
Just for Juniors

— Post-Secondary and College Planning —
Class of 2025

Overview and Agenda

1. High school graduation 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

Da Vinci Schools Graduation Requirements

(also meet UC/CSU “A-G” Course Requirements)

- A. History/Social Sciences - 3 years required
- B. English - 4 years required
- C. Math - 3 years required (including Geometry); **4 years recommended**
- D. Lab Sciences - 2 years required; **3 years recommended**
- E. Language other than English - 2 years required
- F. Visual and Performing Arts - 1 year required
- G. College Prep Elective - 1 year required

(Note: These are the minimum requirements to be eligible for UCs and CSUs; 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(s)

Extracurricular Activities

Testing

Evaluations from Teachers/Counselor

Demonstrated Interest

Grades

What are colleges looking for?

- Strong grades/GPA
- In academically rigorous courses (highest level available)
- Meeting college requirements (e.g. number of years in the college's required courses and the grades you received in those courses...ex: [CSU A-G](#) vs. [University of Nevada Reno](#))

Purpose?

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

Rigor of Courses

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

Essays and Personal Statements

Purpose?

- Paints a "picture" for the admission committee to understand any academic or personal interests
- Areas of strength/areas of growth
- Obstacle(s) or circumstance(s) student overcame
- Provides information not listed elsewhere on the application
- Opportunity to explain 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)

Extracurricular Activities

Quality
over
Quantity

Passion and
commitment

Leadership,
responsibility,
and growth



Test Scores

ACT or SAT

Many colleges and universities have gone test-optional or test-blind.

UC and CSU campuses no longer consider ACT/SAT scores when making admission decisions or awarding scholarships.

If a college accepts/requires test scores, students are encouraged to take SAT/ACT in the Spring of their junior year and Fall of their 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



SAT Test Date*	Deadline for Registration Changes and Regular Cancellation
Mar 9, 2024 (Digital)**	February 27, 2024
May 4, 2024 (Digital)**	April 23, 2024
June 1, 2024 (Digital)**	May 21, 2024

ACT

www.actstudent.org

4 sections (highest score 36)

1. English
 2. Math
 3. Reading
 4. Science
- *Optional writing component



Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline Late Fee Applies After This Date
February 10, 2024	January 5
April 13, 2024	March 8
June 8, 2024	May 3
July 13, 2024*	June 7

As Juniors, you should plan take the SAT and/or ACT this Spring!

Prepping is important - do not go into the test cold!

For SAT Prep:

Collegeboard.org uses Khan Academy - it's free! You just need to create an account.

For ACT Prep:

ACT Academy - offers 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 be responsible for registering for these tests! The school does not do this for you.
2. It should take about 20-30 minutes to complete registration.
3. Use collegeboard.org for SAT and actstudent.org for ACT to create your account.
4. They will ask for your SSN (it is optional to provide it).
5. Cost: SAT is \$55 ACT is \$93 with writing (essay)
6. Answer all registration questions and upload a photo of yourself.
7. Pick the date you wish to test on. Enter in your zip code and it will load testing sites (usually at high schools) with available seats, closest to your zip code.
8. See your counselor for a fee waiver if you are FARL (2 for each test).

1000+

COLLEGES

DO NOT REQUIRE THE SAT OR ACT

FairTest.org

<https://fairtest.org/>

Evaluations and Recommendations

Who writes them?

- Counselor
- Two academic teachers

Purpose:

- Share about you as a student
- Tell a story
- What will this student bring to our 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 or 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)
- visiting the college through the tour office
- following the college on social media

California State Univ. (CSU) - 23

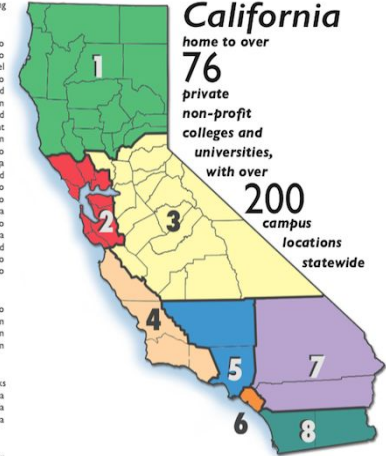


University of CA (UC) - 10*



Private Universities

- 1. Northern California – 1 campus**
Simpson University.....Redding
- 2. San Francisco Bay Area – 20 campuses**
California College of the Arts.....San Francisco
California Institute of Integral Studies.....San Francisco
Dominican University of California.....San Rafael
Golden Gate University.....San Francisco
Holy Names University.....Oakland
Menlo College.....Atherton
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 University.....Oakland
San Francisco Art Institute.....San Francisco
San Francisco Conservatory of Music.....San Francisco
Santa Clara University.....Santa Clara
Saybrook University.....San Francisco
Sofia University.....Santa Clara
Stanford University.....Stanford
Touro University California.....Vallejo
University of San Francisco.....San Francisco
- 3. Central Valley – 4 campuses**
Fresno Pacific University.....Fresno
Humphreys College.....Stockton
University of the Pacific.....Stockton
William Jessup University.....Rocklin
- 4. Central Coast – 4 campuses**
California Lutheran University.....Thousand Oaks
Fielding Graduate University.....Santa Barbara
Thomas Aquinas College.....Santa Paula
Westmont College.....Santa Barbara
- 5. Los Angeles/Kern – 31 campuses**
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
Charles R. Drew Univ. of Medicine & Science.....Los Angeles
Chicago School of Prof. Psychology.....Los Angeles
Claremont Graduate University.....Claremont
Claremont McKenna College.....Claremont
Harvey Mudd College.....Claremont
Kekuk Graduate University.....Claremont
Loyola Marymount University.....Los Angeles
Marymount California University.....Rancho Palms Verdes
Master's College, The.....Santa Clarita
Mount St. Mary's College.....Los Angeles
Occidental College.....Los Angeles
Otis College of Art and Design.....Los Angeles
Pacific Oaks College.....Pasadena
Pepperdine University.....Malibu
Phillips Graduate Institute.....Chatsworth
Pitzer College.....Claremont
Pomona College.....Claremont
Scripps College.....Claremont
Southern California University 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 campuses**
Brandman University.....Irvine
Chapman University.....Orange
Concordia University Irvine.....Irvine
Hope International University.....Fullerton
Laguna College of Art & Design.....Laguna Beach
Soka University.....Aliso Viejo
Vanguard University.....Costa Mesa
- 7. Riverside/San Bernardino – 4 campuses**
California Baptist University.....Riverside
La Sierra University.....Riverside
Loma Linda University.....Loma Linda
University of Redlands.....Redlands
- 8. San Diego/Imperial – 5 campuses**
Alliant International University.....San Diego
National University.....La Jolla
Point Loma Nazarene University.....San Diego
San Diego Christian College.....St. Cajon
University of San Diego.....San Diego

For additional informations visit aiccu.edu.



*UCSF for graduate programs only



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www.calstate.edu/apply

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

www.commonapp.org

CA residents and grads of CA high schools will be eligible for admission by earning a 2.5+ "a-g" GPA

3.0 minimum GPA requirement

Any CA h.s. grad or resident of CA earning a GPA between 2.0 and 2.49 may be evaluated for admission based upon supplemental factors

4 year Colleges and Universities in CA

CSU Supplemental Factors Differ by Campus

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

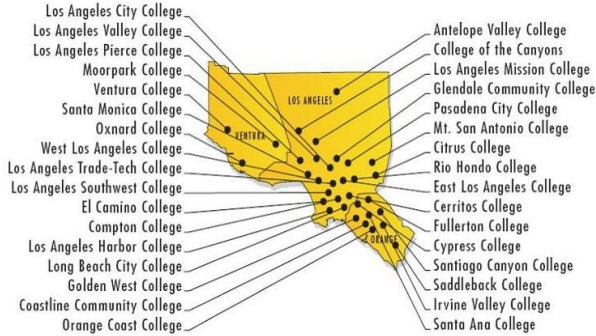
Impaction: When the number of applications received by a location from qualified applicants is greater than the number of available spaces, that university/major is considered impacted for undergraduate degree programs or for undergraduate students who apply from outside the local admission area.

Supplemental factors may include: number of courses exceeding A-G minimums, GPA in science and math, household income, extracurricular/leadership involvement, other program participation in high school, etc.

Supplemental factors by campus:

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

California Community College: Locations



California Community Colleges

cccco.edu

The California Community Colleges system consists of 116 colleges. Students can choose to transfer to a four-year college or university or learn job-training skills.



OPEN: Continuous





GET EDUCATED!

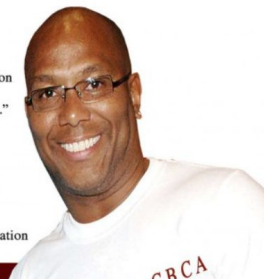


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BENEDICT COLLEGE
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BETHUNE-COOKMAN UNIVERSITY
CENTRAL STATE UNIVERSITY
CHEYNEY UNIVERSITY
CLAFLIN UNIVERSITY
CLARK ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
CLINTON COLLEGE

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DELAWARE STATE UNIVERSITY
DILLARD UNIVERSITY
EDWARD WATERS UNIVERSITY
ELIZABETH CITY STATE UNIVERSITY
FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY
FISK UNIVERSITY
FLORIDA MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY
FORT VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY
GRAMBLING STATE UNIVERSITY
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KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY
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LINCOLN UNIVERSITY (PA)
LIVINGSTONE COLLEGE
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE UNIV.
MILES COLLEGE
MORRIS BROWN COLLEGE
MORRIS COLLEGE
MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
NORFOLK STATE UNIVERSITY
NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIV.
PAINE COLLEGE
PAUL QUINN COLLEGE
PHILANDER SMITH UNIVERSITY
RUST COLLEGE
SAINT AUGUSTINE'S UNIVERSITY
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 UNIVERSITY

Additional Post-Secondary Options

Vocational/Trade School:

Typically require:

- High school diploma
- Entrance exams or placement surveys based on HS transcript.

[ECC](#) has 36 career specific programs ranging from automotive technologies, to real estate, to cosmetology

[LATTC](#) has similar career specific programs including culinary arts and health related science

Military School:

- 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 to complete in order to receive aid from the federal government. The FAFSA application asks for information about family finances, including tax returns. Usually opens October 1st of senior year.

Now is the time to have a conversation about money, how much colleges cost, loans, etc.

DV works with ECC to host FAFSA workshops.



4 PELL GRANT ELIGIBILITY FACTORS

✓
Your financial need

✓
Your school's cost of attendance

✓
Your enrollment status (full time or part time)

✓
Your attendance plan (full academic year or less)

Cal Grant Program

	Cal Grant A	Cal Grant B	Cal Grant C
GPA	3.00	2.00	N/A
Financial Need	Cost of Attendance - Expected Family contribution = <i>Unmet Need</i>		
Income & Asset Ceiling	<i>Income</i> : Maximum amount depends on family size <i>Assets</i> : The maximum amount a family can have in assets that are not exempt		
Program Enrollment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Associates · Bachelors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Associates · Bachelors · Certificate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Vocational · Courses only · Associates · Certificate

FINANCIAL AID Terms you should know

Start saving now
College Savings
Plans

- 529

Dual Enrollment
College Courses

- Free transferable
credits

Formula

$COA - EFC = \text{Need}$

Net Price calculators

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’s” as you move forward in high school

Keep your grades up!

- The Cal State and UC systems use grades from 10th and 11th to determine eligibility
- 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...

Demonstrates involvement in community, leadership and areas of interest

Participate in summer programs and 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 Continued...

Attend virtual webinars, college fairs, virtual tours, or info sessions about schools you are interested in or could be interested in

There are many summer internships and volunteer positions available - subscribe to the DV blog to see posts from the DV Schools Real World Learning Director!

Encourage your student to meet with Connect High's Career Connect Learning Coordinator, Evelyn Hernandez ehernandezrosas@davincischools.org

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" of the campus

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