleges.

It helps answer critical application questions such as:

01

Admissions Criteria Weight

Relative importance of factors like class rank, rigor, essay, and test scores.

02

Student Profile & Test Scores

What is the average SAT/ACT score of students who were admitted?

03

Selectivity & Acceptance Rates

What is the overall acceptance rate for first-time, degree-seeking applicants?

Letters of Recommendation

Submission Guidelines

Requesting Letters From Teachers

- Request the letter in the **Common App**
- Complete the **brag sheet**
- Let your teacher know in person or via email at least **3 weeks ahead of time**
- Please do not ask for more letters than is needed

Requesting Letters From Counselors

- **Ask early** (3 weeks is ideal) in person
 - *Letters cannot be requested for counselors in Common App*
- **Add your Counselor** to your Common App
- Complete the **brag sheet** and send it
- Be available for follow-up questions
- **Last minute requests cannot be accommodated!**

Application Timeline

September

- Build college list
- Research requirements
- Start applications
- Request recommendations
- Work on essays

October

- FAFSA/CADAA preparation
- UC/CSU application work
- Private/out-of-state apps
- Scholarship research

November

- UC application deadline
- CSU application deadline

December-January

- Private college deadlines
- FAFSA/CADAA
- Scholarships
- Check portals

Spring

- Admission decisions
- Financial aid offers
- Compare offers
- SIR/deposit
- Housing

Summer

- Final transcript
- Orientation
- Placement/enrollment
- Final financial aid steps

Paying for College & Financial Aid



Please see **Mr. Walters** for questions about completing **FAFSA**, as it is a **requirement!**

Financial Aid Applications

Completing your FAFSA or CADA is the critical first step to securing funding for your college education.

Class of 2027



Why Apply?

Determines eligibility for state aid, including:

- Grants & Scholarships
- Student Loans
- Tuition Waivers

Required for programs like **DVC's 4 CD Promise**



Mandatory

All graduating students must complete an application, regardless of your post-high school path:

- 4-Year Universities
- Community Colleges
- Trade & Tech Schools
- Adult Education



How & When

Applications Open:
October 1, 2026

Where to Launch:
CaliforniaColleges.edu

Link your accounts early to streamline the submission process

FAFSA / DACA Workshop

How to Complete Your Application

Federal Student Aid
An OFFICE of the U.S. DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION



When

October 15, 2026
@ 6:00pm



Where

College Park HS
College & Career Center (A-1)



Questions?

Contact Mr. Walters
College & Career Advisor

Scholarships



Prioritize Local Options

Local scholarships generally have fewer applicants and offer you the highest probability of being selected.



Check Google Classroom

Regularly visit the Senior Google Classroom for the most current and updated scholarship information.



CRITICAL RULE

Don't ever pay for scholarship opportunities!

Legitimate organizations will never require an application fee. Always protect your personal and financial information.

Paying for College



FAFSA / CADAA

California Dream Act application opens October 1, 2026.



California Colleges

Launch your college application portal directly in CaliforniaColleges.edu.



Net Price Calculator

Estimate college costs easily: collegecost.ed.gov/net-price



Scholarships

Actively search out diverse Local and National scholarship options.



Additional information and resource links are hosted on the Google Classroom.

Need help with your College Applications?



When

Most weeks during
RTI (September -
November)



Where

College & Career
Center



How

Sign up through
Minga!

College Park High School PTSA

HEY, SENIORS!



PTSA SCHOLARSHIPS ARE COMING



BRIGHT
FUTURES
AHEAD

FIVE \$750 SCHOLARSHIPS

Your first step: Become a student PTSA member.
Membership is just \$15 for the year.

JOIN PTSA TODAY

Applications open in spring 2027.
Membership may also qualify you for county
and state PTA scholarships.

Pick up a pass from
Mr. Walters in the
College/Career
Center during the
week of the event!



College & Career Center (A-1)

COLLEGE Rep Visits
YOUR FUTURE. YOUR CHOICES. LET'S GO!

≡ VISITS IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER ≡

SEPT 9	11:30 AM = Utah State University
SEPT 14	9:50 AM = Seattle University
SEPT 15	9:45 AM = UC Davis
SEPT 21	9:55 AM = Oregon State University
SEPT 25	1:30 PM = UC Berkeley
SEPT 29	9:45 AM = University of Portland
OCT 1	8:45 AM = USC 9:30 AM = CSU East Bay 12:00 PM = UNR
OCT 16	9:50 AM = Chapman
OCT 21	10:30 AM = Southern Oregon University

HERE AT THE
COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER

ASK QUESTIONS.
EXPLORE OPTIONS.
PLAN YOUR FUTURE!

EVERY VISIT
BRINGS YOU
ONE STEP CLOSER!

Logos included: University of Portland, UC Davis, State U, N Nevada, The University of California Berkeley, Cal State East Bay, USC, Oregon State University, SOU Southern Oregon University, Seattle University.



Questions?