

Pacific Grove High School

Counseling Department

Presents

College Information

for

Junior Parents

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Planning for College Agenda

- Academic preparation for college
- College entrance requirements
- College entrance exams - SAT/ACT
- Choosing a college - Eureka (UC, CSU, community college)
- College application process
- College costs/financial aid
- Question/Answer

Minimum Admission Requirements

Minimum admission requirements for freshman applicants for CSU/UC:

- A-G subject requirements (www.ucop.edu/doorways)
- Eligibility index - GPA and SAT/ACT exams
- UC requires a minimum 3.0gpa

UC/CSU Academic Preparation

- English - four years, college preparatory
- History - U.S. History (1 year), world history (1 year)
- Math - algebra 1, geometry, algebra 2 (4 years recommended)
- Science - two years of lab science (1 year of life science, 1 year of physical science) (UC recommend 3 years)

- Foreign Language - 2 years of the same language (UC recommend 3 years)
- Visual/Performing Arts - 1 year
- College Prep Elective - 1 year course from a-g list (see exceptions)
- Calculate GPA using only “a-g” approved courses taken after the 9th grade (Cal Poly uses 9-11)

- Maximum of 8 extra points allowed for approved honors or AP classes (maximum of 2 points from 10th grade).
- All of the above classes must be passed with semester grades of “C” or better

Eligibility Index

Combination of GPA and SAT/ACT scores

-UC eligibility calculator

www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions

- CSU eligibility index

www.csumentor.edu/planning/high_school/eligibility_index.asp

Standardized Testing for College Bound Juniors

PSAT

- When: Oct. 18th.
- Where: PGHS at 7:45 a.m.
- Cost: \$18.00
- Offered: once a year (October)
- Uses:
 - Practice for the Reasoning Test (SAT 1)
 - Early indication of how one will do on the Reasoning Test
 - First step in the National Merit Scholarship Program
 - Students receive feedback on how to improve academically
 - Receive free access to MyRoad, a web-based career, major, and college exploration tool

Reasoning Test (SAT 1)

- Given seven times each school year
- Online registration at www.collegeboard.com
- Fee is \$45.00
- Location of the test is at Seaside High School
- Critical Reading/Math/Writing - max. score $800 \times 3 = 2400$

ACT (American College Test)

- Given six times each year
- Hartnell College is the closest site for the six test dates
- Online registration at www.actstudent.org
- Fee is \$46 w/ writing
- Need to request writing portion on ACT

Uses: Most colleges require either the SAT or the ACT to help determine the eligibility of applicants.

Subject Test (SAT II)

- There are tests on 21 different subjects from which to choose
- Students required to take two subject tests (check individual college) for UC system
- SAT IIs are given six times each year (With one exception, these are the same test dates as the SAT I). Not all tests are given on all dates
- Fee is \$38-\$48.00 depending on test choices
- Online application at www.collegeboard.com

When To Take The Reasoning Test, ACT and/or Subject Tests

- Spring of junior year, can repeat exams Fall of senior year
- A student should check with individual college choices for last test date
- Subject tests should be taken close to completing the class (e.g. AP World History)

- CSU requirement - Reasoning Test (SAT 1) or ACT
- UC requirement - Reasoning Test (SAT I) or ACT w/ writing and (2) Subject Tests (SAT II)

Private Colleges

- www.aiccumentor.org (Independent Ca. Colleges and Universities)
- Common application - www.commonapp.org
- Secondary report/letters of recommendation

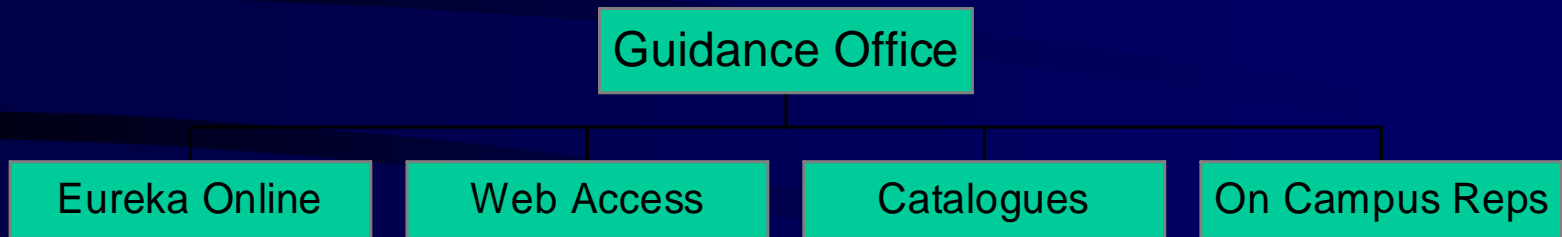
Public (California) Colleges

- CSU www.csumentor.edu
23 campuses
- UC www.ucop.edu/pathways
10 campuses
- Community Colleges
109 campuses

Factors to Consider

- Location
- Size of college
- Environment
- Admissions requirements
- Academics
- College expenses
- Financial aid
- Housing
- Facilities
- Activities

Narrow Your Focus



Campus visits

College Fairs

- Carmel High School - Nov. 4th at 6:00 p.m. HS Gym
- Cabrillo College – Nov. 3rd at 6:00 p.m. Cabrillo Gym

Two-year College

Minimum requirements for two-year college:

- 18 years old or high school diploma
- SAT/ACT not required

**From High School
to
Community College
to
University of California**

Who should consider transfer?

Any student can benefit from starting his or her path to a UC degree at a California Community College

Students should consider the transfer path if they:

- Haven't decided on academic or career goals
- Haven't met requirements for freshman admission
- Aren't ready or able to leave home
- Want the affordability of community colleges
- Want additional academic preparation or exploration in specific academic areas

Transfer and the California Master Plan for Higher Education

- The California *Master Plan for Higher Education* specifies:
 - The University of California will offer priority admission to all UC-eligible California Community Colleges transfer students
 - To ensure spaces for CCC transfers, the University of California will achieve an enrollment ratio of 60% upper-division to 40% lower-division students

UC Welcomes Transfer Students

- More than 90% of all transfer students offered admission are California Community College students.
- One-third of UC bachelor's degrees awarded each year go to transfer students.
- Lower-division transfer preparation paths are available for UC's top 20 transfer majors: uctransfer.org
- 7 campuses offer transfer admission guarantees.

Annual Transfer Targets

- UC offered a space to every fall 2008 California community college student who was UC-eligible
- Several UC campuses are offering winter/spring admission to California community college students

Most Transfer Students are Satisfied with their UC Experience

2006 Undergraduate Experience Survey (UCUES)

UCUES Survey Item	Transfer Students
Overall academic experience	83%
Value of education given cost	73%
Overall social experience	69%
Ability to get a major you want	91%

“Best Advice” for Prospective Transfers

- #1 Improving college readiness: take rigorous college prep courses *throughout* high school
 - Take math *all four years* in high school
 - Take advantage of early assessments
 - CSU’s Early Academic Assessment exams in English and mathematics
 - Community college assessment/placement exams

“Best Advice” for Prospective Transfers

#2 Attend full time, work part-time

- Three strong predictors for success:
 - (1) full-time enrollment
 - (2) continuous enrollment
 - (3) work no more than 15 hours per week

“Best Advice” for Prospective Transfers

- #3 Work closely with an academic advisor to develop a transfer plan
 - Develop, then follow, a plan but update it regularly
 - ASSIST (assist.org) and UC’s Transfer Preparation Paths (uctransfer.org) are helpful but no substitute for personal academic advising
 - Review the information on the website of the UC campuses you are interested in transferring to.

College Cost

2008-2009	Community College	CSU	UC	Private/ Independent
Registration Fees and Tuition	\$542 - \$648	\$3,392 - \$5,043	\$8,200 - \$9,354	\$23,172 - \$37,694
Books & Supplies	\$1,660	\$1,660	\$1,660	\$1,660
Room & Board	\$3,500 - \$11,430	\$7,794 - \$11,500	\$10,587 - \$13,308	\$6,758 - \$11,540
Transportation	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$1,300
Personal Expenses	\$3,024	\$3,024	\$3,024	\$3,024
Total Expenses	\$10,026 - \$18,062	\$17,170 - \$22,527	\$24,771 - \$28,646	\$35,914 - \$55,218

Junior & Senior Timelines

Check the Counseling website

Purpose: Helps keep students on track

Early Assessment Program

- The program will help 11th grade students determine their readiness for college-level English and mathematics at the CSU
- Math assessment - juniors need to answer the additional multiple-choice questions at the end of the mathematics CST (STAR) test
- English assessment has two parts: additional multiple-choice questions and an essay

Financial Aid

- Free application for federal student aid - www.fafsa.edu.gov
- GPA verification form for Cal grants
- Scholarships
- January 9th, Financial Aid Night for Parents

Other

- Extracurricular/community service
- Additional resources:
 - Free SAT/ACT test preparation
(www.collegeboard.com, www.actstudent.org)
 - NCAA Initial Eligibility
<https://web1.ncaa.org/eligibilitycenter/common/> -
juniors should register spring of junior year (see
worksheets)
 - PGHS Counseling web page (www.pghs.org)

Questions?