



**Just for Juniors:
Post Secondary &
College Planning**

Overview of today

1. HS Grad Requirements
2. What Colleges Are looking for
3. Testing: SAT and ACT
4. Types of colleges
5. Financial aid
6. What to do moving forward into Senior year

UC/CSU “A-G” COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Also Da Vinci Schools HS Graduation Requirements

A: History/Social Sciences - 2 yrs. required

B: English - 4 yrs. required

C: Mathematics - 3 yrs. required *including a full year of Geometry, 4 yrs. recommended*

D: Laboratory Science - 2 yrs. required, 3 yrs. recommended

E: Language other than English - 2 yrs. required, 3 yrs. recommended

F: Visual and Performing Arts - 1 yr. required

G: College Preparatory Elective - 1 yr. required

(Note: These are the minimum requirements to be “eligible” for UC’s and CSU’s. Must pass with a C or better to be eligible and meet minimum GPA requirements for both UCs and CSUs. To be “competitive” for most universities you want to exceed the number required

What are College Admissions Reps Looking For? “GREETED”

- GRADES
- RIGOR OF COURSES
- ESSAY
- EXTRA CURRICULAR Activities
- TESTING
- EVALUATION FROM TEACHERS/COUNSELOR
- DEMONSTRATED INTEREST

Grades

What are colleges looking for?

- Strong grades/GPA
- in Academically rigorous courses (highest level available)
- Meeting College requirements (ex: number of years in the colleges' required courses and the grades you received in them EX: [UC/CSU A-G](#) vs. [University of Nevada Reno](#))

Purpose?

- Is student ready for college?
- Does student challenge him/herself academically?

Rigor of Courses

- Taking the highest level, most demanding courses available to you
- Will look at rigor in context of their high school
- At DV Connect HS, this means college courses (SNHU and any community college classes)
- Taking rigorous courses and doing well in them (As and Bs) lets college admission officers know you are ready for the higher level more demanding course load that you will take in college
- Lets college admission officers know that you are challenge yourself- a characteristic they are looking for
- Talk about the SNHU rigor in a personal statement

Essays aka Personal Statements

Purpose?

- Paints a “picture” for the admission committee to understand any academic or personal interests
- Areas of strength/areas of growth
- Obstacles or circumstance(s) student overcame
- Provides information not listed elsewhere on application
- able to explain about something in more detail

Ex: can be broad (Tell us anything you think the college should know about you) or specific (write a letter to your future roommate so they can get to know you better)

**Writing
Personal
Statement**



Extracurricular Activities

Quality
over
Quantity

Passion and
commitment

Leadership,
responsibility,
and growth



More on Activities...

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-R187ViG6w22HfvE52IJv8UZlwUcR26w/view?usp=sharing>

Test Scores

ACT or SAT

Many colleges and universities went test-optional or test-blind

UC and CSU schools no longer consider SAT or ACT test scores when making admissions decisions or awarding scholarships.

If a college accepts/requires test scores, students are encouraged to take SAT/ACT in the Spring of Junior year and Fall of Senior year. Most colleges accept test dates through December of Senior year.

SAT

www.collegeboard.org

3 Sections (highest score 1600)

1. Reading
2. Writing and Language
3. Math



ACT

www.actstudent.org

4 Sections (highest score 36)

1. English
2. Math
3. Reading
4. Science

*Optional Writing component



2022 TEST DATES

AUG 27 **OCT 1** **NOV 5** **DEC 3**

(U.S. Only)

Test dates may change. Check sat.org for updates.

REGULAR REGISTRATION DEADLINE

JUL 29 SEP 2 OCT 7 NOV 3 FEB 10 APR 7 MAY 4

DOMESTIC LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINE

AUG 16 SEP 20 OCT 25 NOV 22 FEB 28 APR 25 MAY 23

2023 TEST DATES

MAR 11 **MAY 6** **JUN 3**

TEST DATES

United States, US Territories, and Puerto Rico

2022|2023

TEST DATES

REGISTRATION DEADLINES

	Regular Deadline	Late Deadline	Photo Upload Standby Deadline
September 10, 2022	August 5	August 19	September 2
October 22, 2022	September 16	September 30	October 14
December 10, 2022	November 4	November 11	December 2
February 11, 2023	January 6	January 20	February 3
April 15, 2023	March 10	March 24	April 7
June 10, 2023	May 5	May 19	June 2
July 15, 2023*	June 16	June 23	July 7

The **ACT**[®]

Evaluations/Recommendations

Who writes them?

- Counselor
- Two academic teachers

Purpose?

- Share about you As a student
- Tell a story
- What will the student bring to the campus



Demonstrated Interest

- Refers to how much an applicant shows interest in a particular school or course of study/major
- A student can demonstrate interest by:
 - attending a program of their intended major (ex: attending an Art summer program if you plan on majoring in Art in college)
 - taking a community college class in a certain area you plan on majoring in in college (ex: taking a speech class if you plan on majoring in Broadcast Journalism/Communications)
 - filling out an online interest form for a specific school/signing up for their mailing list
 - emailing the regional admission counselor for a specific school to ask a question
 - attending college fairs or school info sessions (virtually or in person)
 - visit the college through the tour office
 - follow on social media

You will take the SAT and or ACT for the first real time...

Spring of Junior Year!

Prepping is Key! Do not go into the test cold!

Collegeboard.org uses KHAN Academy- its FREE! Just need to create an account

ACT has ACT Academy- free prep on their website:

<https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/test-preparation.html>

SAT and ACT Registration Process

1. YOU will need to register for these tests! The school does not do this for you.
2. It will take about 20-30 min to register
3. collegeboard.org for SAT and actsudent.org for ACT to create your account
4. They will ask for your SSN (it is optional to provide it)
5. Cost: SAT: \$55 ACT: \$85 with writing (essay)
6. Answer all questions and upload a picture of yourself
7. At the end, you will pick the date you want to test on, enter in your zip code, and up will pop high schools that are testing sites that have seats available and are closest to where you live
8. See Erin for a fee waiver if you are on FARL (2 each test)

California State University- 23



www.calstate.edu/apply

California residents and graduates of California high schools will be eligible for admission by earning a 2.50 or greater "a-g" GPA.

Any California high school graduate or resident of California earning a GPA between 2.00 and 2.49 may be evaluated for admission based upon supplemental factors.

University of California-10*



*UC San Francisco - for graduate programs

<https://apply.universityofcalifornia.edu/my-application/login>

3.0 minimum GPA requirement

UC Berkeley
UC Davis
UC Irvine
UC Los Angeles
UC Merced
UC Riverside
UC San Diego
UC San Francisco
UC Santa Barbara
UC Santa Cruz

Private Universities

Main AICCU Campuses by Region *

1. Northern California (1)
Simpson University Redding

2. SF Bay Area (19)
California College of the Arts San Francisco
Calif. Institute of Integral Studies San Francisco
Dominican University of California San Rafael
Golden Gate University San Francisco
Holy Names University Oakland
Institute of Transpersonal Psychology Santa Clara
Mills College Oakland
Notre Dame de Namur University Belmont
Pacific Union College Angwin
Palo Alto University Palo Alto
Saint Mary's College of California Moraga
Samuel Merritt College Oakland
San Francisco Art Institute San Francisco
San Francisco Conservatory of Music San Francisco
Santa Clara University Santa Clara
Saybrook University San Francisco
Stanford University Stanford
Tuore University - California Vallejo
University of San Francisco San Francisco

3. Central Valley (4)
Fresno Pacific University Fresno
Humphreys College Stockton
University of the Pacific Stockton
William Jessup University Rocklin

4. Central Coast (4)
California Lutheran University Thousand Oaks
Fielding Graduate University Santa Barbara
Thomas Aquinas College Santa Paula
Westmont College Santa Barbara

5. Los Angeles/Kern (30)
American Academy of Dram. Arts L.A. Hollywood
American Jewish University Bel Air
Antioch University Los Angeles Los Angeles
Art Center College of Design Pasadena
Azusa Pacific University Azusa
Biola University La Mirada
California Institute of Technology Pasadena
California Institute of the Arts Valencia
Chicago School of Prof. Psychology Los Angeles
Claremont Graduate University Claremont
Claremont McKenna College Claremont
Harvey Mudd College Claremont
Keck Graduate University Claremont
Loyola Marymount University Los Angeles
Marymount College Rancho Palms Verdes
Master's College, The Santa Clarita
Mount St. Mary's College Los Angeles
Occidental College Los Angeles
Otis College of Art + Design Los Angeles
Pacific Oaks College Pasadena
Pepperdine University Malibu
Pitzer College Claremont
Pomona College Claremont
Scripps College Claremont
So. California Univ. of Health Sciences Whittier
University of La Verne La Verne
University of Southern California Los Angeles
Western University of Health Sciences Pomona
Whittier College Whittier
Woodbury University Burbank

6. Orange (7)
Brandman University Hollywood
Chapman University Orange
Concordia University Irvine
Hope International University Fullerton
Logana College of Art & Design Laguna Beach
Salva University Costa Mesa
Vanguard University of Southern California Costa Mesa

7. Riverside/San Bernardino (4)
California Baptist University Riverside
La Sierra University Riverside
Loma Linda University Loma Linda
University of Redlands Redlands

8. San Diego/Imperial (5)
Alliant International University San Diego
National University La Jolla
Point Loma Nazarene University San Diego
San Diego Christian College El Cajon
University of San Diego San Diego

*See schools websites for satellite locations.

www.commonapp.org

4 year Colleges/Universities in California

CSU supplemental factors differ by campus!

CSU campuses & majors that are “impacted” may use higher GPA thresholds and assign different “weights” to the supplemental factor categories

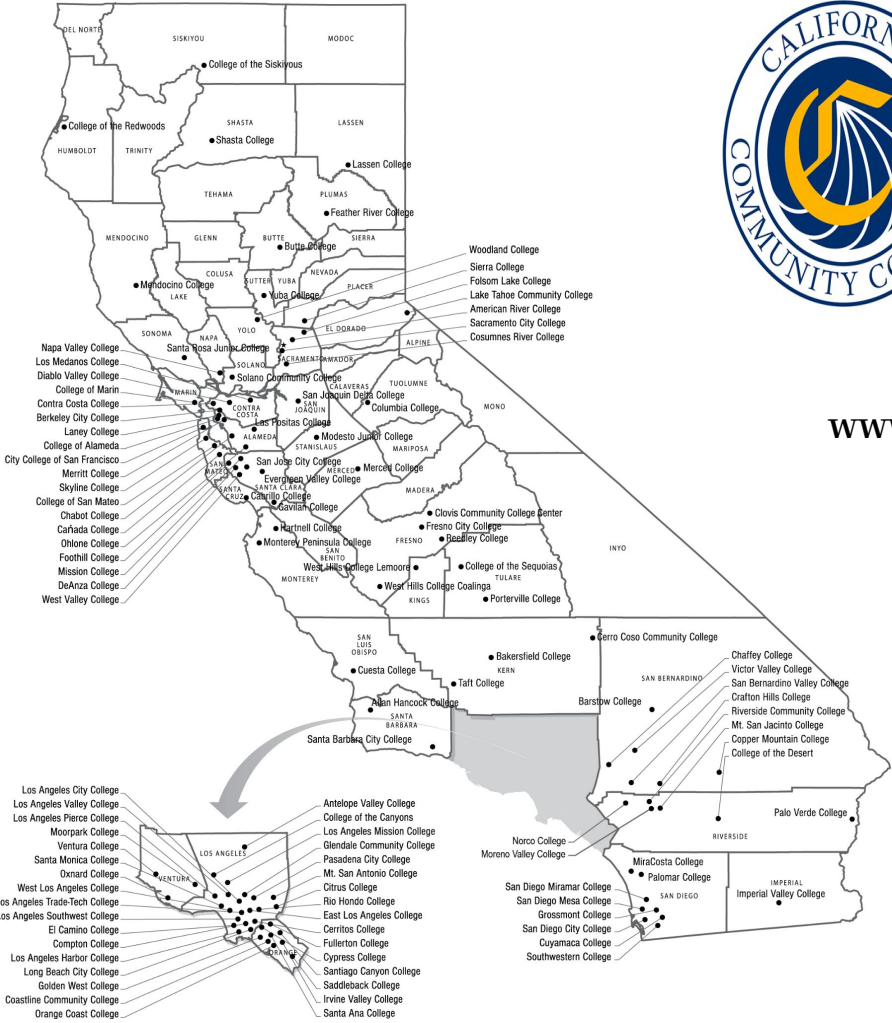
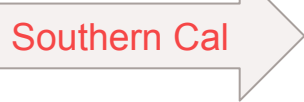
Supplemental factors may include: # of courses exceeding A-G minimum, GPA in science & math, household income, extra curricular/leadership involvement, Educational Program participation in HS (ex: Upward Bound)

<https://www.calstate.edu/apply/freshman/Pages/first-time-freshman-supplemental-factors-by-campus.aspx>

116 campuses



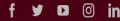
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20
YEAR
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ALABAMA STATE UNIVERSITY
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ALLEN UNIVERSITY
AMERICAN BAPTIST COLLEGE
ARKANSAS BAPTIST COLLEGE
BENEDICT COLLEGE
BENNETT COLLEGE
BETHUNE-COOKMAN UNIVERSITY
CENTRAL STATE UNIVERSITY
CHARLES DREW UNIV. OF MED & SCI.
CHEYNEY UNIVERSITY
CLAFLIN UNIVERSITY
CLARK ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
CLINTON COLLEGE

COPPIN STATE UNIVERSITY
DELAWARE STATE UNIVERSITY
DILLARD UNIVERSITY
EDWARD WATERS COLLEGE
ELIZABETH CITY STATE UNIVERSITY
FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY
FISK UNIVERSITY
FLORIDA MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY
FORT VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY
GRAMBLING STATE UNIVERSITY
HARRIS-STOWE STATE UNIVERSITY
HUSTON-TILLOTSON UNIVERSITY
JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY
JOHNSON C. SMITH UNIVERSITY
KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY
LANE COLLEGE
LINCOLN UNIVERSITY (MO)

LeMOYNE OWEN COLLEGE
LINCOLN UNIVERSITY (PA)
LIVINGSTONE COLLEGE
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE UNIV.
MILES COLLEGE
MORRIS COLLEGE
MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
NORFOLK STATE UNIVERSITY
NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIV.
PAINÉ COLLEGE
PAUL QUINN COLLEGE
PHILANDER SMITH COLLEGE
RUST COLLEGE
SAINT AUGUSTINE'S COLLEGE
SHAW UNIVERSITY
SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIV.
SOUTHERN UNIV. AND A&M COLL.

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY (NO)
STILLMAN COLLEGE
TALLADEGA COLLEGE
TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY
TEXAS COLLEGE
TOUGALOO COLLEGE
UNIV. OF ARKANSAS PINE BLUFF
UNIV. OF MD. EASTERN SHORE
UNIV. OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY
VIRGINIA UNION UNIVERSITY
VOORHEES COLLEGE
WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY
WILBERFORCE UNIVERSITY
WILEY COLLEGE
WINSTON SALEM STATE UNIV.

1000+

COLLEGES

DO NOT REQUIRE THE SAT OR ACT

FairTest.org

WUE: Western Undergraduate Exchange Program



<https://www.wiche.edu/tuition-savings/wue/>

<https://www.wiche.edu/tuition-savings/wue/wue-savings-finder/>

Additional Post-Secondary Options

Vocational/Trade School:

- High School diploma
 - Entrance Exams
 - LA Trade Tech
 - CTE at Comm. College
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- El Camino College has 36 career specific programs ranging from automotive specialties, to cosmetology, to real estate.
 - LA Trade Tech has a similar career specific program and had culinary arts and health related science



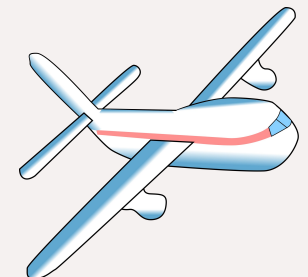
Military:

- HS diploma
- Pass physical exam



Gap Year:

- **Volunteer, travel, work, internships**



FAFSA

FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid

- This application is the form you need to complete in order to receive aid from the Federal government. The FAFSA application asks for information about family finances, including tax returns. Oct 1 is when it opens- Fall of Senior year
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- Aid consists of
 - Pell grant/Cal grant
 - Scholarships
 - Loans
 - Work Study

Now is the time to have a conversation about money, how much colleges cost, loans, etc. All DV HS Counselors will also host a FAFSA workshop in the fall for families.

**Start saving now
College Savings
Plans**

- 529

**Dual Enrollment
College Courses**

- Free transferable
credits

Formula

COA - EFC = Need

Net Price calculators

FINANCIAL AID Terms you should know

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid): Required application form for any student who is applying for college scholarships, grants and loans.

CA DREAM Act Application: Allows undocumented and nonresident students who qualify for non-resident exemption under AB540 to receive financial aid in CA

EFC (Estimated Family Contribution): The FAFSA will calculate how much money your family is expected to contribute to your child's education.

SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS: Money from the college that you keep and do not pay back (e.g. a gift). (Cal Grants - Pell Grants)

LOANS: Money given but you pay back with interest that starts accruing after graduating. (Parent Plus Loans)

SUBSIDIZED LOANS: Interest is paid by the Education Department while you are enrolled at least half-time in college.

UNSUBSIDIZED LOANS: Interest begins accruing as soon as the loan is disbursed, including while students are enrolled in school.

FEDERAL COLLEGE WORK-STUDY: Eligible students can work a part-time job on campus (e.g. cafeteria, library, tour guide) and earn money towards education expenses.

FAFSA- what you will need

- ❑ Opens OCTOBER 1, Fall of Senior Year
- ❑ Your Social Security Number, parents/guardians and student (if you are a US citizen but parents are not, they enter in all zeros for SSN)
- ❑ Your Alien Registration Number (if you are not a U.S. citizen)
- ❑ Your federal income tax returns, W-2s, and other records of money earned. (Note: You may be able to transfer your federal tax return information into your FAFSA using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool.)
- ❑ Bank statements and records of investments (if applicable)
- ❑ Records of untaxed income (if applicable)
- ❑ An FSA ID to sign electronically (apply early for this and have it “cleared” so that on Oct. 1 you can hit submit on FAFSA)

Important “to do” as you move forward in high school

Keep up grades!

- The Cal State and UC System use these grades to determine eligibility (10 and 11 grade years)
- Other colleges will look at junior year to determine ‘grade trend’, academic rigor and preliminary admission
- Challenge yourself and take college classes!
- Aim for A’s and B’s in your classes

GET INVOLVED!

- Continue activities in community service, school clubs, volunteer, music, sports, theater, etc.!
- Demonstrates involvement in community and leadership and areas of interest
- Participate in summer programs or activities
 - Demonstrate commitment to area of interest, focus or leadership
 - Take a community college class in an area of interest
- Develop portfolio for arts colleges if you are looking at art majors
- Visit colleges during summer break

GET INVOLVED!

- Attend virtual webinars, college fairs, virtual tours, or info sessions about schools you are interested or could be interested in.
- Summer internships and volunteer positions available- look on the blog for the posts from the DV Schools Real World Learning director

Research colleges!

- Think about: location, size of school, COA, majors offered, public vs. private, HBCUs, etc.
- Think about application and essays involved- don't want to write too many!
- Don't overload your preliminary college list with all "reach" schools, don't be afraid to look at colleges you haven't heard of
- Visit colleges in our backyard- it can give you a "feel" or a "vibe"

11TH AND 12TH COUNSELOR



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