

College/University Planning Guide

9th-12th	
	A Earn good scholarship & citizenship grades-C's or better. Goal: 3.0+ GPA Especially if planning to apply to military academies or planning to play college sports! Referrals & suspensions may jeopardize college admissions. *Some impacted majors at SDSU, example: nursing, music, dance, and theater will require above a 3.0 GPA even for Compact for Success applicants.
	B Pay attention to the School Bulletin! This is how important info is communicated to students!
	C If you qualify, apply for CSF (California Scholarship Federation)-forms are in Couns. Center
	D If planning to play sports in college, review qualification requirements: www.ncaaclearinghouse.net
	E Participate-In school: clubs, sports/ Out of school: church, work, etc... (Demonstrate Leadership: example-Captain, Officer, ASB, drum major)
	F Take Accelerated, Honors, or AP courses - if you meet the criteria!
	G Take AP tests in the Spring
	H Attend College Fairs- www.nacacnet.org
	I Sign up for "SAT Question of the Day"- www.collegeboard.org
	J Apply for Scholarships! www.fastweb.com /Pick up:Scholarship Calendar-counseling center
	K Apply for Free/Reduced Lunch-applications available in the main office
9th	L Begin Community Service. Looks better than if you begin in 12th grade.
	M Build positive relationships with teachers, counselor, coach, adult acquaintances (Letters of recommendation may be needed for future scholarships or college applications)
10th	N Continue to practice for the SAT: practice test-collegeboard.org / practice books available in the library or you may purchase your own online or at a bookstore
	O 10th & 11th-Grades are used to calculate CSU & UC estimated GPA's-Do your best!!!
	P Fall semester-If planning to play sports in college, sign up with NCAA- www.ncaaclearinghouse.net (inform your counselor-review requirements, fee waiver)
11th	Q Sign up to take the PSAT/NMSQT(scholarship qualification)-Usually administered in October
	R Visit college/university campuses, research on-line, attend presentations
	S If planning to apply to any military academy, contact local congressional representative (Selected students usually rank in top 3-5% of class)
	T Sign up for SAT/ACT preparation workshops
	U Register to take SAT/ACT test-Late WINTER or SPRING SEMESTER SAT- www.collegeboard.org /athletes-use code "9999" to have scores sent to NCAA, code "3594" will send scores to all CSU's / request to send scores to one UC & all UC's will receive your scores / send scores to your high school ACT- www.actstudent.org (Fee waiver available in Counseling Center if student qualifies for FREE/REDUCED lunch) (Some colleges/universities/& majors may require SAT Subject tests-do your research!)
	V Narrow down possible future careers: www.cacareerzone.org
	SUMMER-June
	1)Review websites for colleges/universities you are interested in-Pay attention to application DEADLINES & REQUIREMENTS
	2)Prepare a "Personal Statement" essay if you are planning to apply to UC's or private/independent colleges or universities: google "UC Personal Statement"
	3)Some students may consider applying to colleges/universities for "Early Admission" or "Early Action" status
	4)Research "Fly In" opportunities to visit colleges/universities for free!

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12th		*SENIOR YEAR*
*July	A	Review websites for colleges/universities you are interested in-Pay attention to application DEADLINES & REQUIREMENTS *Research "Fall Preview Days or Open House Days" to visit colleges/universities.
	B	Apply for FREE/REDUCED lunch-you may qualify for "Fee Waivers" (SAT/ACT & college/univ. application fees may be waived!)
	C	Sign up for and attend College/University Presentations-September through November. Sign up sheets available in the Counseling Center
	D	Apply for SCHOLARSHIPS! Info available in the Counseling Center
*Sept	E	If you need a letter of recommendation: Identify teachers, coaches, mentors-who can write a strong Letter of Recommendation (provide a "Brag" sheet, give them plenty of time to complete-send them a Thank You card!) "Brag" sheets are available in the Counseling Center
*Oct	F	Application period open for CSU's- www.csumentor.com / DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 30th Compact for Success eligible students planning to attend San Diego State MUST apply through csumentor.com! *Some impacted majors will require higher than a 3.0 GPA.
	G	Private/Independent colleges/universities: www.commonapp.org / DEADLINE: varies
	H	If needed, request "official transcripts": Form available-Counseling Center front counter
*Nov	I	Application period open for UC's- www.universityofcalifornia.edu / DEADLINE:NOV. 30th
	J	November is the last month to take/re-take SAT/ACT for CSU's
*Dec	K	December is the last month to take/re-take SAT/ACT for UC's
	L	Compact for Success students: If planning to attend SDSU, you may need to take the ELM/EPT by January: www.sa.sdsu.testofc (see your counselor if you don't know if you need to register to take the ELM or EPT).
	M	Try to complete college/university applications before Christmas Break-Counselors will also have this time off. If you apply later, recommendations will have to wait until second semester begins.
*Jan	N	Check your e-mail often. Colleges/Universities may be trying to contact you!
	O	Some colleges will request "Official Transcripts" showing grades earned first semester Fill out a "transcript request" form-available in the Counseling Center
	P	Apply for Financial Aid: www.fafsa.org January 1- March 2 Deadline *If you are not a U.S. citizen, and meet the AB504 requirements, apply at: www.caldreamact.org (California Dream Act) by 3/2! *Students who do not have a social security number listed on the high school transcript, must submit a GPA Verification Form and mail it before the March 2 deadline. *Check your email often for updates regarding your financial aid status.
*April	Q	Decision time: Notify selected school of your "Intent to Register" & decline other offers. Deadline: May 1. Pay required fees
*May	R	Take AP Tests
*June		GRADUATE!
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