



College Planning
Resources
2018- 2019



MDHS Counseling Counseling Visit

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

Mater Dei Graduation Requirements

Religious Studies	4 Years (40 Credits)
English	4 Years (40 Credits)
Mathematics	3 Years (30 Credits)
Social Studies	3 Years (30 Credits)
Science	2 Years (20 Credits)
World Languages (Same Lang)	2 Years (20 Credits)
Visual or Performing Art	1 Year (10 Credits)
Additional Credits	(80 Credits)
Total of 270 Credits	

+ 80 Service Hours (40 hours must be direct) & Reflection Essay / Discussion Group

Summer School / Credit Recovery (If Needed):

Service Hours Submitted: Direct _____ Indirect _____ Total _____ Needs _____

College Entrance Requirements

	California State University (CSU)	University of California (UC)	Private Colleges and Universities
	www2.calstate.edu/apply	www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply	www.commonapp.org / university website
High School Academics (minimum requirements)	"A- G" a) History (2 years) b) English (4 years) c) Math (3 years, Incl. Algebra 2) d) Science (2 years) e) World Language (2 years) f) Visual/Performing Art (1 year) g) Elective (1 year) Minimum 2.0 GPA (10- 11 th)	"A- G" a) History (2 years) b) English (4 years) c) Math (3 years, including Alg 2) d) Science (2 years) e) World Language (2 years) f) Visual/ Performing Art (1 year) g) Elective (1 year) Minimum 3.0 GPA (10 th – 11 th)	College Prep Classes * History (2-3 years) English (4 years) Math (4 years) Science (3-4 years) World Language (3-4 years) Other, depends on school 9 th – 12 th GPA Considered * Classes depend on college
Standardized Tests * requirements depend on campus/ major	SAT or ACT SAT Subject Tests are not required and will not be considered	SAT with writing or ACT Plus writing SAT Subject Tests & AP Tests not required, but considered	SAT with Writing or ACT Plus Writing SAT Subject Tests & AP Tests not required, but considered
Extracurriculars	Not Required	Important	Important
Personal Statement	Not considered	Choose 4 of the 8 prompts to write short essays (each 350 words max)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choose 1 of 7 prompts to write an essay (650 words max) Supplemental Essays
Letters of Recommendation	Not Considered	Not Considered	2 High School Teachers 1 Guidance Counselor
Application Deadline	November 30	November 30	Early Action/Decision: Nov/Dec Regular Decision: Jan/Feb Rolling Admissions

Apply broadly to safety, match/target, and reach schools.

SAT/ACT Exams



SAT and SAT Subject Tests

SAT Date	Registration Deadline
August 25 2018	July 27, 2018
October 6, 2018	September 7, 2018
November 3, 2018	October 5, 2018
December 1, 2018	November 2, 2018
March 9, 2019	February 8, 2019
May 4, 2019	April 5, 2019
June 1, 2019	May 3, 2019

Register for SAT with Writing & SAT Subject Tests at www.collegeboard.com
MD School Code: 053240
MD Test Site Code: 05-757



ACT Date	Registration Deadline
September 8, 2018	August 10, 2018
October 27, 2018	September 28, 2018
December 8, 2018	November 2, 2018
February 9, 2019	January 11, 2019
April 13, 2019	March 8, 2019
June 8, 2019	June 14, 2-19

Register for ACT with Writing at www.actstudent.org
MD School Code: 053240
MD Test Site Code: 189530

For more information about the SAT/ACT and practice, please see our **Test Prep Page** on the MDHS Counseling website.

Naviance Family Connection: www.materdei.org/naviance

User Name: Student's MD email address

Password: college

All MD Students have access to Naviance, a powerful college and career research tool!

- List the colleges you're thinking about
- Take the Career Interest Profiler
- Watch a RoadTrip Nation video
- Explore college admissions data
- Use the College SuperMatch
- Research scholarships and more!

NCAA / NAIA : PLAYING SPORTS AT THE NEXT LEVEL

1. Register with NCAA / NAIA Clearing House at www.eligibilitycenter.org or www.playnaia.org
2. Send 6th semester transcripts to NCAA / NAIA via Parchment.com
3. Send Official SAT / ACT test scores. NCAA: 9999 / NAIA: 9876

PARCHMENT ACCOUNT: www.parchment.com

Parchment is the service MDHS uses for official transcripts

Counselors **CANNOT** send your letter of recommendation until you have **ORDERED YOUR TRANSCRIPTS** from Parchment.com

- Create a Parchment account (remember your log in information!)
- Add Mater Dei High School and any other high schools you have attended

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Test Scores:

Know your scores from the ACT Plus Writing and/or the SAT Reasoning Test, any SAT Subject Tests, Advanced Placement, TOEFL or IELTS exams that you have taken.

Transcripts:

You will need to refer to your transcript when completing the online applications.

Set up your Parchment Account, www.parchment.com. This is where you will request your official Mater Dei transcripts to be sent to the Common Application and other schools.

You can view your transcript in your Aeries Student Portal.

Other Information Needed:

- Parents' occupation and level of education
- Siblings' education level
- Annual Income (optional) – for the last and current year (your parents' if you're a dependent; your income if you're independent). This is optional unless you're applying for an application fee waiver or for the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP).
- Social Security Number, if you have one (optional)
- Citizenship status – you must enter your country of citizenship (or "No Selection"). If your country of citizenship is outside of the United States, you will need to provide your immigration status and your visa type.
- Detailed Activities List
 - Indicate hours per week and months per year
 - Include all activities both Mater Dei and Non Mater Dei related (work, club sports, volunteer work, etc.)

Reminders

- December is the final test date most schools will accept for SAT/ ACT test scores
- Request that your test scores be sent **DIRECTLY** to the colleges you apply
 - SAT/ SAT Subject Tests = www.collegeboard.com
 - ACT = www.actstudent.org
- Please remember to ask your counselor and teachers for a letter of recommendation at least 3 weeks in advance of your first application deadline (not including the holidays)
- Give your teachers a Teacher Recommendation Questionnaire for their LOR's
- For application and test fee waivers, check the income guidelines on Naviance or Guidance Test Prep page.
- Complete your Service Hour Requirement for graduation

School Counselors' Contact Information

Mrs. Young, School Counselor , 714-850-9566, ayoung@materdei.org, **Grades 10-12, A-Cas**

Ms. Lo, School Counselor, 714-850-6727, slo@materdei.org, **Grades 10-12, Cat - F**

Mrs. Bauer, Director of Counseling, 714-850-9567, kbauer@materdei.org, **Grades 10-12, G**

Mrs. Kelly Troisi, School Counselor, 714-850-9563, ktroisi@materdei.org, **Grades 10-12, H – L**

Mr. Don Nguyen, School Counselor, 714-850-9452, dnguyen@materdei.org, **Grades 10 -12, M**

Mr. Aragon, School Counselor, 714-850-9562, aaragon@materdei.org, **Grades 10-12, N-Q**

Ms. McElroy, School Counselor, 714-850-9568, mmcelroy@materdei.org, **Grades 10-12, R-S**

Ms. Pena-Gautier, School Counselor, 714-850-9564, vpena@materdei.org, **Grades, T-Z**

The CSU Application: Opens October 1 – Closes November 30

CSU Bakersfield	CSU Channel Islands
Chico State	CSU Dominguez Hills
CSU East Bay	Fresno State
CSU Fullerton	Humboldt State
CSU Long Beach	CSU Los Angeles
Cal Maritime	CSU Monterey Bay
CSU, Northridge	Cal Poly Pomona
Sacramento State	CSU San Bernardino
San Diego State	San Francisco State
San Jose State	Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
CSU San Marcos	Sonoma State
CSU Stanislaus	

- **You will submit**
 - An Application
 - Test Scores (SAT/ACT)
 - Application Fee: **\$55 each campus**

Transcript	Letter of Rec.	Essay/Personal Statement	Test Scores
Do not send	Not Required	Not Required	Send

EOP (Educational Opportunity Program)

This program provides admission and academic assistance to EOP eligible undergraduate students. In many cases, the program offers financial assistance to eligible students. Campuses tailor their programs to accommodate the needs of their student population.

For more information:
<http://www.calstate.edu/sas/eop/>

To set up your California State University Application:

- Set up your Cal State Application at www2.calstate.edu/apply
- Use an Appropriate Email address (not your MD Email)
- Self-Report your:
 - Background information
 - Senior Year Classes
 - SAT/ACT Scores (remember to send official scores from Collegeboard/ACT.org)
- Complete the Education Section of the application.
- **Cal State Applications are due: NOVEMBER 30**

Information you will need:

- Graduation Date: May 25, 2019
- School Type: Religious
- MD Address: 1202 W. Edinger Ave, Santa Ana, CA 92707
- CEEB/ACT Code: 053240
- Fax: 714-557-5885
- Rank: Mater Dei Does NOT Rank, so none
- Class Size: **529**
- Weighted: yes
- GPA Scale: 4.0
- GPA Weighted: yes
- Indicate your senior year activities, clubs, leadership roles, etc.

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The UC Application: Opens August 1 – Closes Nov. 30

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

Submit application:

November 1 through November 30 only

You will submit

- \$70 Application fee for each campus
- Submit your application and personal statement only
- Test Scores

Transcript	Letter of Rec.	Essay/Personal Statement	Test Scores
Do not send	Not Required	Required	Send

Essays:

You must respond to only 4 of the 8 questions. Each response is limited to a maximum of 350 words.

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?

To set up your UC Application:

- Set up your UC Application at www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply
- Use an Appropriate Email address (not your MD Email)
- Self Report your:
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The Common Application

www.commonapp.org

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The Common Application:

- 500+ College and University Members
- You will submit
 - An Application
 - **Official High School Transcript**
 - **Letters of Recommendation (LOR's)**
 - Check whether mid-year report and transcript
 - Potential Short Answers and Essays
 - Test Scores
 - Application Fee: Varies per school

Transcript	Letter of Rec.	Essay/Personal Statement	Test Scores
Send via parchment	Required	Required	Send

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Essays:

Directions: Choose 1 of the 7 prompts. The word limit is 650 words.

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.
6. Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?
7. Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you've already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design.

Coalition Application, Community Colleges and other Information

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The Coalition for Access, Affordability and Success:

A diverse group of 90+ colleges and universities that are committed to providing college access to students of all backgrounds. The Coalition will provide an application fee waiver that applies to most member institutions. Students will be able to determine their eligibility for the fee waiver by answering a brief series of questions while creating their Coalition profile, which will give an early indication of their ability to qualify for the application fee waiver. Students who receive free or reduced lunch in school, participate in a TRIO program, and/or qualify for fee waivers from the ACT, College Board, and/or NACAC will be eligible for the Coalition application fee waiver. Students who qualify will automatically bypass the payment screen when they submit their Coalition application to a Coalition waiver-participating member school.

www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org

Community Colleges

There are 110 publicly supported community colleges located throughout the state of California. They offer low-cost education to more than 1.3 million students annually. To be eligible for admission to a community college, a student must be 18 years of age or a high school graduate. At the community college, students who plan to transfer to a four-year college as a junior will take regular lower division college classes, completing their general education requirements before beginning work in their major at the four-year institution. Students may also earn a terminal Associate of Arts (AA) or Associate of Science (AS) degree, or complete a certificate program in vocational training. Severally community colleges offer study abroad programs and Honors programs which enrich academic opportunities.

California Community Colleges: www.cccapply.org

The Community College may be a good choice for you if:

- You plan on four years of college, but for financial or other reasons, you prefer to stay at home for the first two years.
- You plan on four years of college, but you haven't met the academic requirements to directly enter a four-year college.
- You know you want to attend college, but you are unsure of where to attend or what your career focus should be, so you want to complete your general education requirements first with fewer costs.
- You wish to attend a college which will train you in two years for a vocation.

Letters of Recommendation:

- You must ask your counselor in person to write you a letter of recommendation for the Common Application, at **LEAST** 3 weeks before your first due date.
- Counselors **MUST** receive your **Senior Guidance Questionnaire** in order to write your letters of recommendation. The questionnaire and directions can be found here: <https://4.files.edl.io/4393/04/30/18/223904-e8121bb2-d8e2-47fc-a730-be9170c3e622.pdf>
- You **MUST** send your counselor an **invitation on the Common Application**, this can be found in the school forms section of the Common Application.
- Be sure to **WAIVE YOUR RIGHTS** to accessing your letters of recommendation.
- Counselor and Teacher letters of recommendation can only be sent directly to the college or program and will not be given to the student or parent.

Transcripts:

- Create an account through parchment.com to order your transcripts.
- You must order your transcripts to be sent to the colleges and universities through Parchment.
- You must send your transcript through parchment to the Common Application. This must be done in order for your counselor to upload their letters of recommendation.
- **COUNSELORS DO NOT SEND TRANSCRIPTS**
- Deadlines vary: be sure to check with each college you plan to apply; carefully read the requirements and instructions for each school.
- Check whether a mid-year report and transcript are needed and send official transcript after 1st semester senior year if needed.

