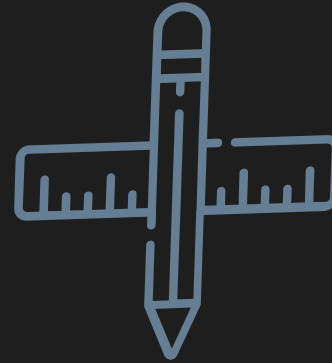




Junior Parent Night



Class of 2022
Getting ready for the
next step...



Let us begin as we do all
things...

In the Name of the Father, the
Son, and the Holy
Spirit...amen.



WAYS TO COMMUNICATE.

Junior Class Weekly Newsletter

Weekly Newsletter checking in and updating them with info.



Google Form

Attached in the newsletter as link for students to set-up zoom mtgs.

Remind App

Another communication platform that allows for real time messages and space to share content.



Email

Any questions/concerns that come up can be sent through email.

On the left side of the slide, there are several neon-outlined geometric shapes: a small pink triangle at the top, a cyan triangle below it, a cyan plus sign to the left, and a large cyan trapezoid with a handle at the bottom.

WHOA!

One more year and your students will
be getting ready to go to college?!?
TIME FLIES RIGHT?!?



“Hey, are we there yet?”

—every Junior & their parent



AGENDA FOR TONIGHT

01

ACADEMICS

Staying on track.

03

THE COLLEGE
RESEARCH
PROCESS

Finding the right fit.

02

TESTING

Preparing for what's
ahead

04

FINDING
OPPORTUNITIES

Seeking and finding.

01

ACADEMICS

CAPABLE.

01

ACADEMIC TIPS FOR JUNIORS

SHOW YOUR CAPABILITY.

- Find your focus & create goals
- Get organized
- It's never too late. * NEVER GIVE UP

The most important factor is whether or not you **care** enough to make the effort needed to reach your goals.



GRAD REQUIREMENTS

Class of 2020, 2021, 2022, 23

English	– 4 Courses (40 credits)
Laboratory Science	– 3 courses (30 credits)
Mathematics	– 4 courses (40 credits)
Modern Language	– 2 courses (20 credits)
Physical Education	– 1 course (10 credits)
Social Science	– 4 courses (40 credits)
Theology	– 4 courses (40 credits)
Visual & Performing Arts	– 1 course (10 credits)
Electives	– 3 courses (30 credits)
Enrichment	(Variable)/5 credits

All students must complete 100 hours of community service to graduate.

- Transfers coming in who may be concerned that they are not matching up to this, don't worry. As a college prep we want to make sure you are at the very least A-G eligible. Most will have opportunity to go above and beyond.

A-G Requirements

You can go to **COLLEGE**

A-G Requirements*

California State University ♦ University of California



* Grades of C or better required.



THINGS TO BE AWARE OF



SLEEP

Good sleep can improve concentration and productivity. It's important for various aspects of brain function. It enables the body to repair and be fit for the next day, which means organization/time management will be key.

STRESS

Because it is a big year, you may start feeling more stress about your work and what you have to do to get done. Don't procrastinate. Meet with your teachers. Have a plan. Have a schedule.



We're all guilty of this...



Yes, coffee helps, but let's create habits where we're not dependent on coffee to get us through the day. If we create a plan, we can enjoy coffee versus depend on it.

ROUTINE IS GOOD: shower, getting dressed, making bed, etc.



DO YOUR
BEST (literally).

02

02

TESTING

What is happening with testing?

PRE-COVID...

SAT

Schedule test date.
Prep. Usually
recommend March.



RESULTS

Do your best. Get scores and see
if you need to take again. Can
take all the way up to December
of senior year.



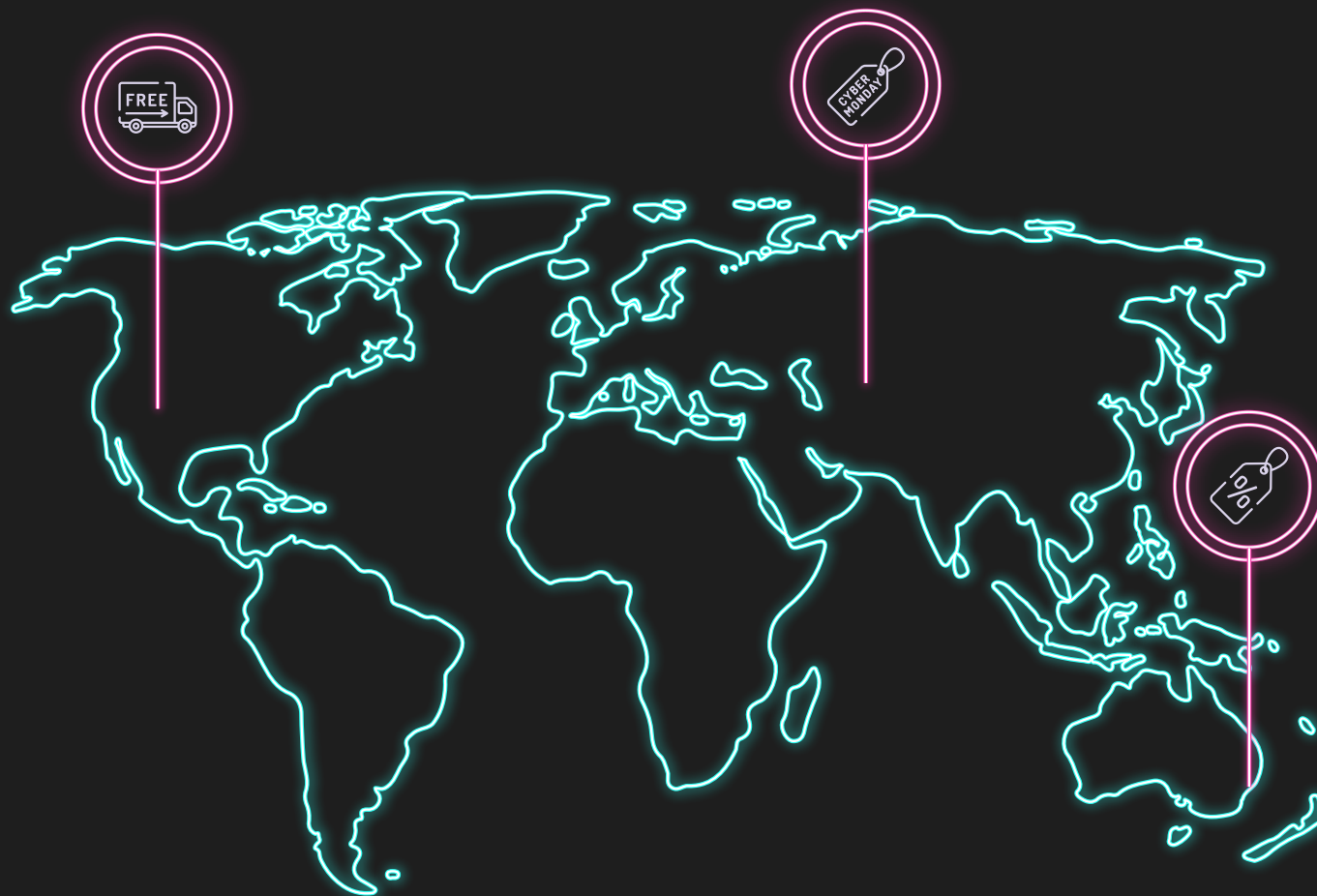
ACT

Schedule test
date. Prep.
Usually
recommend
April.

BEST SCORE

Submit scores.
Some schools
super score
(combine best
sittings), etc.

DEPENDING ON WHERE YOU
WANT TO GO....



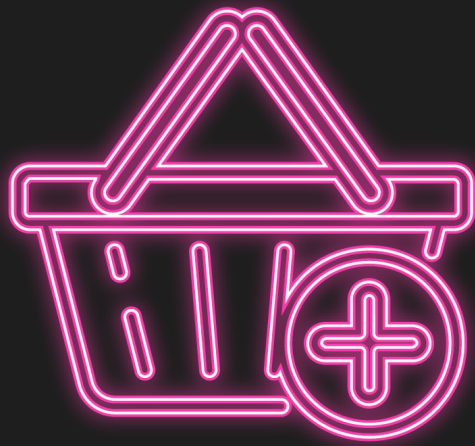
YOU SHOULD KNOW WHAT SCHOOLS ARE SAYING ABOUT THEIR OUTLOOK ON
STANDARDIZED TESTS

So far, Dartmouth College, Yale and Brown University still require them, as do Stanford and highly selective colleges on the West Coast. But many of the schools that compete with those big names are moving ahead to make the tests optional.

“We know that there are fewer opportunities to take the SAT or ACT given the cancellations to date,” Harvard said in a statement. “You will not be disadvantaged in any way if you do not submit subject tests.”

In Washington State, where the outbreak struck early, the University of Washington took similar steps. The University of Oregon, Oregon State University and Scripps College in Southern California all recently announced that they would no longer require standardized tests.

AT THIS POINT IT'S HARD TO
SAY...



Even if you have signed up for a test, you may not be able to take one until June possibly, so what should we do or even advise?

Some things to consider:

Do scholarships require test scores?
Some of the colleges who are going test optional are only enforcing one year policies.

Some colleges place students in high level classes based on test scores.



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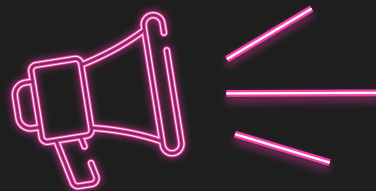
03 THE COLLEGE RESEARCH PROCESS

Where do I want to go and why?

BE OPEN TO WHATEVER
COMES NEXT...



5,300



Approximately 5,300
colleges and universities in
the US.

Student Experience Overview



Simplify the process.

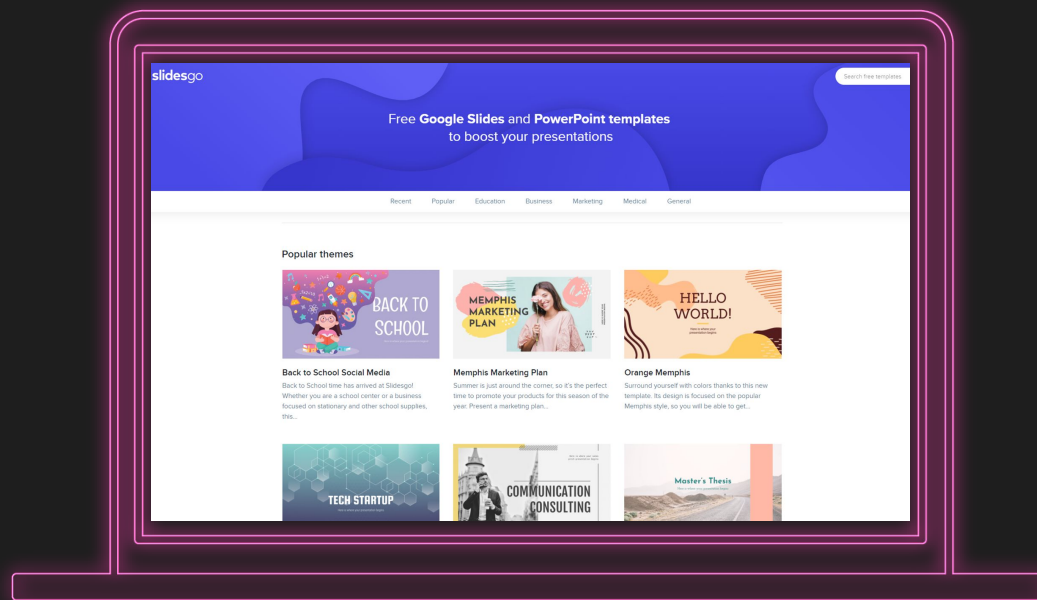
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Parent Application Overview

Great tool to start
the college research
process.

APPLICATION PROCESS



Our College Counselors will set-up one on one meetings as well as College Workshops for our students to walk through the entire process.

UC SYSTEM

3.0 and above..

CSU SYSTEM

2.5 and above..

COMMON APP

private/out-of-state/holistic

High School Course Requirements ("a-g" courses)

The CSU requires a minimum 15-unit pattern of courses for admission as a first-time freshman. Each unit is equal to a year of study in a subject area. A grade of C or better is required for each course you use to meet any subject requirement.

Area	Subject	Years
a.	History and Social Science (including 1 year of U.S. history or 1 semester of U.S. history and 1 semester of civics or American government AND 1 year of social science)	2
b.	English (4 years of college preparatory English composition and literature)	4
c.	Math (4 years recommended) including Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, or higher mathematics (take one each year)	3
d.	Laboratory Science (including 1 biological science and 1 physical science)	2
e.	Language Other Than English (2 years of the same language; American Sign Language is applicable - See below about a possible waiver of this requirement)	2
f.	Visual and Performing Arts (dance, drama or theater, music, or visual art)	1
g.	College Preparatory Elective (additional year chosen from the University of California "a-g" list)	1
Total Required Courses		15

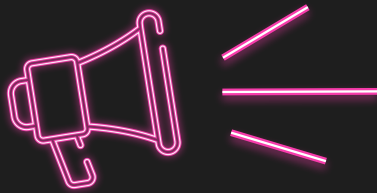
CSU Continued..

The grades you earn in high school are the most important factor in CSU admission decisions. Your high school grade point average is calculated using your grades in all your college prep "a-g" classes completed after the 9th grade.

Test scores are required unless you have a grade point average (GPA) above 3.00 and are a resident of California. The CSU uses a calculation called an Eligibility Index that combines your high school grade point average with the score you earn on either the SAT or ACT tests.

Even if you have a GPA above 3.00, it is useful to take either an SAT or ACT as the score may indicate if you do not need to take English and math placement tests after you are admitted and before you enroll at the CSU. The Eligibility Index for out-of-state students is higher and admission requirements for international students are somewhat different.

- To meet minimum admission requirements, you must complete 15 year long high school courses with a letter grade of C or better — at least 11 of them prior to your last year of high school.
- California applicants must earn at least a 3.0 GPA
- **Fall 2021 and fall 2022 enrollment**
 - UC will be **"test-optional"** for fall 2021 and fall 2022. Freshman applicants are not required to submit SAT/ACT test scores.



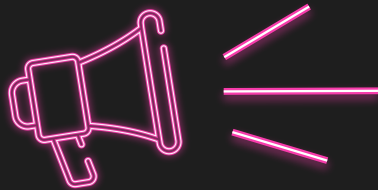
What does "test-optional" mean?

- You choose whether or not to submit SAT/ACT scores with your application.
- If you are unable or choose not to submit test scores, your application will still receive full consideration.

SAT/ACT scores may be used for:

- Admissions: Some campuses may choose to consider your test scores as part of their application review process. Remember, no admission decision is based on a single factor.
- Scholarships. Some scholarships may include test scores as a factor in selection.
- Determining eligibility for the statewide admissions guarantee.
- Course placement after you enroll.

Additional campus-specific information will be available this fall for the fall 2021 application cycle.



Minimum 2.0 GPA

Minimum 3.0 GPA

Difference In Applying to Cal State University vs. University of California Schools

Cal State University (Minimum 2.0 GPA)	University of California (Minimum 3.0 GPA)
2 years of History/ Social Science, including 1 year of U.S History or U.S. History and Government and 1 year of an additional approved social science	2 years of History/Social Science, including 1 year of World History and 1 year of U.S. History or one-half year of U.S. History and one-half year of civics or Government
4 years of college preparatory English courses	4 years of college preparatory English courses
3 years of Mathematics, 4 years recommended, including Algebra I, Geometry and intermediate algebra or higher mathematics	3 years of college preparatory Mathematics, 4 years recommended, that include advanced algebra geometry
2 years of Laboratory Science, including 1 year of biological science and 1 year of physical science with lab	2 years of Laboratory Science, 3 years recommended, in 2 of these 3: biology, chemistry or physics
1 year-long course of Visual and Performing Arts	1 year-long course of Visual and Performing Arts
2 years of the same language Other Than English	2 years of the same Language other Than English
CSU uses an eligibility index to determine if a student will be accepted	UC asks students to write a personal statement, and takes other extracurricular activities into consideration
Must take the SAT and/or ACT	Must take the SAT and/or ACT
1 year of approved college preparatory Elective	1 year of approved college preparatory elective

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VISUAL

What Is the Common Application?

The Common Application is a college application shared by its member colleges. Member colleges then accept this application from prospective students.

So what does this mean for you? Instead of filling out an individual application for each school, all you have to do is **fill out the Common Application once and send it to whichever colleges you want to apply to that accept it.**

However, this doesn't mean you can apply to dozens of colleges with the click of a button. **Many colleges have additional supplements you have to submit.** These are forms with additional questions and sometimes an extra essay.

Furthermore, most colleges have application fees, so you can't apply to hundreds of schools—unless, of course, you have a lot of money to burn!

Finally, the Common Application only accepts colleges that use a holistic review process. In other words, **Common Application colleges look at each applicant as a whole, taking into account grades, SAT/ACT scores, essays, extracurricular activities, letters of recommendation, etc.** Because of this, all of these components are part of the Common Application.



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WHICH COLLEGE ADMISSION PROCESS BEST SUITS YOU?

Nonrestrictive Application Plans			Restrictive Application Plans	
Regular Decision	Rolling Admission	Early Action (EA)	Early Decision (ED)	Restrictive Early Action (REA)
DEFINITION: Students submit an application by a specified date and receive a decision in a clearly stated period of time.	DEFINITION: Institutions review applications as they are submitted and render admission decisions throughout the admission cycle.	DEFINITION: Students apply early and receive a decision well in advance of the institution's regular response date.	DEFINITION: Students make a commitment to a first-choice institution where, if admitted they definitely will enroll. The application deadline and decision deadline occur early.	DEFINITION: Students apply to an institution of preference and receive a decision early. They may be restricted from applying ED or EA or REA to other institutions. If offered enrollment, they have until May 1 to confirm.
COMMITMENT: NONBINDING	COMMITMENT: NONBINDING	COMMITMENT: NONBINDING	COMMITMENT: BINDING	COMMITMENT: NONBINDING
Students are not restricted from applying to other institutions and have until May 1 to consider their options and confirm enrollment.			Students are responsible for determining and following restrictions.	



04 Finding Opportunities

ARE YOU A LEADER?

TIPS FOR OPPORTUNITIES...

BE PRESENT

Engagement is important.



BE COURAGEOUS

Speak up. Get clarity.



BE GRATEFUL

Your attitude is everything. If you are grateful for your opportunities, you'll have a better shot at achieving your goals.

BE CURIOUS

Have a quest for knowledge.



THANKS!

Do you have any questions?

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