

HOW TO APPLY TO COLLEGE

Community College:

- What you need: Create an account on the college's website, and complete the online application. In May request official transcript to be sent (see Mrs. Dunn in Counseling).
 - American River College and Sac City College: www.arc.losrios.edu
 - Sierra College: www.sierracollege.edu

California State University (CSU): www2.calstate.edu/apply

- What you need: Copy of unofficial transcript and SAT and/or ACT scores. After you submit one CSU application, you can apply to other CSU's and your information will pre-populate (see website for more instructions).
- Application is available OCTOBER 1 - NOVEMBER 30 (NO EXCEPTIONS FOR LATE APPLICATIONS!)
- Application Fee: \$55 per campus
- Send your SAT scores officially through collegeboard.org using code 3594 (CSU Chancellor's Office)
- Send ACT scores officially through actstudent.org to each CSU campus
- You do not need to submit an official transcript when applying. No letters of recommendation needed.

University of California (UC): www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply

- What you need to apply: Copy of unofficial transcript and SAT *with Writing* and/or ACT *with Writing* scores. SAT Subject tests may be recommended by some UC majors. You can apply to more than one UC at the same time.
- Have your responses for the personal insight questions prepared in a word document prior to completing the application, and then you can copy and paste your responses. Respond to 4 out of the 8 questions with a maximum of 350 words per response (see UC website for more information).
 1. Describe an example of your leadership experience in which you have positively influenced others, helped resolve disputes, or contributed to group efforts over time.
 2. Every person has a creative side, and it can be expressed in many ways: problem solving, original and innovative thinking, and artistically, to name a few. Describe how you express your creative side.
 3. What would you say is your greatest talent or skill? How have you developed and demonstrated that talent over time?
 4. Describe how you have taken advantage of a significant educational opportunity or worked to overcome an educational barrier you have faced.
 5. Describe the most significant challenge you have faced and the steps you have taken to overcome this challenge. How has this challenge affected your academic achievement?
 6. Think about an academic subject that inspires you. Describe how you have furthered this interest inside and/or outside of the classroom.
 7. What is the one thing that you think sets you apart from other candidates applying to the University of California?
 8. Beyond what has already been shared in your application, what do you believe makes you stand out as a strong candidate for admissions to the University of California?
- Application is available August 1, but you can only submit NOVEMBER 1-NOVEMBER 30 (NO EXCEPTIONS FOR LATE APPLICATIONS!).
- Application Fee: \$70 per campus
- Send your test scores officially through collegeboard.org or actstudent.org. Only send scores to 1 UC campus and all UC campuses can access your scores.
- You do not need to submit an official transcript when applying. No letters of recommendation needed.

Out of State Public Colleges

- Apply through the college's website. Each college's requirements may vary.
- What you need: Copy of transcript and SAT, ACT, and/or SAT Subject Test scores
- DEADLINE- varies for each school. Be sure to check each campus' website for information.

- Application Fee: Varies per campus
- Send your test scores officially through collegeboard.org or actstudent.org
- Request transcript to be sent (see Mrs. Dunn in Counseling)

Private Colleges on Common App (over 600 colleges):

- Apply through www.commonapp.org
- What you need: Copy of transcript and SAT, ACT, and/or SAT Subject Test scores
- Letters of Recommendation may be required--2 teachers and a counselor. *Bring completed "Counselor Information Packet" (available in Counseling) to teachers and counselor at least 1 month in advance.*
 - You will "invite" your counselor and teachers through Common App, and they will be e-mailed a link to upload your letter of recommendations and transcript.
- DEADLINE: varies for each college. Be sure to check on the campus' website
- Application Fee: varies for each campus
- Send your test scores officially through collegeboard.org and/or actstudent.org

TO REQUEST A TRANSCRIPT: See Mrs. Dunn, Registrar, in the Counseling Office. You do not need to send a transcript to CSU's or UC's (unless they specifically request one from you).

CSU and UC GPA Calculator: http://www.csumentor.edu/planning/high_school/gpa_calculator.asp

You will need to calculate your GPA for CSU's. The UC GPA is the same, but UC will not ask you for it. Your high school GPA includes grades from 10th and 11th grade A-G courses.

- **Using the calculator at the website listed above, enter the count of each grade you have earned in a-g courses completed after 9th grade.**
- **If you have taken any approved honors, AP, college, or IB classes in the 10th, 11th, then enter the count of honors course grades you have earned that are C or better.** The maximum number of honors courses you can use is eight semesters. No more than two approved honors level courses taken in the 10th grade may be given extra points. Do not enter any count for the honors courses with grades of D or below. Enter 1 for each semester of approved honors work up to a maximum count of 8.
- **College courses used to meet CSU "a-g" requirements can also result in "honors" points. But no more than eight (8) honors points may be awarded.** A semester grade in a college course should be counted twice.
- **Once you know your high school GPA you can calculate your eligibility index for CSU's.**
- **See website for more instructions on calculating your CSU/UC GPA.**
- **A=4 points, B=3 points, C=2 points, D=1 point, F=0 points, each honors semester=1 additional point.**

EXAMPLE		
Grade	Count (how many A's, etc.)	Points
A = 4 points	5	20
B = 3 points	4	12
C = 2 points	3	6
D = 1 point		
F = 0 points		
Honors	1	1
Totals	12	39
Calculated GPA	3.25	