



2022-2023 12th Grade College Planning

AUGUST

- Begin your college search! Make a list of college characteristics that are important to you; i.e. regions of the country; cost; schools that offer particular majors, safety school, etc. Check the college catalogs available in the Career Center. Be sure to research on the computer. (Ex: www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org, www.californiacolleges.edu, & mycollegeoptions.org)
- Use an email that is appropriate for interacting with the adult world (i.e. future colleges, military reps, bosses, etc.). If you don't have one, create one and keep track of your passwords.
- Check college requirements and meet with your counselor for grad-check. If you plan on playing collegiate sports be sure to check your Core Course Completion. **Eligibility check list, available @** <https://web3.ncaa.org/hsportal/exec/hsAction>
- Take the necessary entrance exams for college: SAT Reasoning OR ACT (w/writing) and SAT Subjects tests, check if the schools you're interested in are requiring the SAT/ACT.
- UCs, CSUs, and NCAA are currently NOT requiring SAT/ACT exams for admissions for Fall 2023. Submitting a score is optional for these campuses, please check individual Universities to confirm.
- **Test dates & study information is available in the College & Career Center.**
- Tests should be taken by **December**. REMEMBER TO REGISTER BY THE DEADLINE.
- You can register online@: ACT: www.actstudent.org and SAT: www.collegeboard.org
- **Military —Get connected with a military representative.** The Career Center has contact information.

SEPTEMBER

- Make a list of all your accomplishments, achievements, & community service while in high school. This is valuable information for college and scholarship applications.
- Be sure to listen to announcements and sign-up for college visits in the Career Center.
- Review private/out of state institutions' web sites for application process, eligibility requirements, and deadlines.
- SOME colleges will request Letters of Recommendation as a requirement for college applications & scholarships. If requested, utilize the Student Request for Letter of Recommendation form, found on the College & Career Center website. (Provide a minimum two-week notice, not including school breaks and weekends.)
- Begin final edit of your UC Personal Insight Questions, if not already completed in your English class. Link to the prompts: <https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/how-to-apply/applying-as-a-freshman/personal-insight-questions.html>
- Look for institutional scholarships for each college that you apply to. **Register at www.fastweb.com**
- Find out which financial aid application your college requires? FAFSA or CSS Profile.
- Fall ASVAB 9/28/2023, 8:00 AM in the Career Center

OCTOBER

- California State University: apply online at www2.calstate.edu/apply. Application period begins 10/1 and ends 11/30.
- University of California: apply on-line (or mail) to the University of California (UC) during the month of November www.universityofcalifornia.edu; UC Application period 10/1 - 11/30.
- Beginning 10/1/2022 apply online for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) @ www.fafsa.ed.gov or Cal Dream Act @ www.csac.ca.gov **DO NOT APPLY UNTIL AFTER OCT. 1 . Select the 2023/2024 school year.**
- Want to go out of state for College & save money? Go to www.wiche.edu/ca (Western Undergraduate Exchange Program)
- Attend **Snacks & Apps** sessions for help with college and FAFSA applications. Check with Career Center for dates & times.
- **Attend Financial Aid Night date and time TBD**
- **Create an FSA ID for both student and parent. This is an electronic signature for the financial aid application. Visit www.fafsa.ed.gov and click on the FSA ID tab.**

****If you have not done so, have the TESTING COMPANY SEND your SAT and/or ACT test scores to the colleges (if required). Requests can be made online at www.collegeboard.org or at www.actstudent.org Save money by sending your scores to all CSU's at once, by inputting the code 3594. If you send your SAT's to a UC then ALL UC's will have access to your scores. ACT scores need to be sent to each school.**

- Check your college communication emails/student portal and **READ THEM** - follow the directions given!
- **Create Cal Grant account five (5) days after completing your FAFSA.**
- **Attend Snacks and Apps in October and November for help with college applications!**

DECEMBER

- Check deadlines for mailing applications to private colleges.
- **December is the last date** for most Fall term College Freshman to take the SAT, ACT (verify with your institution).
- **LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS OPEN ON DECEMBER 2ND TO ALL SENIORS**

JANUARY

- Check your college communication emails/student portal and **READ THEM** - follow the directions given!!!!
- Check College/University Housing requirements, you may need to apply now!
- **LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 20TH AT 4:15 PM**

FEBRUARY

- Check your FAFSA AND GPA VERIFICATION applications to ensure they have been properly completed before the DEADLINE. **Keep a copy of your FAFSA form.** Track your Cal Grant at www.webgrants4students.org
- Register with College & Career Center for ASVAB. February or March. TBA.

MARCH

- Cal Grant Application closes, 3/2. Be sure you have completed the FAFSA.
- **Application to Los Medanos College available at <https://www.losmedanos.edu/>** : Students attending Los Medanos College in the fall can register and attend orientation sessions at Liberty HS.
To find out more details contact the College & Career Center to get an appointment to attend a LMC workshop.
- Check your college communication emails/student portal and review acceptance and To-Do Lists.

APRIL

- Expect to hear from colleges by mid-April. Students should tell the College & Career Center Coordinator about college acceptance and scholarship successes. Information is published in the Scholarship and Commencement Programs.
- Spring ASVAB 4/5/2023, 8:15 AM in the Career Center

MAY

- Graduates attending a 4-year institution need to request a final transcript to be sent.
- NCAA & NAIA Athletes need to send final transcript for approval and request final amateurism certificate.
- **Achievement Awards Night May 5/9/23 and Scholarship Night May 5/16/23; Events are invitation ONLY.**
- Transcripts can be requested by going to www.parchment.com. Your transcripts can be sent for free up to August 1st.

JUNE

- Graduation: June 9, 2023

COMMON QUESTIONS:

- Are there scholarships for community college as well as a 4-year college? **YES** – you can find out more by visiting the college's Financial Aid Office.
- Can the Local Scholarships be used at a community college or trade programs? **YES** – you never know what you can get, until you apply.
- If I go to a community college, do I need to complete the FAFSA? **YES** – there are grants and waivers available.
- My parents make too much money, should I still complete the FAFSA? **YES** – let FAFSA make that decision, there are so many factors involved.
- Do colleges really look at my social media profiles? **YES** – be careful what you post, it never goes away.
- Can a college rescind my acceptance? **YES** – your acceptance is contingent upon how you finish high school.
- Are all college admission processes the same? **NO** – so keep track of admission requirements and deadlines.

Visit your Counselor or stop by the College & Career Center for help!!!