Mira Loma Seniors

Countdown to Graduation
Class of 2016
Counseling Staff

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Important Senior Dates

- Counselors meet with Senior Classes - September (TBD)
- College Sunday - September 13th
  - Register online via Mira Loma website OR pick up flyer in counseling office
- Senior Forum - (Jostens will come) October 15th (During school)
- Homecoming - October 24th
- Financial Aid Night - November (TBA)
- FAFSA Applications Open - January 1st 2016
- Sports-A-Rama - April 15th
- Senior Awards Night - May 17th (By invitations)
- Senior Ball - May 21st
- Senior Check Out - May 27th (12:00 - 3:00)
- Graduation - May 31st at 7:00pm (Mark your Calendars) Memorial Auditorium
- Sober Grad Night - May 31st
New Passwords

- Please check the Mira Loma Website for the instructions and your emails from the school
- Students were given instructions in their 4th period last week
Graduation Requirements

- English 40 credits
- Math 20 credits (must pass Algebra 1)
- V/P Art 10 credits
- PE 20 credits
- Life Science 10 credits
- Physical Science 10 credits
- American Gov 5 credits
- US History 10 credits
- World History 10 credits
- SS Elective 5 credits (World Today or Psychology)
- Economics 5 credits
- Health 5 credits
- Other 70 credits

Elective credits are earned by taking additional courses in all subjects

Total Credits required 220

- Students must pass the California High School exit Exam in both English and Math
A-G Requirements for UC/CSU
(check UC Doorways for more information)

Entrance Requirements
Grades must be C’s or Better

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College Match

- Establish Your College Criteria
- Consider: Major, Teaching Style/University Philosophy on learning, Price, Region, Size, Social Opportunities, Athletics, Housing, Study Abroad
- Reach, Target, Safety (Academic & Financial – Financial Aid Night TBA)
- Visit Colleges!!!
- Come to College Visits (register on Naviance or in Counseling office), Research! Ask Questions!
- “Apply Broadly” – UC Admissions Officer
FAQ about College Admissions

- What are the **Application Dates**?
  - **CSU** - October 1-November 30
    - [www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu)
  - **UC** - August 1 - Applications Opens
    - November 1-November 30 (Application opens 8/1)
    - [www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply)
  - **Private** - Vary Widely (Check their websites)
    - [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)
  - **California Community Colleges** -
    - **Early February** - [home.cccapply.org](http://home.cccapply.org); [www.losrios.ceu](http://www.losrios.ceu); [www.sierracollege.edu](http://www.sierracollege.edu)
Welcome

Welcome Back Matadors!!! Congratulations to you for exploring Naviance.

Welcome to Naviance, an innovative educational planner the San Juan Unified School District is providing to all students grade 7-12. Naviance Succeed Program is a comprehensive, web-based resource that helps students develop a unique career, college and educational pathway toward their individual aspirations.

We are pleased to make this resource available to our students and parents. The SJUSD Strategic Plan charges District leaders to work with students, families and staff to design and implement a system that creates challenging and personal educational plans.

Feel free to explore the site and to take advantage of its many activities. You can easily save your information.

This site is the place to create an exciting educational plan designed just for you. Enjoy!

Career Surveys
College Match
College Search
& More, More, More
How will I Pay for College?

- **Federal Aid/ Dream Act: FREE!** Fill out your FAFSA starting January 1, 2016
  - Get your tax return completed as early as possible, but you can put in 2014 information as a guide
- **Go to Fafsa4caster:** will give you information & will estimate your federal aid
- Come to Mira Loma’s **Financial Aid Night November TBA**
- Do NOT pay to fill out your FAFSA
- **Cal Grants:** (for students attending college in California): By filling out your FAFSA you become eligible for Cal Grants.
- **Middle Class Scholarship:** Qualify by filling out FAFSA and GPA Verification- For families making up to $150,000 FOR CSU & UC TUITION ONLY
  - We will electronically upload the GPA Verification Form
- **BOG:** (Board Of Governors Grant): Community College Fee Waiver- Apply by filling out the FAFSA and/or on the CCC website
- **College Scholarship Services Financial Aid Profile:** Fill it out if your university asks. This will most likely be in the Fall and more detailed than the FAFSA
- Talk to your Universities/Community College Financial Aid Office
ACT or SAT?
4-year University: YES take it!!!
Community College: Not Required
Waivers for testing: Come to Counseling
FREE: Get 4 Free Scores sent to University when you register

- **ACT:** 9/12, 10/24, 12/12
  - actstudent.org
  - 4 Sections: English, Math, Reading, Science plus optional writing
  - Score: 1-36 (4 scores of 36 that are averaged)
  - Writing: 1-6 Make sure to find out if a Writing test is required by university

- **SAT:** 10/3, 11/7, 12/7
  - collegeboard.com
  - 10 Sections: 3 Reading, 3 Math, 3 Writing
  - Score: 600-2400 (3 scores are added together)
  - Writing: This is included
  - SAT II (SAT Subject Tests): Not Required by most schools-check your university & major. SAT II is another good piece of information to give
Recommendation Letter Process

- Who Needs a Letter of Rec. from a counselor?
  - All Universities on the Common Application Process (500+ universities) & Others
    - UC, CSU & Community Colleges do not need letters of recommendation - UC Berkeley: Letters submitted upon invitation by admission officer
    - Do not send extra letters unless asked for
  - The Counselor’s letter is 1 piece of the puzzle - we put the student in context
The Process

- Do your research
- Create an account on your University application website if necessary.
  - Assign your counselor and teacher. Make sure staff emails are correct!!!
  - Emails: Create a college email for yourself that has a respectable name - not: gottaparty@gmail.com
- Sign-up for your College Counseling appointment with your counselor starting - September 11, 2015
  - Early Decision/Action will get an appointments 1st: Must print Common App “Dashboard” screen that shows the due date of your application/s before you can sign up for an early appointment
  - When you sign up for appt, you will receive your envelope with forms you must fill out and bring to appt.
- College Counseling appointments will begin September 21, 2015
  - Come Prepared to your appt with 2 forms filled out, brag letter, photograph & resume
  - Appointments will be throughout the day
- Transcripts will be sent through Common App by your counselor; UC and CSU transcripts are sent after graduation (unless asked for)
  - You will go to the registrar and request an official transcript for $2.00
- Let us do our job. We always get our letters done.
This form is on your envelope. You will receive it when you make your appointment.

**COLLEGE RECOMMENDATION REQUEST**

1. **MAKE AN APPOINTMENT** with your Counselor.
2. Bring to the Appointment: Completed Student Questionnaire, Resume, Brag Letter and Photo.
3. If you are applying for **EARLY ACTION/DECISION** bring all other paperwork with you to your appointment.
4. If you are submitting paper applications, please include the completed applications and a stamped, addressed envelope with the correct postage for each application submitted. Please write in pen the student’s name on the bottom left-hand corner of the envelope.
5. Please be prepared to discuss your selection of colleges and universities.
6. **Allow 3 weeks to process your college recommendation.**
7. You may submit up to 6 Application Processes. All Colleges listed for the Common Application will only count as one process. Each application not included on the Common Application is a separate process.

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This form is inside your envelope. You will fill it out completely. You will put it back in your envelope with:

- Brag Letter from parent
- Photograph (current)
- Resume
Early Decision, Early Action & Regular Decision

- **Early Decision (binding)**
  - You have researched colleges
  - You have visited your colleges
  - You have talked with a financial aid officer about college costs
  - You have all your “ducks in a row”
  - You want this college over all others and will not consider others if accepted
  - Only apply to 1 college Early Decision
  - Withdraw all other applications if accepted
  - Know if you can reapply in Regular Decision
  - Don’t do it because your friends are.

- **Early Action**
  - Not Binding but you will find out earlier about admissions.
  - You have done all of the above but are not locked in to the admissions if accepted

- **Regular Decision**
  - You have several options of colleges you would be happy attending
  - You are not sure how much money you have so you have several schools to consider depending upon grants and scholarships
  - You are still in the process of visiting many schools or have not visited any school
You will Survive

- Plan Ahead- Start Early
- Start a spreadsheet or file with dates for each college, information etc.
- Talk as a family about expectations and realities
- Shut out the background noise
- Breathe

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