

Senior College Night



Students and Parents

Agenda

- A-G Requirements
- College Options
- Testing Requirements
- Financial Aid and Scholarships
- Senior Year Experience
- Breakout sessions

A - G Requirements

A) Social Science: World Geography, World Cultures, US History, Government/Economics	2 years
B) English 9-12 (ELD 7/8 may apply)	4 years
C) Math: Integrated I, Integrated II, Integrated III, Pre-Calculus	3 years (4 yrs recommended)
D) Science: Biology, Chemistry, Physics	2 years (3 recommended of Laboratory Science)
E) Foreign Language	2 years (3 yrs recommended)
F) Visual and Performing Arts	1 year
G) College-Prep Elective	1 year

Must earn a “C” grade or higher

4-Year University Options

California Public Universities (CSU'S)

- 23 CSU Campuses



University of California (UC's)

- 9 UC Campuses



- Out-of-State Public Colleges & Universities
- Private Colleges

Application Deadlines

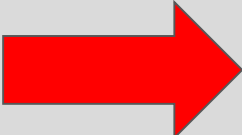


- The California State University (CSU):
 - October 1st – **November 30th**
 - HOW TO APPLY~www.csumentor.edu
- The University of California (UC):
 - August 1st – **November 30th**
 - HOW TO APPLY~www.universityofcalifornia.edu



Out-of-State/Private University Admission Requirements

- Students should check with each college individually as requirements vary by institution
- Admission is often determined by a “committee” type process
- Many campuses use *Common Application*
 - One application used by over 350 colleges and universities
 - Accepted in place of the school’s own application and students can apply to many colleges using this one application
 - Colleges that use the Common Application also require:
 - An essay (some schools require ~~additional~~ *essays*)
 - Letters of recommendation from your counselor and teacher(s)



www.commonapp.org Provides a list of schools that accept the Common Application in place of their own application

Letters of Recommendation

- Letters of recommendation may also be required for Private Universities and Out-of-state colleges
- They **are not** required for UC/CSU schools
- Students requiring a letter of recommendation for college will have to complete the Letters of Recommendation Info Sheet
 - This gives teachers/counselors more insight into who you are
 - **Give at least one month notice to counselors and teachers**
 - **Student must REQUEST a letter in person.**
- Students may also require a letter of recommendation for
 - Scholarships
 - Special programs or majors



Creating a “Colleges I’m thinking about list”

As you are researching colleges, be sure to consider multiple criteria: cost, admission rates, requirements, location, majors available, size, student life to help you determine a possible good fit.

Your college list should include a broad range of schools, mostly

✓ “Safety” Schools – preparation well exceeds admission requirements & costs

✓ “Match” Schools – preparation meets or exceeds admission requirements & costs

And a few...

✓ “Reach” Schools - admission is very competitive regardless of student preparation (historically low admission rates); student does not meet or exceed requirements or the school’s cost exceeds your college budget

Research admission criteria and acceptance rates to compare your qualifications with those of students who have been admitted in the past.

College Search Tool: www.cappex.com, www.collegeboard.org

THE COLLEGE VISIT

- ▶ A college visit is the best way to decide if a campus is a good 'fit' for a student.
- ▶ Visit the colleges you are considering during spring break and the summer break.
- ▶ Tour the residence halls, cafeteria, classroom, athletic fields, etc.
- ▶ Call ahead or check website to schedule a tour and/or information session.
- ▶ Ask questions of the tour guide or other students on campus.



Source: National Center for Education Statistics & College Provider

College Test Requirements

CA Community College	No Admissions Test Required	Placement Test Required in English and
CSU	SAT Reasoning Test OR ACT (Writing not required)	
UC	SAT Reasoning Test with Writing OR ACT with Writing	
Private	Varies (check with each college)	

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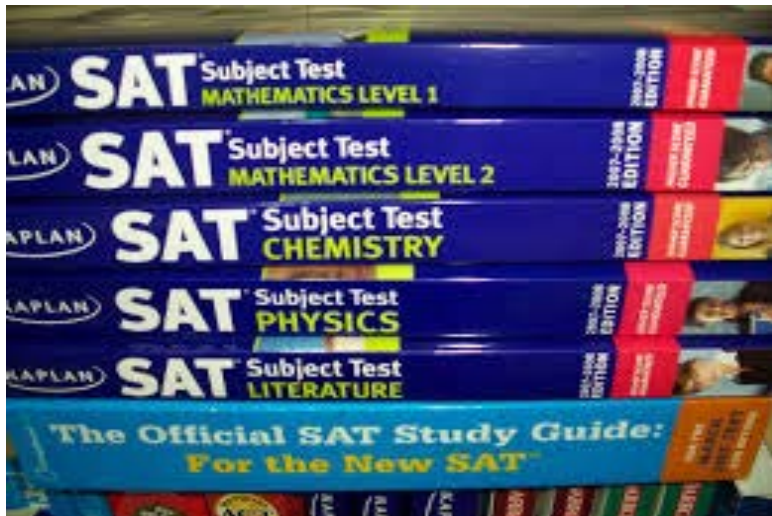


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SAT Subject Tests

- ▶ Although subject tests are not required good scores on subject tests can enhance college applications for specific majors. Check with the program you plan to apply too for more information.



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Community College

- Students may enroll at a [California community college](#) if they earned a high school diploma. There are no specific requirements for entrance but rigorous classes help to prepare students.
SAT/ACT are not required
- Students can earn professional certificates, associate degrees and/or participate in [transfer programs](#)
- The benefits of community college include smaller class sizes and lower costs. It may be a good fit for students who aren't sure what they want to study or who want to prepare for a career like culinary arts, cosmetology or audio tech.
- Students who aren't selected for their first choice college may attend and transfer later.



Are you interested in playing sports in college?

- Go to www.eligibilitycenter.org to register and make sure you will meet the academic requirements that you need to be eligible to play



Financial Aid



- ▶ FAFSA: Free Application for Federal Student Aid
 - Application dates October 1, 2018 - March 2, 2019
 - Grants - Federal and State, Loans, Middle Class Scholarship, Work Study

- ▶ Scholarships do **NOT** have to be repaid!!!
 - You can receive a scholarship for:
 - Athletic talent
 - Special Factors (ethnicity, gender, religious affiliation, etc..)
 - Academic Achievements
 - Personal Achievements (students who excel in such areas as writing, outstanding community service, leadership...)
 - Different types of scholarship
 - Honorary
 - Need-based

****FINANCIAL AID NIGHT: October 23rd at BVH~6pm**

****CASH FOR COLLEGE: October 20th at ELH~9am-12pm**



Senior Year Experience

- ▶ Keep rigor in your course schedule! at least 4 academic courses with one being math.
- ▶ Balance rigor with success – aim high, but do not take too much risk!
- ▶ One D/F will disqualify you from a UC campus.
- ▶ One D/F will disqualify you from SDSU.
- ▶ Make sure you complete any make up work **BEFORE** you apply (APEX)