August 21, 2018

Dear Senior of the Class of 2019:

Welcome to your senior year! You are receiving this College Readiness Booklet to ensure you have the support needed to navigate your course towards postsecondary success. Obtaining a college degree, career certificate, or other forms of advanced training is one of the most important steps you can take to ensure that you make your dreams a reality.

This booklet, along with the support of your high school counselor, and the tools in Naviance will provide critical information as you explore your post-secondary options. By now you should be familiar with Naviance, identified your strengths, explored different career options, and created a profile of potential colleges, careers, and scholarships.

Use this booklet when you meet with your high school counselor during your annual Individualize Graduation Plan (IGP) meeting to discuss your A-G course completion, letters of recommendation, and the different ways your Grade Point Average (GPA) is calculated for different postsecondary institutions and financial aid.

This booklet will be an important reference as many deadlines arrive quickly. For more information, please see your high school counselor. You must remain vigilant of important deadline dates from October through August. We know this is going to be an exciting year and we look forward to celebrating your graduation and your continued success as you venture to postsecondary success!

Sincerely,

Austin Beutner
Superintendent

Frances Gipson, Ph.D.
Chief Academic Officer
Student Name: ________________________________

Counselor Name: ______________________________

“The future depends on what you do today.” Mahatma Gandhi

My aspirations are...

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The Division of Instruction is committed to supporting collaboration that furthers student success in postsecondary education. This booklet was inspired by the best practices of GEAR UP 4 LA with materials adapted from CSUApply, LACCD, the UC system, and One Voice.
### PLANNING & APPOINTMENTS

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There are over 3,000 colleges to choose from in the United States! Which should go on YOUR college list?

Your first stop should be Naviance. This platform is where you can find college planning and career assessment tools, identify your potential college options and manage your college applications, helping you streamline the process.

**Naviance Log in:** bit.ly/naviancelogin-s

**Checklist:**

1. Complete “Do What You Are”
2. Complete Professional Resume
3. Create a preliminary college list in “Colleges I am thinking about” Tab: only add colleges you are considering
4. Create your Final College List in “Colleges I am Applying to” Tab: only add colleges you are seriously going to apply to - CSU, UC, and privates
5. Are you applying to Private Colleges? Go to “Colleges I am Applying to” Tab: Sign the waiver to sync your Common Application to Naviance

*If possible, you should develop a list of 4 UCs, 4 CSUs, 4 Privates, and 4 Community Colleges. Your list should consist of Reach, Match, and Safety Schools.*

- A **Reach** school is one for which your academic qualifications are lower than the requirements, or the stats of the average incoming freshman. While it is less likely you will get into a reach school than a match school, don't write it off just yet – if you can impress the admissions officers with your extracurricular activities and essays, there's still a chance you may be accepted.

- A **Match** school is, as the name implies, a good match for your academic qualifications. Because the admissions requirements would be similar (or perhaps even lower) than your credentials, it is likely you will be able to get into several of your match schools.

- A **Safety** school is one for which your academic qualifications are higher than the requirements and those of the average incoming freshman. Because you can feel reasonably confident about being accepted into your safety school, having one or two on your list gives you a “safety net,” just in case other schools don’t work out.
**RECORD KEEPER**

**Confidential information**

**succeed.naviance.com**
- Username
- Password

**collegeboard.org**
- Username
- Password

**act.org**
- Username
- Password

**universityofcalifornia.edu/apply**
- Username
- Password
- GPA

**csuapply.edu**
- Username
- Password
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**LACCD.edu**
- Username
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**Commonapp.org**
- Username
- Password
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**FAFSA:fafsa.ed.gov/DREAMACT: caldreamact.org**
- Username
- Password
- **FSA ID**
  - Student
  - Parent

**Webgrants4students.org**
- Username
- Password

**Your personal email used for college related information**

- Email
- Username
- Password
COLLEGE TEST REQUIREMENTS

Entrance Exams

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FEE Waiver:
2 FREE SAT Exam, 2 FREE ACT Exams, & 2 FREE Subject Tests

Full-length practice tests for the SAT, PSAT, ACT, and preparation classes are held at selected Los Angeles Public Library branches. Space is limited; sign up at the library to reserve your spot.

SAT SUBJECT TESTS
While SAT Subject Tests are not required, they are an admission advantage. Some campuses recommend that freshman applicants interested in competitive majors take the tests to demonstrate subject proficiency. Find recommendations for fall 2019 applicants on the UC Admissions website.

Submission of these test scores (just like submission of AP and/or IB scores) may add positively to the review of your application.

Select 3 exams you want to take on the day of the exam. If you are taking a math exam, it MUST be Math 2.

Tip! Whenever you order test scores, make sure to print your order invoice for your records!
Information needed when you are registering:

- Send your SAT score to 1 UC School if you have a GPA over 3.0
- Send your SAT score to CSUApply Long Beach for all Cal States

**Before Test Day:** You can elect to send four free score reports to colleges every time you register for the SAT. This is the fastest way to send scores to colleges and scholarship programs. Many colleges view receiving your scores early as a demonstration of your interest.

**Task Items:**

**Sending your SAT scores to the colleges/universities:**

1. Go to sat.collegeboard.org, Log in to your account then click Sign in
2. On the right side, click send scores, verify password again
3. Click on Send available scores now
4. Click Send additional scores
5. Add colleges then click continue
6. Make sure all colleges are in the list then click continue
   - Sending scores to Cal States click on more search options and type in 3594. This code will send it to Cal States that you applied to.
   - OR SEARCH for CSUApply LONG BEACH
   - Sending scores to UC: The UC campuses will share your scores if you send them to just one UC campus that you applied to.
   - If you’re eligible for an SAT fee waiver, you can send as many free score reports as you want
   - If you are not eligible for a fee waiver, you will have to pay $12 for every score report you send
7. Click on place your order
8. Print your order invoice for your records
THE AMERICAN COLLEGE TEST

Information needed when you are registering:
- Send your scores to 1 UC school if your GPA is over 3.0
- Send your scores to 1 CSU school for all schools.
- Present your admission ticket with your photo to your advisor
- Check for
  1. Test type: ACT with WRITING
  2. Test Date
  3. Test Location

Task Items:

Sending your ACT scores to the colleges/universities:
1. Go to actstudent.org, Login to your account then click on send your scores
2. Select the test date you want to report and click continue
3. Click continue with score report request
4. Add the colleges to send scores to and click continue (SELECT 1 UC and 1 CSU; the systems will share your scores)
   The cost will be $12.00 per school report (no fee waivers are available)
5. Enter payment information and click continue

Releasing your scores to CSU
1. Log on to CSUApply and click on the Apply tab
2. Click on ACT Scores Manager
3. Enter information and ACT I.D. including the dash. All of your personal information like name and address should be identical on both accounts (ACT and CSUAPPLY)
4. Release your scores

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### COLLEGE SYSTEMS

- California State University (CSU)
- University of California (UC)
- Private Colleges & Universities
- California Community Colleges (CCC)

#### Colleges that interest me

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CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

23 schools statewide

Degrees:
- Bachelors (B.A./B.S.)
- Masters (M.A./M.S.)
- Teaching Credentials
- Some offer Doctorates through joint programs with the UCs

4-year institutions

Requirements
- GPA: 2.0
- A-G Requirements
- Grades of “C”
- SAT or ACT Exam

Website:
http://www.csuapply.edu/

Application Opens: October 1st
Deadline: November 30th
GPA: 2.0 and Above

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**CSU ELIGIBILITY AT A GLANCE**

SAT Eligibility Index Table of California High School Graduates or Residents of California

(A GPA of 3.00 and above qualifies for any score in SAT)

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*For admissions purposes, the CSU uses only the new SAT scores for mathematics and evidence based on reading and writing.*

Tip!

Meeting the minimum scores for competitive campuses does not guarantee admission, only eligibility for admission. Admissions are offered to those with the highest overall scores and are affected by choice of major. Popular majors such as Nursing, Biology, Engineering, Criminal Justice, Psychology etc., are more impacted.
Ready to apply? Follow these steps.

**STEP 1:** Collect the following materials for completing the application.

- ☐ A copy of your current transcript
- ☐ Social Security Number (if you do not have one skip this step)
- ☐ Email Account _____________________________@_________________
- ☐ Test Scores (SAT or ACT) Note: **Sending scores** to CSUapply (See ACT section of this booklet)
- ☐ Login to your collegeboard.com or actstudent.org account to get your scores

**SAT:** Critical Reading Score: ____  Math Score: ____  Writing Score: ____

**ACT:** Reading Score: ____  Science Score: ____  Math Score: ____  Eng./Writing Score: ____

- ☐ The application fee of $55 (check, money order, or credit card) UNLESS you qualify for a **fee waiver**. The fee waiver will be given to you at the end of your application.

To qualify for a fee waiver you must know the answers to the following:

- ☐ Estimate parents’ 2016 gross annual income $ ______
- ☐ Family size (including your parents, yourself, and other dependents) ______

**Tip!** Make sure you use a personal email address for all college related correspondences.
CAL STATE UNIVERSITY EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM (EOP)

**WARNING:** If you have submitted your Cal State Application and clicked **YES** to EOP, your Cal State Application is incomplete until you submit for EOP.

What is EOP? EOP provides information to help you select a campus and assists you in completing the admission process. Once admitted as an EOP student, you may be eligible to enroll in an EOP summer program to strengthen your math, reading, or other skills. Orientation sessions are provided to help you learn about campus services and programs. While enrolled in college, you can receive counseling, tutoring and advising services. If you are eligible, an EOP grant may be awarded. *To learn more about EOP at the California State University you are interested in, refer to the campus website.*

**CONGRATULATIONS** on your submission to the Cal State Systems. Please read carefully. The following steps will prepare you to **complete** your Cal State Application. Please apply online as soon as possible. Deadlines vary from campus to campus. Once you submit one application, all of the information from your first application will transfer to the new applications automatically. After completing one application and starting a new one, you only have to fill out the first screen, which contains campus-specific information. You will need to verify the information on the remaining screens. After doing so, you may submit the new application by clicking SUBMIT on the left column of your screen.

**How to apply for EOP**

Step 1: Login to [www.CSUapply.edu](http://www.CSUapply.edu)

Step 2: Click on the tap *Apply*

Step 3: Click on *Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)*

Step 4: Click on *fall 2019*

Step 5: Login into your account ([www.CSUapply.edu](http://www.CSUapply.edu))

Fill out pages 1-6 and have your Advisor/Counselor check it before submitting the application.

**You will need two letters of recommendations for your EOP application.**

*Request recommendations by October 16th*

**Recommender 1:**
First Name: _____________  Last Name: _____________  School/Organization: _____________
Position: _____________  email: ____________________________

**Recommender 2:**
First Name: _____________  Last Name: _____________  School/Organization: _____________
Position: _____________  email: ____________________________

**Tip:** Check out Naviance for more help on letters of recommendation!
California State University System - EOP questions

Answer all parts of each question:

1. Describe any volunteer, extracurricular activities, or work experience in which you are or have been involved in the past two years.

2. Why would you like to attend college? Discuss your career and personal goals. Are there any particular circumstances, school experiences, or persons that influenced your preparation or motivation to attend college (e.g., cultural/financial background, family, teachers, schools you attended)? Please explain.

3. Briefly discuss your academic background. Did you utilize any additional support at your high school, such as tutoring? Do your grades in high school and/or college reflect your academic ability or potential?

4. Briefly describe your family’s economic background. Include information about your financial challenges.

5. Please tell us more about yourself. Is there any additional information you would like EOP to consider in determining your admission to the program?

NOTES:
If you are thinking about applying to a UC, be sure to note the tiers. Students are advised to apply to schools within each tier.
STEP 1: Collect the following materials before completing the application.

☐ A copy of your current transcript
☐ Social Security Number (if you do not have one skip this step)
☐ Email Account _____________________________@____________
☐ Test Scores (Login to your collegeboard.com or actstudent.org account to get your scores)
☐ The application fee of $70 (check, money order, or credit card) UNLESS you qualify for a fee waiver (obtain fee waiver online)
☐ Personal Insight Questions (Your 4 insight questions should be typed and saved in order to cut and paste to the online application)
☐ Make a list of all your extracurricular activities (Brag Sheet)

To qualify for a fee waiver you must know the answers to the following:
☐ Estimated Family Income in 2018 $________
☐ Family Size in 2018 ______

STEP 2: Complete the application.

☐ You must apply online for the UC’s

https://admissions.universityofcalifornia.edu/applicant/login.htm

Once you create an account, write down your UC Application ID#________________________

If you decide to work on your college application on your own, PLEASE STOP on tab/screen 7. You need your counselor to check all entries before submitting.
UC PERSONAL INSIGHT QUESTIONS (PIQ) FALL 2018

There are 8 UC Insight questions to choose from:
- You must respond to 4 of the 8 questions.
- Each response is limited to a maximum of 350 words.
- Which questions you choose to answer is entirely up to you:
  - You should select questions that are most relevant to your experience and that best reflect your individual circumstances.
  - All questions are equal and are given equal consideration in the application review process, which means there is no advantage or disadvantage to choosing certain questions over others.
  - There is no right or wrong way to answer these questions: It is about getting to know your personality, background, interests and achievements in your own unique voice.

Questions & Guidance

Remember, the personal questions are just that — personal. This means you should use our guidance for each question just as a suggestion in case you need help. The important thing is expressing who are you, what matters to you, and what you want to share with the UC.

1. Describe an example of your leadership experience in which you have positively influenced others, helped resolve disputes, or contributed to group efforts over time.

*Things to consider:* A leadership role can mean more than just a title. It can mean being a mentor to others, acting as the person in charge of a specific task, or taking a lead role in organizing an event or project. Think about your accomplishments and what you learned from the experience. What were your responsibilities? Did you lead a team? How did your experience change your perspective on leading others? Did you help to resolve an important dispute at your school, church in your community or an organization? Your leadership role doesn’t necessarily have to be limited to school activities; for example, do you help out or take care of your family?

2. Every person has a creative side, and it can be expressed in many ways: problem solving, original and innovative thinking, and artistically. Describe how you express your creative side.

*Things to consider:* What does creativity mean to you? Do you have a creative skill that is important to you? What have you been able to do with that skill? If you used creativity to solve a problem, what was your solution? What are the steps you took to solve the problem? How does your creativity influence your decisions inside or outside the classroom? Does your creativity relate to your major or a future career?

3. What would you say is your greatest talent or skill? How have you developed and demonstrated that talent over time?

*Things to consider:* If there is a talent or skill that you’re proud of, this is the time to share it. You do not necessarily have to be recognized or have received awards for your talent (although if you did and you want to talk about it, feel free to do so). Why is this talent or skill meaningful to you? Does the talent come naturally or have you worked hard to develop this skill or talent? Does your talent or skill allow you opportunities in or outside the classroom? If so, what are they and how do they fit into your schedule?
4. Describe how you have taken advantage of a significant educational opportunity or worked to overcome an educational barrier you have faced.

_Things to consider:_ An educational opportunity can be anything that has added value to your educational experience and better prepared you for college. For example, participation in an honors or academic enrichment program, or enrollment in an academy that's geared toward an occupation or a major, or taking advanced courses that interest you — just to name a few. If you choose to write about educational barriers you've faced, how did you overcome or strived to overcome them? What personal characteristics or skills did you call on to overcome this challenge? How did overcoming this barrier help shape who you are today?

5. Describe the most significant challenge you have faced and the steps you have taken to overcome this challenge. How has this challenge affected your academic achievement?

_Things to consider:_ A challenge could be personal, or something you have faced in your community or school. Why was the challenge significant to you? This is a good opportunity to talk about any obstacles you've faced and what you've learned from the experience. Did you have support from someone else or did you handle it alone? If you're currently working your way through a challenge, what are you doing now, and does that affect different aspects of your life? For example, ask yourself, “How has my life changed at home, at my school, with my friends, or with my family?”

6. Describe your favorite academic subject and explain how it has influenced you.

_Things to consider:_ Discuss how your interest in the subject developed and describe any experience you have had inside and outside the classroom — such as volunteer work, summer programs, participation in student organizations and/or activities — and what you have gained from your involvement. Has your interest in the subject influenced you in choosing a major and/or career? Have you been able to pursue coursework at a higher level in this subject (Honors, AP, IB, college or university work)?

7. What have you done to make your school or your community a better place?

_Things to consider:_ Think of community as a term that can encompass a group, team or a place – like your high school, hometown, or home. You can define community as you see fit, just make sure you talk about your role in that community. Was there a problem that you wanted to fix in your community? Why were you inspired to act? What did you learn from your effort? How did your actions benefit others, the wider community or both? Did you work alone or with others to initiate change in your community?

8. What is the one thing that you think sets you apart from other candidates applying to the University of California?

_Things to consider:_ Don't be afraid to brag a little. Even if you don't think you're unique, you are — remember, there's only one of you in the world. From your point of view, what do you feel makes you belong on one of UC's campuses? When looking at your life, what does a stranger need to understand in order to know you? What have you not shared with us that will highlight a skill, talent, challenge, or opportunity that you think will help us know you better? We're not necessarily looking for what makes you unique compared to others, but what makes you, YOU.
**PRIVATE COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES**

- **77+ schools statewide**
- **Receive private funding**
- **Vary in size, prestige, and cost**

**Degrees:**
- Associate (A.A./A.S.)
- Bachelors (B.A./B.S.)
- Masters (M.A./B.S.)
- Doctorates/Professional

**Requirements**
- GPA: varies 2.5
- A-G Requirements (check individual school requirements)
- SAT or ACT and may require 2 Subject Tests
- Most schools have requirements very similar to that of the UC system

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Common Application for Private Colleges/Universities

There are over 600 member colleges and universities nationwide. Go to the website www.commonapp.org or log on to Naviance to research and apply for these schools.


1. Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
2. The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
3. Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?
4. Describe a problem you’ve solved or a problem you’d like to solve. It can be an intellectual challenge, a research query, an ethical dilemma - anything that is of personal importance, no matter the scale. Explain its significance to you and what steps you took or could be taken to identify a solution.
5. Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.

Common App ID#: ________________________________

Letters of Recommendation: Request 2 teachers and 1 counselor for your recommendations unless the college or university requests otherwise.

IF YOU ARE APPLYING EARLY DECISION (ED) or EARLY ACTION (EA) YOU MUST DO THIS BY OCTOBER 5th!

REGULAR DECISION (RD) APPLICANTS’ DEADLINE TO REQUEST LETTER

Teacher: ____________________________ Deadline to request for RD: October 26th
Teacher: ____________________________ Deadline to request for RD: October 26th
Counselor: __________________________ Deadline to request for RD: October 26th
Top Private Colleges & Universities That Meet 100% Demonstrated Need

Amherst College
Barnard College (Women’s College)
Bates College
Bowdoin College
Boston College
Brown University
Bryn Mawr College (Women’s College)
Bucknell University
California Institute of Technology- Cal Tech
Carleton College
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Claremont McKenna College
Colby College
Colorado College
Columbia University
Connecticut College
Cornell University
Dartmouth College
Dickinson College
Duke University
Franklin and Marshall College
Georgetown University
Gettysburg College
Gunnell College
Hamilton College
Hampshire College
Harvard University
Harvey Mudd College
Haverford College
College of the Holy Cross
Johns Hopkins University
Kalamazoo College (High GPA)
Kenyon College
Knox College
Loyola University
Lewis and Clark College (High GPA)
Lycoming College
Macalester College
Middlebury College
MIT University
Mount Holyoke College (Women’s College)
Northwestern University
Notre Dame University
Oberlin College
Occidental College
Pitzer College
Pomona College
Princeton University
Reed College
Scripps College (Women’s College)
Skidmore College
Smith College (Women’s College)
St. Olaf College
Stanford University
Swarthmore College
Trinity College
Tufts University
University of Chicago
University of Pennsylvania
University of Rochester
University of Southern California
USC
Union College
Vanderbilt University
Vassar University
Wake Forest University
Wellesley College (Women’s College)
Wesleyan University
Whitman College
Williams College
Yale University

*Italicized schools meet 95% of Demonstrated Need. Demonstrated financial need is defined as the difference between total college costs and the family’s ability to pay. It is the amount of money the family needs for the student to be able to enroll at the college.

SAT Optional Schools
http://www.fairtest.org/university/optional

Bates*
Dickinson
Lewis & Clark*
Union*
Bowdoin*
Franklin & Marshall**
Middlebury
University of Chicago
Bryn Mawr
Gettysburg*
Mt. Holyoke*
Wesleyan University
Colby
Hamilton
Pitzer
Colorado
College of the Holy Cross
Smith
Connecticut*
Knox
Susquehanna*
(Write Option)

* No scores required!
**No scores required BUT you must submit extra essays and/or recommendation letters (be sure to check college website).

A College confers a 4-year Bachelor Degree (BA).
A University confers a 4-year BA Degree and Graduate Degrees, such as Ph.D., M.D., J.D., etc.
REQUESTS FOR LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Writing letters of recommendation requires a significant amount of work. Please *follow the instructions closely* and *meet ALL deadlines*.

**Step 1.** Complete Brag Sheet in the summer prior to Senior Year. Update throughout your senior year as needed.

**Step 2.** Request letters of recommendation **in person** from your 2 teachers and 1 counselor by the **deadline above**. Double check the **Common Application** for how many teacher letters of recommendation you will need.

**Step 3.** Double check that your Common Application has all of the colleges listed that you’re applying to.

**Step 4.** Once teachers and your counselor say “Yes!” you must log onto **Naviance** and request the letter of recommendation electronically by **October 26 (For ED, October 5th)**.
  - **Log on** and click on the Colleges Tab.
  - **Click on** the **College I’m Applying to** link.
  - **Complete the Common Application account matching** if you are applying to colleges on the Common App. Click Match and your accounts, both Naviance, and the Common application should link. All of your colleges from the Common Application should populate.
  - **Add the CSUs and UCs** that you are applying to by clicking +add to this list.
  - **Scroll down** to Teacher Recommendations and click add/cancel requests.
  - **Select your teachers and counselor.** Write them a Thank You Note for agreeing to write your letters of recommendation.
  - **Scroll down** and click on Update Requests.
  - **Congratulations!** You have officially requested the letters of recommendation from your teachers and counselor.

**Step 5.** Submit your **College List (next page)** to your teachers and counselor by **October 26**.

**Tip!** If you are applying for Early Decision, your letters must be requested by **October 5th**.
LIST OF PRIVATE COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

DO NOT INCLUDE UCs AND CSUs

Submit this request to your Counselor and Teacher by October 26th

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*ED: Early Decision (there should only be ONE school marked ED)

*EA: Early Action

*REA: Restrictive Early Action (there should only be ONE school marked REA and no other EA should be marked)

*RD: Regular Decision

It is important to submit this packet directly to your teachers and counselor on or before October 26 in case they need to meet with you face-to-face to discuss any questions.
The California Promise makes the first year tuition free for students at the state’s community colleges, so long as they are residents and new students who are enrolled full-time. For more information on all the community colleges in California, visit CCCApply.org to start applying.

**Have a Plan**

- Complete the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC)
- Use the Transfer Admission Planner tool to track progress towards meeting the UC transfer requirements.
- Join programs that facilitate the transfer process:
  - **Honors Program**: students enjoy enhanced transfer consideration to partner universities and access to special scholarships and housing priority.
  - **Transfer Admissions Guarantee (TAG)**: Six UC campuses offer guaranteed admissions to Community College students if they meet campus-specific requirements.
    - UCLA, UC Berkeley, UC San Diego, and UC San Francisco do **NOT** offer **TAG**.
  - **UCLA Transfer Alliance Program (TAP)**: Enhances student’s ability to transfer to UCLA from a Community College through access to a variety of resources offered exclusively to TAP students. Students are also given priority consideration for admission to UCLA College of Letters and Science.
  - **EOP/MESA/Puente**: Outreach programs that help students successfully complete Community College and may also provide financial assistance.
## TYPES OF FINANCIAL AID

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<td>• Federal program which funds part time student employment to help pay for college. The amount awarded to each student is based on their individual need.</td>
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### FAFSA

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**Deadline:** To apply for FAFSA or Dream Act you must submit an online application **between October 1st and March 2nd of Senior year (12th grade) in high school.** This is the priority deadline for consideration for the CalGrants and other institutional awards.

**What will I need to apply?**

- Student's SSN or Permanent Resident #
- Student Date of Birth
- Parent 1 Date of Birth
- Parent 1 Social Security (if applicable)
- Parent 2 Date of Birth (if applicable)
- Parent 2 Social Security
- Date of Parent Married, Remarried, Divorced, or Widowed (if applicable)
- Parent(s) total cash, savings, checking account value
- State Disability received (if applicable)
- Child Support amount received or paid (if applicable)

**Documents Needed:**

- Student W-2 (if student worked)
- Parent(s) W-2
- Student's most recent Tax Return
- Parent(s) most recent Tax Return

**Visit:** [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

### DREAM ACT

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**AB540 Eligibility Criteria**

- Attend a California school for 3 or more years.
- Graduate with a High School Diploma or GED equivalent.
- Enroll in an accredited higher education institution in California
- Must file an affidavit stating that the filer will apply for legal residency as soon as possible.
- Must not hold a valid non-immigrant visa (F,J,H,L,A,E,etc.)

Note: Males between the ages of 18 and 25 must register for selective service.

**What will I need to apply?**

- See list in the left column.

**Visit:** [https://dream.csac.ca.gov](https://dream.csac.ca.gov)

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**HAVING TROUBLE COMPLETING YOUR APPLICATION? HELP IS AVAILABLE ONLINE!**

**Visit:** [https://fafsa.ed.gov/help.htm](https://fafsa.ed.gov/help.htm)  
FAFSA & CALIFORNIA DREAM ACT

FAFSA Filers/California Dream Act Filers

The first step in securing financial aid for college is to file a FAFSA which launches October 1. Some financial aid is awarded on a first come, first served basis – make sure you apply early! Check with your school to find out about free events to help you complete your application. Regardless of your immigration status, you may be eligible for financial aid. Complete your California Dream Act application here https://dream.csac.ca.gov/. Information is only used to check whether you qualify for financial aid and is not shared with federal and/or immigration authorities.

Tips and Common Mistakes to Avoid

• You should list ALL colleges you are considering on your application. The order in which you list the colleges will not impact your eligibility for state aid programs.
• You should list your current high school on the application. This helps the California Student Aid Commission match you to your high school.
• If you have questions about whose income you should declare on the FAFSA, refer to “Who Is My Parent When Filing the FAFSA.” https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/resources/fafsa-parent-text
• If you have questions about whether or not you can be considered independent for purposes of filing the FAFSA, refer to “Am I A Dependent or Independent Student?” https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/faq/filling-out/dependency#dependency-questions
• The most important thing is that 4-year eligible students file the FAFSA/CADAA by the state priority deadline (March 2nd) to be eligible for entitlement grants. Mistakes made during the filing process can always be corrected after the deadline by working with your high school or college financial aid administrator.
You have the most crucial role in this entire process. Please take ownership of the college application process. It is important that you stay organized - create a master calendar with all dates and deadlines.

You are responsible for the following tasks:
1. Submitting your application to the college or university before the due date. In most cases, this will be done electronically.
2. Requesting official test scores to be sent to your college or university directly from the College Board (SAT Reasoning and SAT Subject Tests) and/or the ACT.
3. Following up with each college or university you apply to, making sure that all required application materials have been received. Keep in mind that it can take 2–3 weeks for colleges to update your file once they have received your documents.
4. Mailing letters of recommendation and/or transcripts to the colleges if necessary.
5. Checking email regularly - even the junk and spam folders. Many times deadlines are missed by students who don’t regularly check all email folders.

**Financial Aid Award Letter**

Checklist:

- Collect your award letters from each college you applied.
- Review them with your counselor and family to make the most informed decision.

**May 1, 2019 - National Signing Day/Orientation**

Checklist:

- Select the school of your choice
- Sign your SIR (Statement of Intent to Register)
- Submit your deposit
- Apply for housing (if applicable)
- Sign up for Orientation
Los Angeles Unified School District
Division of Instruction

How LAUSD Students Login to Naviance

1. Go to the webpage for LAUSD’s Division of Instruction at https://achieve.lausd.net/instruction.
2. Scroll down to the Naviance login links. Select **Naviance Student Login**.

![Naviance Login](image1)

3. On the Clever LAUSD page, select **Log in with Active Directory**.

![Clever LAUSD](image2)

4. Enter your LAUSD Single Sign-On information.

![Clever LAUSD](image3)

5. After clicking own Next, you will be on the Naviance Student landing page.

![Naviance Student](image4)


Approved by Derrick Chau, Senior Executive Director of P-12 Instruction
The California State University requires the following college preparatory pattern of classes (referred to as the “a-g” courses) for admission:

a. History and Social Science
   2 years (1 year of U.S. History and 1 year of Social Science)

b. English
   4 years required

c. Math
   3 years
   (4 years recommended)

d. Laboratory Science
   2 years with a lab class

e. Language Other than English
   2 years of the same language

f. Visual and Performing Arts
   1 year

g. College Preparatory Electives
   1 year of any college preparatory subject

See your school counselor for a detailed list of classes or visit gotocsu.com.

**12TH Seniors GRADE**

- Complete all final “a-g” course requirements, including college prep English and advanced math. Trigonometry or Analytic Geometry/Calculus are also recommended.

- If your CAASPP EAP result is “Standard Met,” you are Conditionally Ready for college-level English and/or math coursework. You are required to take an approved senior year-long English and/or math course and pass with a grade of “C” or better in both semesters.

- If your CAASPP EAP result is “Standard Nearly Met” or “Standard Not Met,” you are Not Ready for college-level English and/or math coursework. Visit csusuccess.org for more information on EAP, including how to improve your English and math skills.

- If you are planning to transfer from a California Community College, visit calstate.edu/transfer.

**Early Sept:** Register for the October SAT or ACT, if you haven’t already taken the exam.

**Oct 1 - Nov 30:** Apply to the CSU early—the deadline is November 30! Begin to apply for scholarships.

**Oct 1 - Mar 2:** Apply for financial aid starting October 1. The priority deadline is March 2.

**Late Spring:** If you are taking AP classes, register for the AP exams. You can earn college credit if you score a 3 or more on the exams.

**How to PAY FOR COLLEGE**

- See if you qualify for financial aid: fafsa.ed.gov

- Students without lawful immigration status may be eligible for financial aid: dream.csac.ca.gov

- You may also be eligible for a Cal Grant: mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov

- Check out the many scholarship opportunities: scholarships.com

- Learn how to save for college: scholarshare.com
2018/19

Tips and tools for California freshman applicants

Undergraduate Admissions Application Guide

Berkeley
Davis
Irvine
Los Angeles
Merced
Riverside
San Diego
Santa Barbara
Santa Cruz
Before You Begin

Gather your information

Having everything you’ll need in hand before you start your application means you won’t be searching for important information at the last minute. Make sure the information you provide is accurate because you may be asked to verify it at a later time.

Research your options

There may be different degree programs at several UC campuses that can help you achieve your career goal; knowing what they are will give you more options when you apply. Check which majors are open for the current term at http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/how-to-apply/check-majors.

Campus Majors

UCB  http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/degree-programs/
UCD  http://admissions.ucdavis.edu/majors
UCI  www.admissions.uci.edu/about/majors_and_minors.html
UCLA www.admissions.ucla.edu/majors
UCM  www.ucmerced.edu/academics-undergraduate-majors-minors
UCR  www.ucr.edu/academics/undergradmajors.html
UCSD https://students.ucsd.edu/academics/advising/majors-minors/undergraduate-majors-minors.html
UCSB www.admissions.ucsb.edu/allmajors.asp
UCSC http://admissions.ucsc.edu/majors

Apply broadly

Applying to more than one UC can significantly increase your chances of being admitted to a campus that will enable you to fulfill your educational goals. We recommend applying to campuses that vary in their admit rates (visit http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/campuses/ for the most recent admit rates).

Pick an email address and stick with it

Campuses email applicants to request or clarify information; they often need a quick response. Provide an email address that you will check regularly. Update your spam filters to ensure that you receive all UC communications.

Apply at www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply

Follow directions. Answers to common questions appear on every page and under the "help" tab. If you can't find an answer, contact the UC Application Center at ucinfo@applyUCsupport.net, or call (800) 207-1710 (toll free in the U.S.).

Save your work. If you take a break from your application, sign out or click "Next" on any page to make sure your work is saved.

Review your summary. Look for any instance where the summary page says "not started" or "in progress." If you didn't intend to leave a question blank, click "Edit" to go back and answer it.

Don't forget to click "Submit your application for UC admission." Your application won't be sent to UC until you do. After submission, you will be taken to the receipt page, which shows your application ID. It's a good idea to print this page.
Write your responses to the personal insight questions in advance

What you tell us in your responses gives us the context to better understand the rest of the information you’ve provided in your application. Be open, be honest, be yourself.

Instructions:
→ You will have 8 questions to choose from. You must respond to only 4 of the 8 questions.
→ Each response is limited to a maximum of 350 words.
→ Which questions you choose to answer is entirely up to you. All questions are given equal consideration in the application review process.

Questions:
1. Describe an example of your leadership experience in which you have positively influenced others, helped resolve disputes, or contributed to group efforts over time.
2. Every person has a creative side, and it can be expressed in many ways: problem solving, original and innovative thinking, and artistically, to name a few. Describe how you express your creative side.
3. What would you say is your greatest talent or skill? How have you developed and demonstrated that talent over time?
4. Describe how you have taken advantage of a significant educational opportunity or worked to overcome an educational barrier you have faced.
5. Describe the most significant challenge you have faced and the steps you have taken to overcome this challenge. How has this challenge affected your academic achievement?
6. Think about an academic subject that inspires you. Describe how you have furthered this interest inside and/or outside of the classroom.
7. What have you done to make your school or your community a better place?
8. Beyond what has already been shared in your application, what do you believe makes you stand out as a strong candidate for admissions to the University of California?

Visit ucal.us/personalquestions for more information and to download our student worksheets.

Pursue all potential scholarships

UC campuses and alumni associations award a variety of scholarships based on a student’s academic merit, financial need or both. Visit http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/paying-for-uc to research deadlines and additional requirements.

There are also “restricted” scholarships available to students with specific backgrounds, academic interests or career goals. You can apply for these scholarships in the admission application by matching your own background characteristics and interests to the lists provided. Most students are notified of scholarship awards between March and August.

Application fees

Paying your application fees. UC's application fee is $70 per campus. You may pay online by credit card or submit payment by check or money order. Application fees are non-refundable.

Fee waiver. UC will waive application fees for up to four campuses for qualified students. If you’re a U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or meet basic criteria for AB 540, you can find out if you qualify for a fee waiver immediately in the application. Fee waivers can’t be applied to more than four campuses, regardless of their source (e.g. UC, College Board/SAT).
Checklist

Grades and coursework

You'll need to enter courses and grades from all schools you have attended, including any colleges where you have taken courses while enrolled in high school. Don't enter information from memory; misreporting your academic record can jeopardize your admission. If you took advanced math and/or a language other than English in middle school, you must report how many semesters you completed.

Test scores

These include your ACT with Writing, and/or SAT (with Writing or with Essay), and any Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate and/or A-Level exam scores. Know the test dates for upcoming exams you plan to take.

Annual income (optional)

If your parents claim you as a dependent on their tax return, ask them for their annual pre-tax income for 2016. Refer to tax records or pay stubs.

Social Security number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (if you have one)

We use your Social Security number or ITIN to verify your identity and match your application to your transcripts, and, if you apply for financial aid, your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act application. It will be kept confidential.

Citizenship status

You must provide your country of citizenship (or "No Selection" — this is recommended for undocumented applicants). If you select a country other than the United States, you'll need to provide your legal immigration status and the type of visa (e.g., F-1, H4, etc.) you hold or plan to hold.

California Statewide Student ID (optional)

Each K–12 student in California public schools is assigned a 10-digit ID number. If it's not printed on your high school transcript, obtain it from your school counselor or registrar.

Credit card

You'll need the account number, expiration date, cardholder’s name and billing address. (If you'd prefer to pay by check or money order, you can send your payment by mail. Do not send cash.)
# Activities and Awards Worksheet

In addition to your courses and grades, we want to know about any honors you've received and how you spend your time outside of school. Use this worksheet to prepare concise descriptions of your most significant awards and activities. You may list up to five entries in each category, so think carefully about what you want to highlight. Also make sure to fully describe each item (up to 160 characters) for admissions offices to best understand your involvement.

## Coursework Other Than A–G
List additional courses or training taken during high school, other than those approved for UC admission, that demonstrate a particular focus or interest (e.g., language immersion courses or nontransferable college courses).

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## Educational Preparation Programs
List your participation in educational or academic preparation programs that are designed to help students prepare for university study. These programs may include academic enrichment programs sponsored by colleges/universities, research programs and study-abroad programs.

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Order test score reports
Be sure to have the appropriate testing agency send your official results from the ACT, SAT or SAT Subject tests (optional) to UC. If you have a report sent to one UC campus, it will be shared with all the campuses to which you apply. You can confirm receipt of your test scores by logging back in to your application.

If you are admitted for the fall term, you must arrange to have official AP and IB exam scores sent to the campus admissions office no later than July 15.

Order final transcripts
If you are admitted for the fall term, you must arrange to have final, official transcripts sent to the campus admissions office no later than July 1.

Note: Before admittance, you do not need to send preliminary transcripts unless requested by a campus.

Applying for Financial Aid

Here’s a fact that may surprise you about UC: Financial aid fully covers systemwide tuition and fees for more than half of California undergrads. That’s because UC has one of the strongest financial aid programs in the country that can help you pay for tuition, housing, food, books, and even transportation. You should apply for financial aid, even if you don’t think you’ll qualify. It’s the only way to guarantee you’ll be considered for every type of aid possible, regardless of your income level.

Apply for aid between October 1, 2017 and March 2, 2018. Here’s how:

Submit a FAFSA or California Dream Act Application. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid is available at www.fafsa.gov. For undocumented students, the California Dream Act Application is available at www.csac.ca.gov. You automatically will be considered for the Blue and Gold Opportunity Plan if you submit the FAFSA or California Dream Act Application, and the Cal Grant GPA Verification Form.

Submit your GPA for a Cal Grant. If you’re progressing toward your first bachelor’s degree, make sure your school-certified GPA is submitted to the California Student Aid Commission. Many California high schools automatically submit their students’ GPAs. If this isn’t the case with your school, use the GPA Verification Form, which is available at www.csac.ca.gov (click on “Cal Grant GPA Forms” under “Students & Parents”).

Find out more about UC’s financial aid programs: http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/paying-for-uc.
Making Changes to Your Application

If you want to apply to an additional UC campus
You may add a campus only if it is still accepting applications. Log in to your UC application at www.universityofcalifornia.edu/afterapply.

If you need to change your phone number, email or mailing address
See how to update this information at: www.universityofcalifornia.edu/afterapply.

If your academic record changes
If you add or drop a course or fail to earn a C or better in a course, you must inform us of your changes by email to docs@applyUCsupport.net or by mail to UC Application Center, P.O. Box 1432, Bakersfield, CA 93302. Make sure to include your full name, date of birth and application ID.

If you enroll in a new school or college after applying
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Important dates and deadlines

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**Los Angeles College Promise**

Enroll in College for **FREE!**

Are you graduating in the Spring?

Are you graduating from an LAUSD or charter high school?

The Los Angeles College Promise removes the financial, academic and personal obstacles to start your college education.

You will have:

- One year of free full-time enrollment to all students graduating from LAUSD and charter high schools.
- Free Summer Orientation to prepare for college.
- Priority enrollment, math and English courses required to succeed in college, and academic and career mentoring.

What makes the L.A. College Promise special?

- Free enrollment to students who enroll in an LACCD college full-time and pursue an associate’s degree or certificate.
- Free academic and career mentoring to support student success.
- Choice of attending any of LACCD’s nine colleges across Los Angeles County.
- Our team supports and guides you from the time you apply to ensure you stay on track and earn your degree or transfer to a four-year university or college.

The Los Angeles College Promise is a partnership between:

- Los Angeles County Community College District
- Los Angeles Unified School District
- City of Los Angeles
- LAUSD Foundation
- LAUSD Charter Schools
- LAUSD High School Academies
- LAUSD Kindergarten-Grade 8 Education Programs
Submit your FAFSA or CA Dream Act application by the March 2 Cal Grant priority deadline to be considered for state and federal financial aid for college.

Need help applying? Attend a FREE Cash for College Workshop and attend the annual College & Career Convention to get one-on-one assistance completing your financial aid forms.

Financial Aid Workshops
October - March
Locations throughout Los Angeles
www.lacashforcollege.org/fafsworkshops

College & Career Convention
Family & Community Day
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LA Trade Tech College

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FAFSA.GOV
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Useful College Websites

Need to use Naviance? bit.ly/naviancelogin-s

Want to prepare for the SAT/ACT on the go? Download these free apps
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Daily Practice for the New SAT
Khan Academy
SATFlash/ACTFlash
SAT Up/ACT Up

Need to prepare for the SAT/ACT?
collegeboard.org
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