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# Class of 2021

11th Grade Parent/Student Meeting  
February 11, 2020

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# Agenda

GRAD Nite

Selecting Courses

Course Policy

College & Career Center Information

# Thank you for your support!

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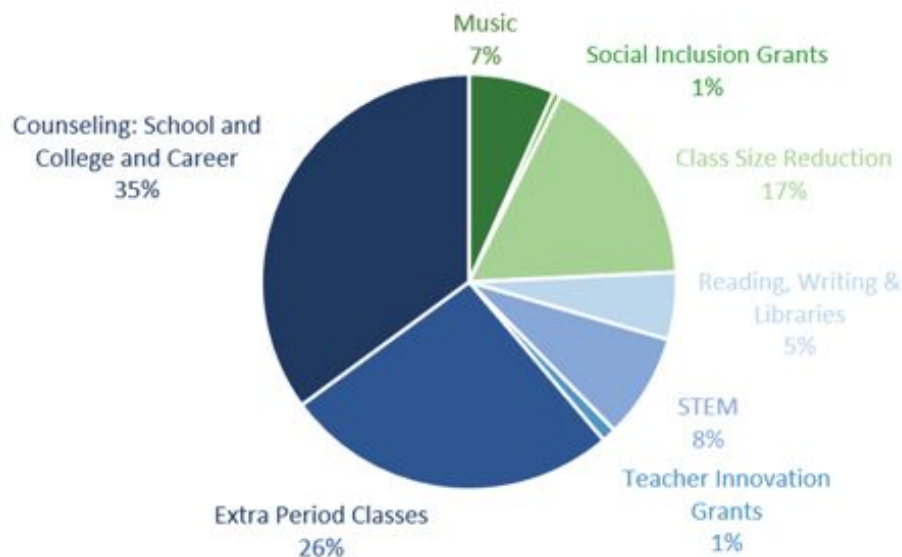
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# MBEF's Investment in Mira Costa

## \$2.25 Million in Grants for 2019/20

- Class Size Reduction
- Counseling & College and Career
- Music
- Reading, Writing and Libraries
- Social Inclusion Grants
- STEM
- Teacher Innovation and Awards



# What is Grad Nite?

- [Information on GRAD Nite](#)
- G.R.A.D. = Grads Resisting Alcohol & Drugs
  - A big party, no drugs or alcohol
- A safe way to celebrate graduation!
- Details
  - Departure from MCHS Auditorium at 8PM on June 11, 2020
  - Graduates are transported to a SECRET location with music, entertainment, and food - Cellphones are not allowed!

# How can I help?

- Volunteers - Sign Up only through [Mira Costa Website](#)
- Donations (ticket sales do not cover costs and Grad Nite Boosters fund related events & scholarships)
- Do you know a Community Sponsor?

# Mira Costa Counseling Department

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# Selecting Courses

The scheduling window for current 11th graders will open March 17th.

Students will meet with their counselor after completing the online scheduling component. They will meet through their English class in April to confirm their course selection.

Please check the [Course Description Handbook](#) found on our website under Academics for prerequisites and a full list of course offerings.

*The best schedule is one that challenges your student but does not overwhelm.*



# AP & Honors Policy

The required/recommended prerequisites for AP/Honors courses are listed under each course. Successful completion of the required pre-requisites must be met in order to select the course(s).

AP course presentations are available on our website, under [Academics - AP Course Screencast](#). Please review those that you are considering for next year, as they will give you insight into the rigor, expectations and demands of the AP course.

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# Class Schedule Advice

Please help your students make their selections carefully. Schedule changes may be difficult to accommodate in the Fall due to class size and course availability.

The master schedule is built to meet student requests. When students alter their class choices after the summer, it has a drastic effect on class size and course availability.

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# Add/Drop Policy

The add/drop window for all courses will be mid September for all courses and late September to level down within a department.

Grade(s) earned in a dropped course follow the student into the newly added course if the new course is in the same subject area.

Once the add/drop window has closed, students will remain in a year long class until the end of the semester. However, at that time, if recommended, any student with a grade of a "D" or "F" may request a program change.

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# Senior Schedule Requirements

- Must be enrolled in a minimum of 5 classes.
- Work Experience and classes at a Community College do not count as 1 of the 5 required classes.
- SoCalROC may count as 1 or 2 of the 5 required classes depending on units.
- Seniors may be a Teacher's Aide. This counts as one of the 5 required classes. (2.5 GPA required)

# High School Graduation Requirements

- English - 4 years
- Math - 2 years (must include algebra)
- Science - 2 years (life and physical)
- Physical Education - 2 years
- Social Studies - 3 years
- Health (1 semester)
- Visual/Performing Art or World Language – 1 year
- Electives (85 credits)

After completion of core classes to satisfy graduation requirements, any additional courses in these areas count toward the Elective requirement for graduation.

# MBX Summer School

**Summer School Hours 8am – 1:30pm**

**Classes held at Mira Costa H.S.**

Session 1: Monday, June 15 - Thursday, July 2

Session 2: Monday, July 6 - Thursday, July 23

Registration – online only and open now!

[www.mbxfoundation.org](http://www.mbxfoundation.org)

*Reminder for all 4-year college bound students, all D's and F's need to be made up, as colleges will not accept them!*

# SoCalROC

Fall, Spring and Saturday classes available for elective credit.

Pick up registration forms in the Guidance Office or the College & Career Center. A parent and counselor signature is required.

The [SoCalROC](#) representative is in the CCC on Monday mornings. Students may sign up to meet with the representative anytime.

# College & Career Center Information

**Monday - Thursday 8am - 7pm  
Fridays 8am to 3pm**

## **College/Career Counselors**

Caryn Ramirez x 5187

Ruthie Robles x 5073

Eliza Santarosa x 5252

**Naviance - <http://connection.naviance.com/mchs>**

**Visits from College Representatives**

**Individual Counseling Sessions**



# College Information

The CCC regularly updates its website on the Mira Costa site.

You're able to find additional information through:

- Naviance
- Weekly Mustang Newsletter
- College & Career Center Newsletter
- Visiting college reps (in the CCC)
- In the fall, we host College Knowledge night.
- This spring, we're hosting a mini out of state college fair on May 19th.

# Junior Year Timeline - College Application Process

## Junior Year - Spring

- Create an initial college list
- Visit colleges or participate in college representative visits in the CCC
- Maintain your extra-curricular activities/grades

## Summer after 11th grade:

- Essays, college list, supplemental requirements
- Keep document of dates, deadlines and tasks to be completed

# Crafting a college list...

- Requires self-analysis:
  - Passions and strengths?
  - Short-term and Long-term Goals?
  - What are you looking for in terms of campus, student life, weather, etc.?
- A **good** college list is comprehensive and includes a variety of
  - Safety Schools
  - Target Schools
  - Reach Schools
- Junior Grade Level Presentations - students learn how to use Naviance to create a college list.

*Every student is in a different place at a different time - what is the best path for you?*

# Testing Information

## SAT/ACT

[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

[www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

## Test Prep

Information about free mock exams, prep courses, and presentations on the [CCC website](#)

## SAT Subject Tests

UC/CSU: considered if submitted, not required (unless specifically stated for major)

Private/Out of State:

[CompassPrep.com](http://CompassPrep.com) has a great list of which colleges require subject tests.

# Systems of Higher Education

- California State University (CSU) System
- University of California (UC) System
- Private Colleges & Universities\*
- Out-of-state Colleges & Universities\*
- California Community Colleges

**\*Each of these systems offer a variety of schools that range from liberal art colleges to STEM driven-research.**

# University of California

9 campuses

College Application Requirements:

- SAT/ACT (writing section required)
- UC Application (same application for all)
- [4 Personal Insight Questions](#) (pick 4 out of 8)
- Each application is \$70
- Send official test scores

**Letters of recommendation are not required**

**Application period: Nov. 1 - 30**

# California State University

23 campuses

College Application Requirements

- CSU Application (same application for all)
- SAT/ACT (writing score is not used for admission purposes)
- Each application is \$55
- Send official test scores

**Letters of Recommendation and essays are not required**

**Application period Oct. 1 – Nov. 30**

# Private and Out-of-State Colleges & Universities

- Check each college for requirements
- [Common Application](#) or College website
- Send official test scores
- Personal Statement & supplemental essays
- Pay fee
- Letters of recommendation (0-3 max)
- Secondary School Report/Midyear Report (sent by Guidance Counselors)
- Deadline – usually end of December but varies



# California Community Colleges

Over 110 California Community Colleges

[www.cccapply.org](http://www.cccapply.org)

Applications are open year round.

**Representatives from El Camino and Santa Monica College come to the CCC periodically throughout the year- sign up for a meeting on Naviance!**

# NCAA

Student athletes need to:

- Register with the NCAA junior year at [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)
- Report test scores to the eligibility center (code: 9999)
- Create a contact database, including college, division, conference, coaches name, and contact info
- Request transcripts from VP of Athletics: Stephanie Hall (shall@mbusd.org)
- Follow NCAA recruiting guidelines at [www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org)

# College Visits

- Seniors are given 3 excused absences for college visits.
- Approval must be obtained from the Vice Principal, Tara Grings, overseeing attendance if more excused absences are requested.
- Request for approval must be made in advance.
- College documentation is required when request is made and must include: Student name and the date(s), time(s) and description of the event(s).

# Senior Year Schedule

- Colleges are looking for a strong senior schedule
- It's really important to keep grades up!
- Acceptances are provisional, may be rescinded for failure of courses (Ds included)

# What can parents do to help?

- Support students by reducing stress
- Encourage your student to utilize Naviance!
- Visit and tour colleges
- Attend College Knowledge Night in the fall/RACC College Fair in the spring
- Help students stay organized
- Check out the FAFSA4Caster to familiarize yourself with financial aid
- Check the “Scholarship” tab on the School Website



**Thank you for your attendance!**

**If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out!**