

Class of 2016

Navigating the College Application Process

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Agenda

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College Information - CSU

California State Universities

- *Apply at www.csumentor.edu between Oct 1 and Nov 30
- *Admissions based on grades and test scores
- *\$55 application fee per campus applied to
- *Fee waiver will cover up to 4 campuses
- *Can take SAT/ACT as late as Dec 2016
- *Do not want letters of rec

College Information - UC

University of California

- *Application will open in summer 2015
- *Submit application between Nov 1 – 30
- *Comprehensive review – grades, test scores, personal statement, extracurricular achievements.
- *\$70 application fee per campus applied to
- *Fee waiver will cover up to 4 campuses
- *Can take SAT or ACT with writing as late as Dec 2016
- *Do not want letters of rec

College Information - Private

Private Colleges/Universities

- *Over 500 schools use the Common App
- *Some schools use their own application- check websites
- *Application fee waivers are available for private schools
- *Letters of Rec are needed: 1 counselor & 2 teacher-students will use Naviance to request recommenders

College Information – CC

Community College

- *Apply in Spring 2016
- *TAG Programs (transfer admission guarantee)-work with CC transfer center
- *No SAT/ACT needed
- *Placement Tests required in English & Math
- *Attend Family Nights
- *Go on senior visitation days- transportation provided

Application Advice

- * General advice is apply to 5-6 colleges
- * Please be sure student applies to one or two sure things
- * Use Naviance for college search/to create list of schools to apply to
- * Proofread application
- * Get a head start on personal statements/essays

Letters of Recommendation

- * Students will need 3 letters of recommendation for private colleges & universities (1 counselor, 2 teacher)
- * Brag Sheet is required- pick up in counseling office
- * Ask teachers/counselors before sending them a request through Naviance
- * If paper version is required give recommenders addressed envelopes and stamps
- * Ask for letters at least 2 weeks before the deadline

Transcripts

- * Currently students send transcripts through www.parchment.com. In the fall, students will use Naviance to send transcripts to colleges.
- * Only send transcripts when requested
- * CSU and UC usually do not ask for transcripts until student is accepted and they must match self-reported grades and classes.
- * Sometimes schools will ask for 7th semester transcripts

Transcripts

- * For Common Application (private schools), students must send an official transcript directly to Common App in the fall, then again after 1st semester for mid-year reports done by counselor.
- * Students must send a final transcript to the school they will be attending. This does not automatically get sent by CHS.

SAT/ACT

- * Can test through Dec 2016 for UC/CSU
- * Check with private schools for final dates
- * Send scores to 1 UC and schools will share scores
- * Send scores to CSU Mentor Account
- * SAT Subject Tests recommended by some schools and majors
- * To send SAT scores go to www.collegeboard.org
- * To send ACT scores go to www.actstudent.org

After Applying

- * Students need to check email daily because universities will communicate this way
- * Students must set up school account if told to and monitor account
- * Students are advised to read everything carefully
- * Do not miss any deadlines or tasks
- * Only send documents if asked

Financial Aid & Scholarships

- * FAFSA-submit between Jan 1- March 2 (priority deadline)
- * CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE – used by some private colleges
- * Cal Grants – California Student Aid Commission-CHS will send GPA to SAC unless you opt out.
- * Most scholarships awarded through college admission/financial aid offices
- * Individual scholarships tracked by our career tech

Becoming a College Athlete

- * NCAA Division I and II need to register:
http://web3.ncaa.org/ECWR2/NCAA_EMS/NCAA_EMS.html#
- * Division III do not register
- * Send official transcript through Parchment at end of 11th grade- must have GPA of 2.3 in 16 core classes
- * Send ACT or SAT scores
- * NAIA used by some private schools: www.naia.org

Upcoming Activities & Important Dates

- * Senior Class Presentations: September 21-30, 2015
- * College App Workshops: October 15, 16, 22 & 23, 2015
- * College Visits- see Career Center/List Serv for dates
- * Senior Final Exams: June 9 & 10, 2016
- * Senior Activities: June 13-15, 2016 (must be detention and fine free).
- * Graduation: June 16, 2016

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