

Sophomore Parent Education Night



PSAT – October 16 @ Grove

- Scores are available online in December
- Students will receive an email from College Board with login instructions
- PSAT/NMSQT in October 2020 (junior year)
- Understanding scores resources through mailing



PSAT

- My College Board:
 - See all your scores and if you are on track for college readiness
 - View detailed explanations of skills required to be college ready
 - Send your scores to Khan Academy[®] for personalized practice recommendations
 - Search for colleges that fit your needs
 - Access your PSAT/NMSQT Selection Index score used for participation in programs conducted by National Merit Scholarship Corporation
 - Start on your scholarship and college financial aid plan
 - Roadtrip Nation
 - Get feedback on your readiness for AP courses

High School Grad Requirements

- 4 years of English
- 3 years of Math
- 3 years Lab Science
- 2 years Foreign Language
- 1 year Art
- 3 years Social Studies (World, US, Gov/Econ)
- 1 semester Health
- 2 years PE
- Total 225 credits
- Senior Project (can be completed starting junior year)

Tentative Scheduling

Junior Year

- English or AP Language
- Math (Alg 1 & 2, Geom, Pre-Calc, Statistics)
- Physics, H Physics, APES
- Spanish 3
- USH, AP USH
- Art (Art CP, Studio Art, Drama Music-Choir, Ceramics, AP Art)

Senior Year

- English or AP Literature
- Math
- Chem, H Chem, AP Bio
- Gov/Econ, AP Gov
- Art (Art CP, Studio Art, Music-Choir, Ceramics, AP Art)

* Course offerings are subject to change.

Options After High School

- Apprenticeships -
<https://www.dir.ca.gov/databases/das/aigstart.asp>
<http://www.calapprenticeship.org/>
- Trade schools - <http://www.trade-schools.net/>
(check program accreditation)
- Military - <http://www.military.com/>
- Gap Year
- Community College (two-year schools, Junior Colleges)
- Four-year schools

Options After High School

- There is room in the colleges of this state and this nation, students need to look broadly at their choices
- Colleges have various degrees of selectivity –from admitting all eligible applicants to less than 1 in 10 applicants
- Look beyond the most popular, most selective schools
- 4,700 colleges in U.S., over 2,400 4-year colleges in U.S.
- Only 4% of the colleges in this country accept fewer than 20% of their applicants
- In California we have three of the most respected public college systems in the country

College Match

- Know yourself ... Identify the priorities for you and your family (values, ambition, achievements, strength, interest, talents)
- Look for schools that match your student's strengths and learning style
- Research!
 - Location, academics, size, cost, etc.
- Visit!
- Be realistic and maintain perspective
- Finances

Degree Options

- Associate Degree
 - This two-year degree is an Associate of Arts (A.A.) or Associate of Science (A.S.). Some students who earn this degree transfer to a four-year program to earn a bachelor's degree. Others complete associate degrees to prepare to go straight to work. Community colleges and career colleges offer these degrees.
- Bachelor's Degree
 - This degree requires completing a four- or five-year college program. Most students earn a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) or Bachelor of Science degree (B.S.). Other types of bachelor's degrees include the Bachelor of Fine Arts or Bachelor of Architecture degree.
- Graduate Degree
 - Graduate degrees are advanced degrees pursued after earning a bachelor's degree. Examples are a Master of Arts (M.A.) or Master of Science (M.S.) degree. Students generally can earn a master's degree after two years of study. A doctoral degree (for example, a Ph.D.) requires four or more years of study.

Degree Options

- Joint Degrees

- Students can earn a bachelor's plus a graduate or professional degree in less time if they combine them. A student on this track may apply to a graduate program as an undergraduate and begin the graduate program in the fourth year of college.

- Professional Degree

- Students earn professional degrees to become licensed to work in professions like medicine or law. The M.D. degree is an example. Professional programs generally require a college degree before you start them and then at least three years of study to complete.

- Teacher Certification

- Some colleges let you earn a teacher certification by combining bachelor's degree study with state certification requirements. State requirements vary, but these programs usually feature professional education courses, including student teaching.

Researching Colleges

- Attend open houses, college fairs, individual campus tours
- Browse websites:
- <http://www.collegeboard.com/student/csearch/index.html>
- <http://www.princetonreview.com/college-rankings/best-colleges>
- Historically Black Colleges -
<http://www2.ed.gov/about/inits/list/whhbcu/edlite-list.html>
- College Rankings
<http://colleges.usnews.rankingsandreviews.com/best-colleges/rankings>
- Researching Majors - <http://www.collegemajors101.com/>
- Virtual College Tours
 - <http://www.campustours.com/>
 - www.ecampustours.com

What do colleges look for?

- Excellent grades/GPA
- Go beyond minimum course requirements (challenging curriculum)
- Well-rounded student – activities and community service
- Commitment rather than involvement
- SAT and/or ACT
- class rank, essay, student demonstrated interest
- Letters of recommendation
- Check private college websites for detailed information
- Did the student challenge themselves and took advantage of opportunities?

Community College

- 2-year college
- certificates
- A.A. or transfer to a 4-year school with 60 transferable units
- A degree with a Guarantee (CSU) - <http://adegreewithaguarantee.com/>
- TAG (Transfer Admission Guarantee) – not for UCLA, UCSD and Berkeley
 - guaranteed admission if you fulfill certain criteria
 - more information: <https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/transfer-requirements/transfer-admission-guarantee-tag.html>

Community College-Advantages

- Low cost
- Choose any of the 112 community colleges in the state of California for the same cost
- Small classes
- Variety of educational goals can be met
- Transfer to a university is based on college work
- Most university transfers don't include high school work or SAT/ACT
- Priority is given at UC/CSU to students applying as juniors coming from CA community colleges

UC, CSU, Private? – Where is the difference?

California State University (CSU)

- Public
- 23 campuses
- “Less” selective
- Cheaper than UC and private
- Less research, more practical application
- Approx. \$26,000 total living on campus

University of California (UC)

- Public
- 10 campuses
- More selective
- More expensive than CSU
- Emphasis on research and theory
- Higher reputation
- \$35,000 total living on campus (incl. books, transportation etc.)

Private,

Alphabetical listing of independent and private colleges in CA:

http://www.aiccu.edu/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=95&Itemid=43

Campuses



Minimum Admission Requirements

CSU

- A-G requirement with grades C or higher
- Minimum GPA = 2.0 (GPA of a-g classes completed **after** the 9th grade) (grades 10 and 11)
- Scores of the SAT or ACT
- Minimum eligibility index of 2950 (SAT) or 694 (ACT)
- $\text{GPA} \times 800 \text{ (SAT)} + \text{combined SAT score (Math and Reading)}$
- $\text{GPA} \times 200 \text{ (ACT)} + 10 \times \text{ACT composite score (without writing)}$
- http://www.csumentor.edu/planning/high_school/eligibility_index.asp

UC

- A-G requirement with at least 11 finished prior to the beginning of your senior year with grades C or better
- GPA of 3.0 or better (grades 10 and 11)
- ACT with Writing or the SAT with essay by December of your senior year
- certain programs on some campuses recommend SAT Subject tests - <https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/freshman-requirements/exam-requirement/sat-subject-tests.html>



A-G Requirements

The 15 courses are:

- a. History/social science-2 years
- b. English-4 years
- c. Mathematics-3 years (4 years recommended)
- d. Laboratory science-2 years (3 years recommended)
- e. Language other than English-2 years (3 years recommended)
- f. Visual and performing arts-1 year
- g. College-preparatory elective-1 year
(chosen from the subjects listed above or another course approved by the university)



How are Applications Reviewed?

- UC schools -
<https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/how-to-apply/applying-as-a-freshman/how-applications-are-reviewed.html>
- CSU
 - High school courses, grades and test scores, local area
 - Some campuses and majors have higher standards



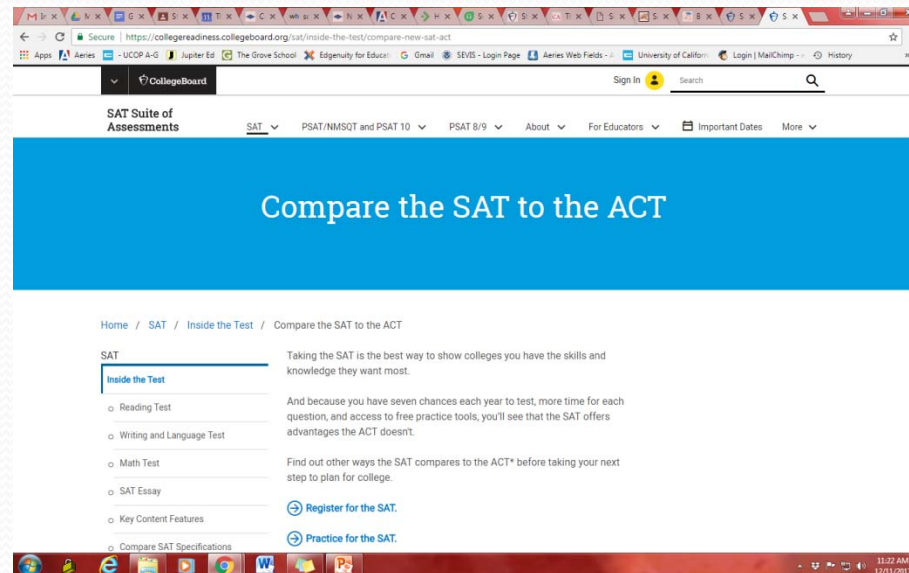
Freshman Profiles

- UC profiles -
<https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/campus-s-majors/freshman-admit-data.html>
- Other schools:
http://www.collegedata.com/cs/search/college/college_search_tmpl.jhtml
- Check the universities websites

College Admission Testing

- Students interested in attending a four-year university right after high school have to take the SAT or ACT as part of the admission requirements.
- Students planning to attend community college or trade/vocational schools do not have to take the SAT or ACT.
- Fee waivers are available for students receiving free or reduced lunch
- SAT \$49.50, SAT w/essay \$64.50
- SAT Subject Test \$26 registration plus \$22 per test
- Sunday testing available, see Anke for more info

ACT / SAT Comparison



- <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/inside-the-test/compare-new-sat-act>
- SAT Prep Class – Fall 2019 and 2020 @ Grove



Test Optional Schools

900+ Accredited Colleges and Universities That Do Not Use ACT/SAT Scores to Admit Substantial Numbers of Students Into Bachelor-Degree Programs

<http://www.fairtest.org/university/optional>

The Test-Optional Surge

http://www.nytimes.com/2015/11/01/education/edlife/the-test-optional-surge.html?_r=0

SAT Subject Tests

- May be required or recommended
- Designed to demonstrate academic achievement in a specific subject area
- Stand out to colleges
- Leverage existing knowledge and further exhibit your strengths
- one hour in length, up to three tests per sitting
- To maximize scores, take the test after finishing the last class in that subject area
- For more information, please visit www.collegeboard.com

Cost of College & Applications

- \$70 per UC campus, \$55 per CSU campus
- FAFSA4Caster <https://fafsa.ed.gov/FAFSA/app/f4cForm?execution=e1s1>
 - Provides some basic information and **estimates your eligibility for federal student aid.**
- Net price calculators
 - Net price calculators are available on a college's or university's website and allow prospective students to enter information about themselves to find out what students like them paid to attend the institution in the previous year, after taking grants and scholarship aid into account.
 - Net Price is the amount that a student pays to attend an institution in a single academic year AFTER subtracting scholarships and grants the student receives. Scholarships and grants are forms of financial aid that a student does not have to pay back.

Helpful Websites

- Adam Ruins College - <https://www.trutv.com/shows/adam-ruins-everything/blog/adams-sources/adam-ruins-college.html>
 - why selecting a top college is harder than you think and why the once groundbreaking student loan system has created trillions of dollars in debt.
- The Financial Aid Handbook – Getting the Education You Want for the Price You can Afford by Stack and Vedvik
- Why are campus visits so important - <https://www.collegexpress.com/articles-and-advice/campus-visits/ask-experts/why-are-campus-visits-so-important/>
- Western Undergraduate Exchange - <https://www.wiche.edu/wue>
- California State University - <https://www2.calstate.edu>
- University of California - <https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/>
- www.cccco.edu
- www.californiacolleges.edu
- www.assist.org
- www.collegeboard.org
- www.actstudent.org
- <http://www.ucan-network.org/members.asp>
- https://www.aacap.org/AACAP/Families_and_Youth/Facts_for_Families/FFF-Guide/Helping-Teenagers-With-Stress-066.aspx