



FRESHMAN YEAR CHECKLIST

MEET THE UC/CSU A-G COURSE REQUIREMENTS

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Required Years</u>
History/Social Science	2
English	4
Mathematics	3 (4 Recommended)
Laboratory Science	2 (3 Recommended)
Language other than English	2 (3 Recommended)
Visual and Performing Arts	1
College Preparatory Elective	1

Important: Only UC-approved A-G courses satisfy these requirements.



EARN A GRADE OF “C” OR BETTER

- Every A-G course must be completed with a “C” or higher
- A “D” or “F” does not satisfy an A-G requirement and must be repeated

MAINTAIN A COMPETITIVE GPA

Minimum eligibility for California residents:

- UC Minimum GPA: 3.00
- CSU Minimum GPA: 2.50

Competitive Universities Typically Admit Students with Higher GPA's

- UC Berkeley
- UCLA
- Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

UNDERSTAND THAT FRESHMAN YEAR MATTERS

Although the UC admission GPA begins with grades earned after 9th grade:

- Freshman grades become part of the permanent transcript.
- Private colleges review freshman grades.
- Strong freshman performance prepares students for rigorous sophomore and junior coursework.



WHAT ELSE CAN BE DONE



ATTEND SCHOOL EVERY DAY

- Maintain excellent attendance/Avoid excessive tardies
- Complete assignments on time.
- Seek help immediately when struggling academically.

BECOME INVOLVED OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Choose activities that demonstrate commitment and leadership

- Athletics
- Clubs
- Student Leadership
- Music or Fine Arts
- Church Ministry
- Community Service
- Employment
- Academic Teams

Long term commitment is as valuable as joining many different activities.

KEEP A RECORD OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Beginning in the 9th grade, maintain a list of:

- Volunteer hours
- Leadership positions
- Awards
- Employment
- Church involvement
- Athletics
- Clubs
- Community Service
- Summer programs
- Special recognitions

BUILD RELATIONSHIPS WITH TEACHERS

Students should:

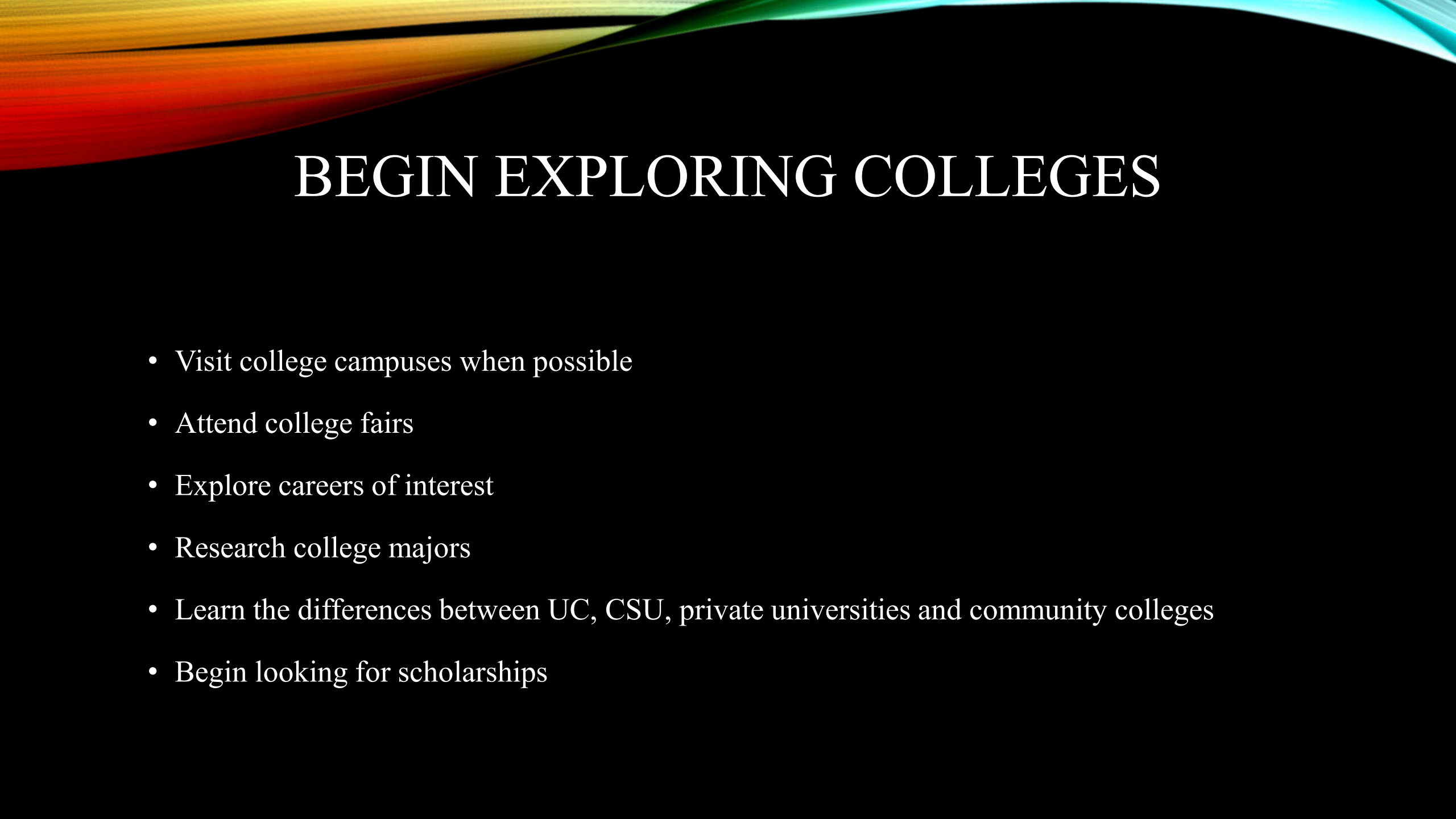
- Participate in class.
- Complete assignments on time.
- Demonstrate integrity and responsibility
- Ask questions when needed

Strong teacher relationships lead to stronger letters of recommendation

MEET WITH COLLEGE COUNSELOR EVERY YEAR

Review annually:

- Graduation requirements
- A-G progress
- Four year academic plan
- GPA
- College and career interests
- Scholarships and enrichment programs



BEGIN EXPLORING COLLEGES

- Visit college campuses when possible
- Attend college fairs
- Explore careers of interest
- Research college majors
- Learn the differences between UC, CSU, private universities and community colleges
- Begin looking for scholarships

DEVELOP HABITS THAT COLLEGES VALUE

Colleges look for students who consistently demonstrate:

- Academic achievement
- Leadership
- Responsibility
- Integrity
- Service to others
- Initiative
- Strong character
- Consistent effort
- Resilience
- Positive citizenship

FRESHMAN SUCCESS GOAL

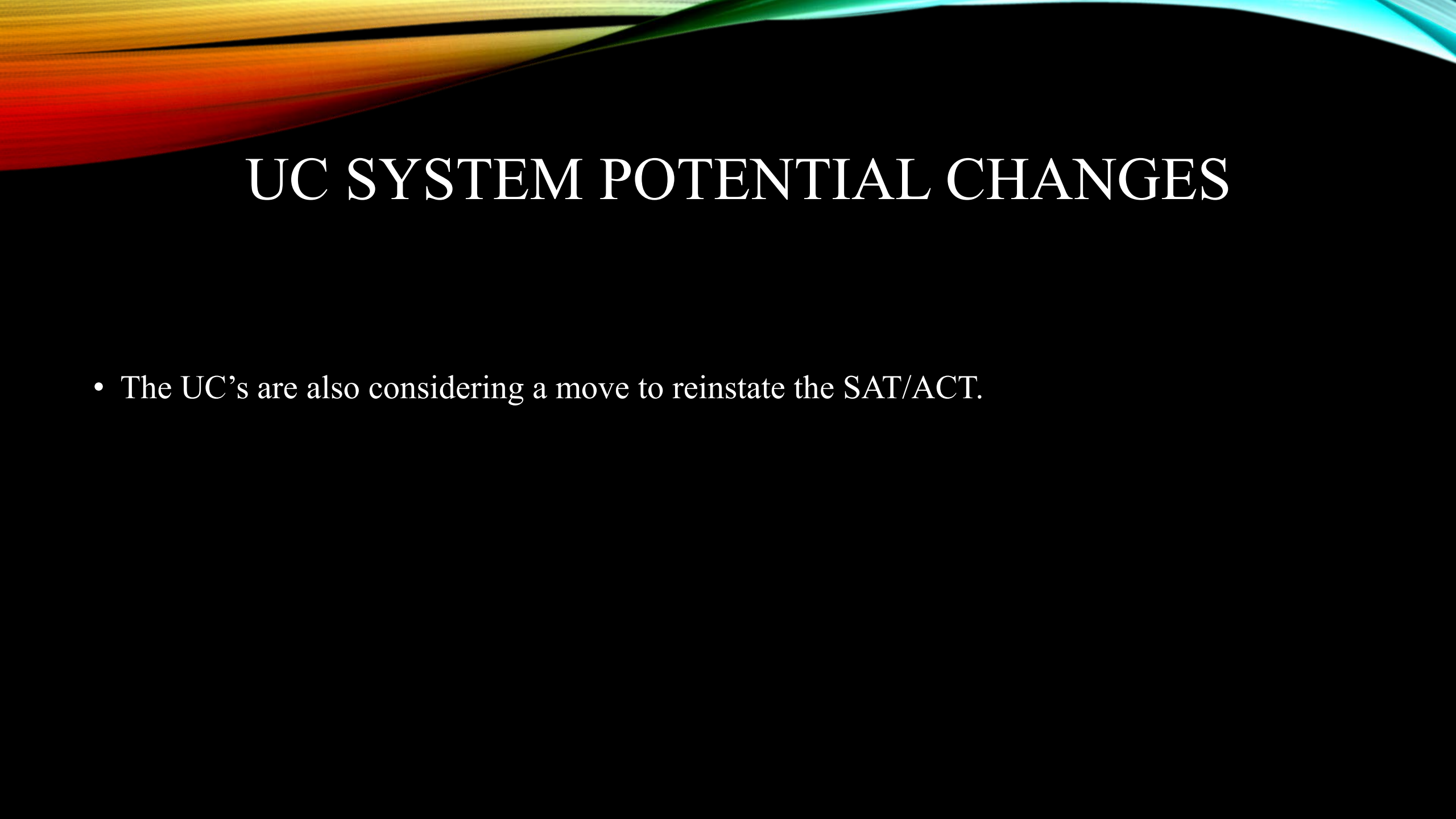
By the end of 9th grade, students should be able to answer “yes” to each of these questions:

- Am I on track to complete all UC/CSU A-G requirements?
- Have I earned at least a C in every A-G course?
- Am I maintaining the highest GPA possible?
- Am I involved in activities outside the classroom?
- Have I begun exploring colleges and careers?

Successful college planning begins in ninth grade. Every course, every semester, and every year contributes to future college opportunities.

UC SYSTEM POTENTIAL CHANGES

- Which subject areas are required
- How many courses students need in each area.
- Whether the current requirements adequately prepare students for the academic demands of UC
- The preparation of students in math and science in particular.
- How UC requirements compare with other states requirements
- Whether changes are needed because of changing college and workforce expectations.
- Recommendations to come in May 2027



UC SYSTEM POTENTIAL CHANGES

- The UC's are also considering a move to reinstate the SAT/ACT.