CLASS OF 2020
JUNIORS
FAMILY INFO NIGHT
All things College!

Introductions

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What do we do? College Essay Readers, Application Workshops, Individual Advising Appointments, College Rep Visits, College/Career Week, Fee Waivers, Scholarships, etc.

ACT ®

Tests For College

SAT ®

ACT

~MC: English, Math, Reading, *Science* Reasoning
~can use calculator on <u>all</u> math
~website: ACT.org

Next Test Dates:
~April 13
~June 8

SAT

~a little bit longer (10 minutes, *total 3 hours 50 minutes*)
~can use calculator on <u>some</u> math
~website: collegeboard.org

Next Test Dates:
~March 9
~May 4
~June 1

~UC's, CSU's***, and most private schools <u>require</u> one of these tests
~*Not **all** schools require ACT/SAT, see the full list of test-optional schools on "fairtest.org"*

	SAT https://www.collegeboard.org/	**ACT** http://www.act.org/
ENGLISH	WRITING AND LANGUAGE 44 multiple choice 35 minutes Grammar and vocabulary in context and editing skills	ENGLISH 75 multiple choice questions 45 minutes Grammar, punctuation, sentence structure and rhetorical skills
	READING 52 multiple choice questions 65 minutes Read passages (literature, historical documents, social science and natural science) and answer questions about them.	READING 40 multiple choice questions 35 minutes 40 multiple choice questions on four different passages (10 question for each)
MATH	58 multiple choice questions (20 questions with no calculator, 38 with calculator) Material covered: Algebra I and II, Geometry, some Trigonometry	60 multiple choice questions (calculator allowed on all) Material covered: Algebra I and II, Geometry, some Trigonometry
SCIENCE	NONE	40 multiple choice questions 35 minutes Questions are science-based passages with graphs, charts, tables, research summaries
ESSAY	Optional, however the UC's and most private colleges require it, not the CSU's. 50 minutes Read a passage and explain how the author makes persuasive argument	Optional, however the UC's and most private colleges require it, not the CSU's. 40 minutes Student comes up with an argument and has to support it.
GENERAL	More time per problem Time to take it 3 to 4 hours	Makes students go at fast pace. Time to take it 3 to 4 hours

TIPS: Colleges don't care which test you take and use, just **PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE!** To quickly figure out which test you would do better on take a quiz at:
https://www.farwiser.com/act-vs-sat-tool/
For free online practice go to
https://www.khanacademy.org/test-prep
For almost free online practice go to
https://magoosh.com/   and use code BCF_18 for a 90% discount.

A-G Requirements

Area	Subject	Units
A	History/Social Science	2 years
B	English	4 years
C	Mathematics	3 years, 4 recommended
D	Lab Science	2 years, 3 recommended
E	Language other than English	2 years, 3 recommended
F	Visual and Performing Arts	1 year (must be consecutive semesters
G	Elective	1 year
	Total	15 A-G Course Minimum

College Options

University of California (9)
California State Universities (23)
California Community Colleges (114)
Private Schools
Out-of-State Schools

Community College

❖ 2-year college option where students often go for...

❖ General Education, Technical Programs, Transfer into 4-year school

❖ Typical transfer takes 2 years, some in less (transfers save $$$)

❖ T.A.G. (Transfer Admission Guarantee) → for some UCs or CSUs (pending GPA and pre-reqs)

❖ TOTAL Cost of Attendance: **~$5,000** (tuition, fees, transportation, books)

UC (University of California)

- 1 Application → All 9 Campuses (My UC Application)
  - List of extracurriculars/honors/awards
- 4 Short Essays (Personal Insight Questions)
- Requirements???
  - No Letters of Rec
  - SAT/ACT? **Yes, no later than December 2019**
  - Course Requirement? **Yes, A-G Requirements**
  - What GPA do they look at? **10th-11th grade GPA***
    - 3.0 UC GPA makes you *eligible*
    - TOTAL Cost of Attendance for a CA Resident: **~$35,000** (tuition, books, health insurance, room/board, personal/transportation.

![CSU The California State University]

- ❖ 1 Application for ALL 23 Cal States
- ❖ Same A-G Course Requirements as UC's
- ❖ SAT/ACT test **required** *
- ❖ Letters of Rec **not** required
- ❖ Eligibility: 2.0 GPA min. + Test Score (*Refer to index*)
- ❖ Some majors are *impacted*
- ❖ TOTAL Cost of Attendance: **~$25,000** (*Tuition, Transportation, Dorms, etc.*)

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

Eligibility Index Table

SAT TABLE - CA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES OR RESIDENTS OF CA*
(A GPA of 3.00 and above qualifies for any score in SAT)

GPA	NEW SAT SCORE	GPA	NEW SAT SCORE	GPA	NEW SAT SCORE
2.99	560	2.66	830	2.33	1090
2.98	570	2.65	830	2.32	1100
2.97	580	2.64	840	2.31	1110
2.96	590	2.63	850	2.30	1110
2.95	590	2.62	860	2.29	1120
2.94	600	2.61	870	2.28	1130
2.93	610	2.60	870	2.27	1140
2.92	620	2.59	880	2.26	1150
2.91	630	2.58	890	2.25	1150
2.90	630	2.57	900	2.24	1160
2.89	640	2.56	910	2.23	1170
2.88	650	2.55	910	2.22	1180
2.87	660	2.54	920	2.21	1190
2.86	670	2.53	930	2.20	1190
2.85	670	2.52	940	2.19	1200
2.84	680	2.51	950	2.18	1210
2.83	690	2.50	950	2.17	1220
2.82	700	2.49	960	2.16	1230
2.81	710	2.48	970	2.15	1230

Private Colleges

~Privately funded (tuition or private donations)

~Tend to be smaller in student population/classroom size

~Tend to cost more for tuition* (*many privates are generous with financial aid, though*)

~Most Private Colleges are on the Common Application (Personal statement, letters of rec)

~CSS Profile (additional financial aid app)

~SAT Subject Tests?

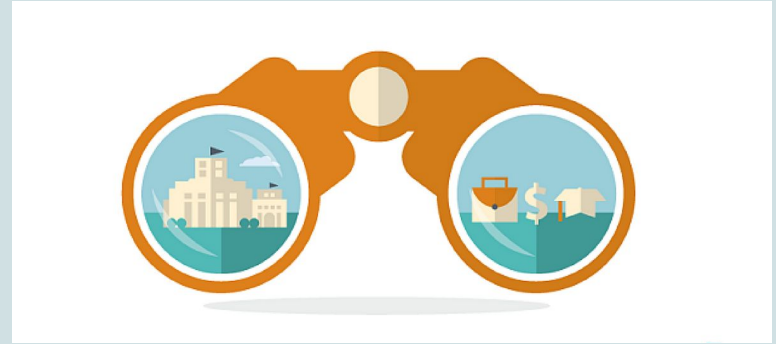~Supplemental Essays

Historically Black Colleges & Universities

~Originally established as educational institutions for students of African-American descent during Segregation
~Today, there are over 100 HBCU's around US
~Students of all races/backgrounds are welcome to apply to HBCU's for their post-secondary education.

	COMMUNITY COLLEGE	CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA	PRIVATE
Website	cccco.edu	www2.calstate.edu/apply	admissions.universityofcalifornia.edu	commonapp.org
Number of Schools	114	23	9	750+
TESTING:	Not required	ACT without essay or SAT without essay	ACT with essay or SAT with essay Most Engineering Schools require Subject Test (also known as SAT II's)	Varies from school to school. Some require Subject Test (also known as SAT II's)
REQUIRED HS COURSES:	No	A-G course work	A-G course work	For the most part A-G course work
MINIMUM GPA:	No	**2.0** for courses taken in 10th and 11th grade. AP and most Honors courses are weighted	**3.0** for courses taken in 10th and 11th grade. AP and most Honors courses are weighted	Varies from school to school
ESSAYS	No	No	4 essays each maximum 350 words	Yes, one main essay of 250 to 650 words. Some schools require other shorter essays
LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION	No	No	Generally no. Some campuses invite students to submit recommendations after the initial application submission.	Yes, 1 to 2 possibly more teacher recommendations and 1 counselor recommendation
LIST OF EXTRACURICULLAR ACTIVITIES	No	No	Yes	Yes
OPENING OF APPLICATION	Middle of March	October 1	August 1	July 1
APPLICATION DEADLINE	Semester start	November 30	November 30	Early Decision I , Early Decision II Regular Decision Colleges set their own dates

Encouraging our Students to take ownership over their College Search

~Talk to Family/Older Friends/Mentors/Teachers
~Meet with a College Counselor from BHS (appointments on later slide)
~Attend a local college fair
~Begin your college search using the websites below.

~Niche
~Collegeboard BigFuture
~Cappex
~CollegeConfidential
~Collegexpress

Local Fairs

WACAC COLLEGE FAIRS 2019

Sacramento State
Sunday, April 28, 2019
11 am – 1 pm

University of the Pacific
Monday, April 29, 2019
10 am – 12pm

Dominican University of California
Monday, April 29, 2019
6 pm – 8 pm

Sonoma State University
Wednesday, May 1, 2019
6 pm – 8pm

West Valley College (Santa Clara)
Thursday, May 2, 2019
10 am – 1pm and 7 – 8 pm

Cal State East Bay
Friday, May 3, 2019
10 am – 12 pm

Saint Mary's College of California
Saturday, May 4, 2019
12:15pm – Informational Sessions; 1 pm – 4 pm – College Fair

Register at: https://www.cacaccollegefair.com

NACAC COLLEGE FAIR 2019

Santa Clara Convention Center
Saturday, April 6, 2019
1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Register at: https://www.gotomyncf.com/Registration/EventSelectForState?stateName=All

COLLEGES THAT CHANGE LIVES 2019

Marin Center, Exhibit Hall
Tuesday, July 30, 2019
7 pm – 7:30 pm - Informational Session; 7:30 pm – 9 pm - Fair

Register at: https://ctcl.org/marin-county-ca-july-30-2019

Go to www.strivefair.com to register for a barcode. It's free and will save you time. The day after the fair, you will receive a report with information about each college with whom you scanned!

TIPS before going to a college fair

Before the Fair:

- **Ask yourself "Why do I want to go to college?"** This may sound basic but you'll be surprised how difficult this question might be for you to answer in the beginning.
- **Consider what you are looking for in a school:** big/small, major, urban/rural, 2-year/4-year, religiously-affiliated, athletics, Greek life, special programs/opportunities, etc.
- **Make a list of schools that are a "must" to connect with.** You may not be able to get to every college, so know ahead of time what type of colleges you would be interested in attending.
- **Register online ahead of time, if applicable.** Registering will give you a bar code the college rep will be able to scan to get your contact information.
- **Type your contact info, high school name, graduation year, major, etc. on sticky labnles for contact cards.**
- **Talk to at least one college representative from a school you have never heard of.**
- **Prepare a list of interesting, specific questions for the college reps** – this will generate interesting and specific conversations.
- **Make a professional email address.**

During the Fair:

- **Bring a pen, paper, and tote bag** for notes and materials.
- **Grab a map** (if available) to plan your route.
- **Be patient** – you may have to wait in line to talk to a college.
- **Don't let your parents do all of the talking.**
- **Take notes!** Write down what you find most interesting about each college.
- **Ask for business cards.** Follow up with the rep if you have more questions or just want to thank them for their time.
- **Be adventurous!** Chat with colleges you may not have considered or never heard of.
- **Attend an information session** to learn more about the college search process, financial etc.

After the Fair:

- **Organize and sort through all of the material** you have collected.
- **Make notes about schools that stood out to you** while it is fresh in your mind.
- **Recycle materials** from colleges you have ruled out.
- **Review college websites, catalogs, and view** books of the schools that interested you most.
- **Write down any additional questions** you want to follow up about.

- **Consider sending a thank you email to the college rep.** This simple gesture can show admission officials you are serious about wanting to attend their college.
- **Talk to your parents and counselor** about what schools peaked our interest and why.
- **Adjust your college list accordingly**, if necessary.
- **Start scheduling visits** to your top schools.
- **Read e-mails** to see when colleges will be visiting your school or community.

Questions do's & don'ts

DON'T ask things you can research easily online like:

- What is your freshmen acceptance rate?
- What's the average GPA of students accepted?
- How cold does it get in the winter?
- What's the student-to-faculty ratio?
- What's your school like? (Too general)
- "Is your _____ program good? (Of course it is!)

Do ask:

- What are the 3 coolest things about your school?
- Where do you like to eat on campus?
- How easy is it to take classes in _____ if I'm a _____major?
- What are 3 adjectives to describe the type of students at your school?
- What is your favorite tradition at your college?
- Out-of-state colleges: What programs are offered to help out-of-state students adjust living away from home?
- If the rep is an alum: What do you wish you would have taken advantage of at your college?
- What do students like to do on the weekends at your school or in the area?

FINANCIAL AID

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or DREAM ACT

- Cal Grant GPA Verification Form

- Check College Website for additional forms such as:

- CSS Financial Aid Profile www.collegeboard.com

- Institutional Scholarship and/or Financial Aid Application

- Needed information is based on 2018 taxes

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO THIS SPRING:

- Get the best grades possible.
- Study for the SAT or ACT and take the exam once.
- Start the college search. A good place to do so is on collegeboard.org where you can enter your profile into a search engine which will then create a college list for you.
- Attend a college fair.
- Meet with you college counselor in the College and Career Center who can answer your question and help you with your college list.
- Visit some local colleges and universities.
- Think about which teachers from this year (usually a humanities teacher and one from math or science.) Ask them at the end of the year to do so.
- Get in the habit of reading the emails sent out by the College Career Center.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO IN THE SUMMER:

- Depending on your ACT or SAT score, continue studying for your preferred test so you can retake it in the fall.
- Continue building your college list.
- Write the Senior Profile, which is a summary of all your activities and allows you to give your counselor a better understanding of who you are so he/she will be able write a good letter of recommendation for you. The forms will be made available online later in the semester.
- Start on your UC and Common App essays so you have drafts at the beginning of fall and can start working with one of our essay readers in the college center.

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Juniors can now make appointments by signing up for an appointment on the links below:

For Students in AC, AMPS, CAS, ISP with Mr. An:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F44ADA623AAF94-advising13

For Students in AHA, BIHS, and EL with Ms. Sandberg:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F44ADA623AAF94-juniors8

Thank you for your time!