



Senior Year Overview

Visión en conjunto
sobre el último año

Casa Grande High School
Class of 2026

September 23, 2025
Brett Sklove, Lead Counselor
Shana Friedman, Counselor

Before we start...

- The slide deck will be posted on our website
- Feel free to ask general questions during the presentation; we will have some time at the end for more Q&A
- If you have more questions specific to your child's individual situation, we encourage you to schedule a follow up meeting with your child's counselor
- Our formal presentation will end by 7pm



Agenda

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Casa Grande Resources

- Counseling Department
- College & Career Center
- 10,000 Degrees
- JumpStart to SRJC

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- FAFSA/CADA
- Scholarships

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Post-Secondary Options & Application Tips

- Different types of colleges
- Trade schools/Certificate Programs
- Internships

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Important Deadlines & Upcoming Events



CGHS Counseling Department

Counselors are here to help students get ready for life after high school

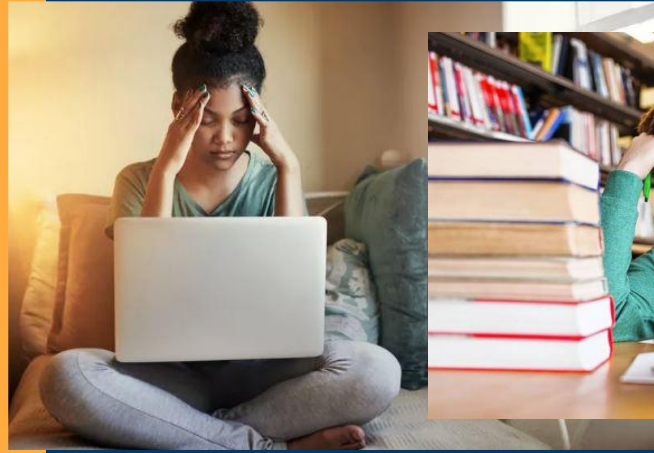


Los consejeros están aquí para ayudar a los estudiantes a estar preparados para la vida después de la high school

- Senior Sessions
- JumpStart to SRJC
- Application Workshops
- Individual meetings
- Personal-social counseling



Senior year can be a roller coaster of emotions



COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER (C&CC)



Link to C&CC Instagram:



Link to C&CC webpage:



College and Career Center @ CGHS

CASA GRANDE
HIGH SCHOOL

Enroll Today

College & Career Center

What Does the CCC Offer?

College	Career	Financial Aid
- College preparation workshops - College Placement Test Information - College Presentations - SRJC Jumpstart - Sonoma State guaranteed admission - College Info pamphlets - College prep advising - Trade School Prep/info	- Work Permits - Career Exploration - Internship placements - Job shadowing opportunities - Volunteer Opportunities - Mentorships - Resume writing workshops - Mock Interviews - Military Recruiters	- Scholarships - Filling out the FAFSA/CA Dream Act - Financial Aid workshops for students and parents (Ca\$h for College) - SRJC For Free (Program Help) - EOP Program assistance - Blue and Gold opportunity program (UC's Only)

College & Career

College & Career Center

Work-Based Learning

Work Permits

Dual Enrollment

10,000 Degrees

CGHS College Planning Checklist ✓ 2024-25

JUNIOR Year: Beginning or SENIOR Year

- Verify accuracy of your high school transcript. Are you meeting graduation requirements? [A thru G requirements?](#) [NCAA core requirements?](#)
- Explore your interests at [www.cocareerzone.org](#) or [www.californiacolleges.edu](#). Define what you want to do for a career and what education you need.
- Explore the educational pathways. Do you want to earn a [technical or career certification](#)? A bachelors degree or higher? Is on-the-job training via paid [apprenticeship](#) the right path for you? How about [free job training](#)?
- Explore and select [college majors](#). A [major](#) is your primary subject area of interest in college. [It does not have to be your future job](#). Make sure that [colleges](#) offer what you want to study. Some colleges require that you declare a major when you apply. Most allow you to apply with an undeclared major.
- Create [your own](#) college ranking. Use different [resources to research](#) colleges that [fit your needs](#). Use a [comparison worksheet](#) template. Narrow down your list to include dream schools, reach schools, and safe schools. Chat with college reps through Casa's [College & Career Center](#).
- Register with the NCAA at [eligibilitycenter.org](#) if planning to play D-I or D-II sports. NCAA no longer requires SAT or ACT scores.

- Register for the [SAT](#) or [ACT](#) only if needed. CSUs and UCs no longer accept SAT or ACT scores for admissions. Most other schools are test-optional. If you decide to test, it should be completed by December of Senior year. Some prefer scores by November. Ask your counselor if you qualify for a fee waiver.
- Attend Senior Overview Night for students and parents: Oct. 8th @ 6:30pm in the Multi.
- CSU filing period Oct. 1 – Nov. 30 Apply EARLY – before Thanksgiving is strongly recommended.
- UC filing period Oct. 1 – Nov. 30 Apply EARLY – before Thanksgiving is strongly recommended.
- If you need Letters of Recommendation for Common App, scholarships, etc., then [complete the LOR Profile](#). Offer it to adults if they agree to write a letter for you. [Request letters at least four weeks in advance](#).
- [Request transcripts](#) for colleges, scholarships, honor societies, etc.

November of SENIOR Year:

- Submit CSU and UC college applications by Nov. 30th

December of SENIOR Year:

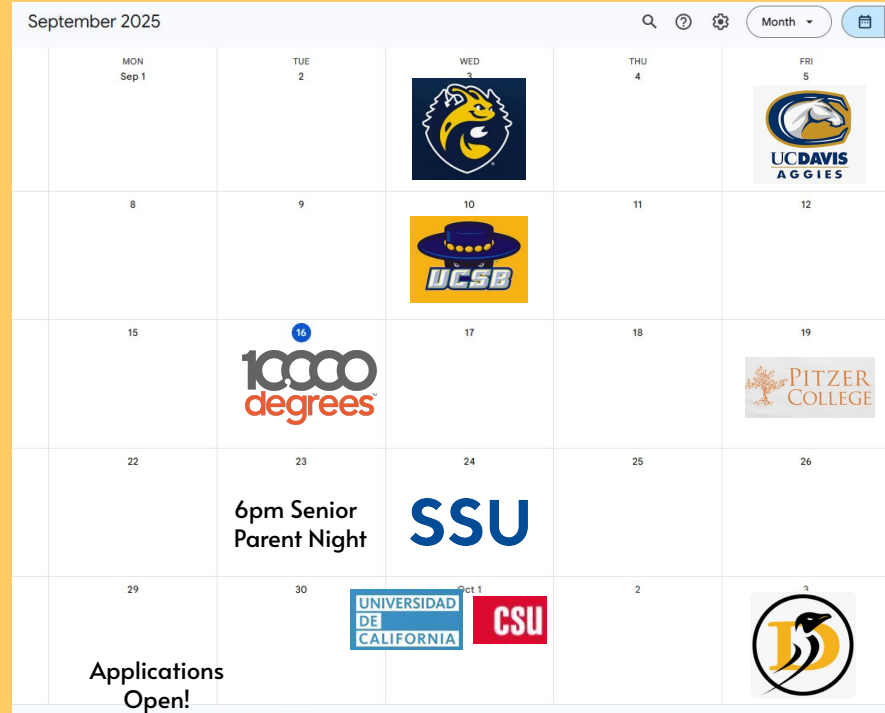
- \$\$\$ FAFSA and Dream Act filing period begins Dec. 1. Financial aid is first come, first served.
- \$\$\$SRJC: APPLY for the [Doyle Scholarship](#) by completion the FAFSA or Cal Dream Act apps.

College & Career Center Calendar

COLLEGE VISITS 2025-26

October College Visits:

Friday 10/3 - Dominican
Wednesday 10/8 - Oregon State University
Friday 10/10 - Carroll College
Wednesday 10/15 - University of the Pacific
Friday 10/17 - University of Nevada
Wednesday 10/22 - Southern Oregon
University
Friday 10/24 - UC San Diego
Wednesday 10/29 - Menlo College
Friday 10/31 - UC San Francisco



HOW 10,000 DEGREES CAN SUPPORT YOU

**COLLEGE & CAREER
EXPLORATION**

**COLLEGE
APPLICATIONS**

FINANCIAL AID



**10000
degrees**

Jesus.sanchez@10000degrees.org

(707) 241-4779

Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

College and Career Center

Senior Application Workshops

Come work on your College/Financial Aid
Applications

When: Lunch to End of Day

Questions or need a pass?
Contact
Email Damien or Jesus

Damien Silver:
Dsilver@petk12.org
Jesus Sanchez :

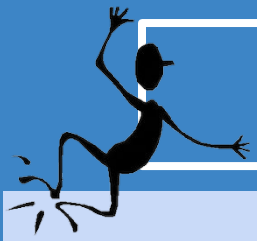
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UC Application + FAFSA/CADAA
September 30th
Tuesday

CSU Application + FAFSA/CADAA
October 14th
Tuesday

CSU Application + FAFSA/CADAA
November 10th
Monday

UC Application + FAFSA/CADAA
November 12th
Wednesday



JumpStart to SRJC Program

Program for seniors planning to attend SRJC after high school OR SRJC is a backup college option.

- ❑ Complete the required steps to attend SRJC after high school and register for the first semester of college classes **BEFORE** graduation
- ❑ Learn everything needed to enroll in SRJC through monthly lunch meetings during spring semester



JumpStart to SRJC

By graduation, JumpStarters will have...

Applied
to SRJC for
summer/fall
2025

Completed
college
orientation &
attended an
education plan
workshop

Submitted a financial
aid application (FAFSA
or CADAA) → Doyle
Scholarship + 2 years
free tuition

Learned about
SRJC learning
communities,
programs &
services

Earned PRIORITY
3 registration &
register for
classes before
graduation



Students will get to know JumpStart at the

JumpStart Kickoff Event



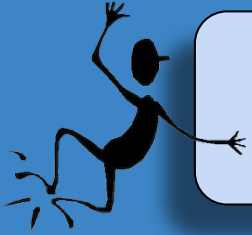
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Tues Oct 28th

Lunch – 11:45 AM (Multi)



Upcoming SRJC application/orientation workshop



11/18 – 11/21 – Application Workshops + College Orientation (Library) Start of Each Period

Tues Nov 18th

A Day Periods 1, 2, 3, 4

Wed Nov 19th

B Day Periods 5, 7, 8

Thurs Nov 20th

A Day Periods 1, 3, 4

For students with an IEP or
504 plan:

Wed Nov 19th Period 6 or

Thurs Nov 20th Period 2

For ELD students:

Wed Nov 19 Advisory and

Fri Nov 21 Advisory

Post-Secondary Options & Application Tips



Is _____ University
a good school?

Answer:

**It depends on what
you are looking for!**





UCSB has two miles of private beach

College of Marin Drama Department helped launch the successful career of Robin Williams

UCSD is the #1 university in the country for women in STEM majors

CSU Fresno has a 150-foot long blimp and the first all-female skydiving team

CSU Fullerton is 7 miles from Disneyland

The CSU Bakersfield Nursing Program is ranked #1 in the State of California

Cal Maritime (CSU) is the Number 1 public university in the US for job placement and alumni earnings (1st 10 yrs)

SRJC (and many other community colleges) waives the full tuition for the first two years for all first time freshman

CSU Long Beach is ranked #4 in the nation for Study Abroad programs & opportunities

UCI offers full scholarships to talented gamers. A Super Smash Bros. division was recently added

UC Merced is the first public research university certified as carbon-neutral

CSU Stanislaus is ranked Number 1 "Value Added" university in the United States - Money Magazine

Types of Colleges and Schools



There are different types of schools across the country. They differ in how they provide education, but all work to provide students with degrees, certificates, and specialized training.

Community College



California State University (CSU)



The California State University

University of California (UC)



Trade Schools



Private Schools



Out of State Public Schools



Community College

With more than 2 million students on 116 campuses, **California Community Colleges** serves more students than any other college system in the United States.

Application Timeline: Varies by school

- No GPA requirement
- No course requirements
- No standardized testing requirement



California
Community
Colleges

CCCApply

JumpStart
Your College Experience



Why Attend a Community College?

- Transfer to UC/ CSU/Private/ Independent
- AA/AS Degree and AD-T (for CSU)
- Guaranteed Transfer to many UC campuses/Dual Enrollment Pilot
- Certificate Programs
- Save \$\$\$

- Smaller classes
- More choices/options
- More student services
- Undeclared/Unsure of Major
- Uncertainty
*“Am I ready to live on my own?
Who will do my laundry?”*

Transfer Options



AB 132

- Counseling
- Library access
- Provisional financial aid award
- Guaranteed admission

UC Dual Admission

The UC Dual Admission program supports students who want to transfer to UC by granting a conditional admission to a participating campus.



THE TRANSFER SUCCESS PATHWAY PROGRAM OFFERS YOU:

- Guaranteed admission to one of 23 universities.
- Additional academic counseling while you're a community college student.
- Access to the CSU Transfer Planner to stay on track.
- More options to advance your education and your career.

California State University (CSU)

Serving more than 450,000 students across 22 campuses, **the CSU is the largest university system** in the United States.

- A-G requirements
- 2.5 A-G GPA minimum
- 2.00-2.49 A-G GPA's may be evaluated for admission based upon supplemental factors determined by each campus

Application Timeline: Oct 1-Dec 1

CAL STATE **APPLY**

**Application
Fee: \$70 per
campus**



CSU Campus Impaction

- Entire campuses and/or majors may be impacted
- Impacted campuses utilize “Supplemental Factors”

Supplemental Factors

- Courses exceeding A-G Requirements
- Household Income
- Extracurricular Involvement
- Work Experience
- GPA in Math Courses
- Educational Program Participation

Academic Program Impaction for 2025-26

- Cal Poly SLO
- Cal State Fullerton
- San José State
- San Diego State
- Cal State Long Beach

University of California (UC)

UC system serves more than 295,000 students at 9 campuses, each one of them **ranking among the best in the world.**

Application Timeline: Oct 1-Dec 1

- A-G requirements
- 3.0 A-G GPA minimum
- Personal Insight Questions (PIQs)

UNIVERSITY
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CALIFORNIA Admissions

**Application
Fee: \$80 per
campus**



Fall 2025 Admit Data

UCLA Undergraduate
Admission

First-Year Admission Data

145,083

Apps

13,700

Admits

9%

Admit Rate

6,420

Enroll Target

Waitlist Activity

20,563

Waitlist
Offers

13,612

Waitlist
Opt-ins

1,517

Waitlist
Admits

Appeal Data

1,924

Appeals
Received

2

Appeal
Admit

Academic Admit Statistics

Unweighted
GPA **3.95**
Average

Weighted
GPA **4.60**
Average

Low Income **24%**

First Gen **23%**

ADMISSION RATES

Merced - 95.1%

Riverside - 87.1%

Santa Cruz - 72.7%

Davis - 44.6%

**Santa Barbara -
38.3%**

Irvine - 28.7%

San Diego - 28.4%

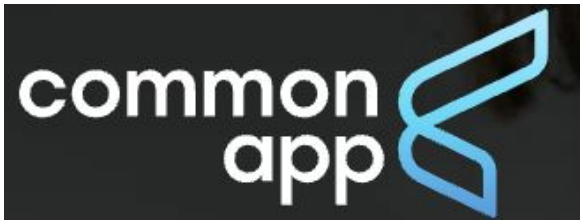
Berkeley - 11.4%

(Data as of 8/20/2025)

There are nearly 2,000 public colleges in the United States in addition to over 1700 private, nonprofit colleges and universities.

Application Timeline: Varies by School

- Course requirements vary by school
- Essay(s)
- Letter(s) of Recommendation



Application Fees Vary





University of Oregon
Eugene, OR

Admissions



Acceptance Rate
88%



Regular Application Due
January 15

Overview



Type
4-year • Public



Campus Life
Very Large • Urban

Application Requirements

High School GPA	Required
High School Rank	Considered but not required
College Prep Courses	Required
SAT/ACT Scores	Considered if submitted
Recommendations	Considered but not required



Arizona State University
Tempe, AZ

Admissions



Acceptance Rate
90%



Regular Application Due
Not available

Overview



Type
4-year • Public



Campus Life
Very Large • Urban

Application Requirements

High School GPA	Required
High School Rank	Recommended
College Prep Courses	Required
SAT/ACT Scores	Considered if submitted
Recommendations	Neither required nor recommended



University of Nevada: Reno
Reno, NV

Admissions



Acceptance Rate
74%



Regular Application Due
April 7

Overview



Type
4-year • Public



Campus Life
Very Large • Urban

Application Requirements

High School GPA	Required
High School Rank	Neither required nor recommended
College Prep Courses	Required
SAT/ACT Scores	Neither required nor recommended
Recommendations	Neither required nor recommended

Trade Schools & Career Education

Trade schools and career education programs offer **practical education emphasizing hands-on skills**, completed fast; usually in 6-24 months.



Application Timeline: Varies by School

- Admission requirements vary by school



CAREER EDUCATION
YOUR PATH TO THE FUTURE



**Application
Fees Vary**





Certificates

[Associate Degrees](#)

[Majors](#)

[Certificate Programs](#)

[Advanced Search](#)

[Class Check](#)

A	Adult Ed: Student Success Worker Certificate
	Adult Ed: Teaching and Learning Certificate
	Adult Ed: Trauma-Informed Relationships Certificate
	Adult Ed: Web-Based Tools and Applications Certificate
	Adult Ed: Workforce Preparation Certificate
	Adult Ed: Youth in Out-of-Home Care Certificate
	Advanced Cardiac Life Support Certificate
	Animal Science: Livestock and Equine Management Certificate
	Apprenticeship: Electrical Certificate
	Apprenticeship: Plumbing & Pipe Fitting Certificate
S	Apprenticeship: Plumbing, HVAC/Refrigeration Certificate
	Apprenticeship: Roofing Certificate
	Art: Applied Photography Certificate
S	Automation Fundamentals Certificate
	Automotive Technology Certificate
	Automotive Technology: Brakes, Steering and Suspension Specialist Certificate
	Automotive Technology: Electric and Electronic Systems Specialist Certificate
	Automotive Technology: Engine Repair Specialist Certificate
	Automotive Technology: Mobile Heating and Air Conditioning Systems Certificate
	Automotive Technology: Powertrain Systems Performance & Electronics Specialist Certificate
	Automotive Technology: Transmission Specialist Certificate
	Background Investigation Certificate
	Basic Academic Skills Certificate
C	Basic Arrhythmia Recognition Course Certificate
	Basic Police Officer Academy Certificate
	Brewing Certificate
C	Business: Account Clerk and Payroll Certificate
	Business: Accountant Assistant Certificate
	Business: Banking and Lending Certificate
S	Business: Bookkeeper Certificate
	Business: Enrolled Agent (Tax) Certificate
	Business: Entrepreneurship Certificate
I	Business: Human Resource Administration Certificate
	Business: Marketing Certificate
	Business: Real Estate Certificate
	Business: Real Estate Sales Certificate
C	Certified Nurse Assistant Certificate
	Child Development: Associate Teacher Certificate
	Child Development: Teacher Certificate
C	Children in the Justice System Certificate
	Civil Engineering Technology Certificate
	Computer Studies: Adobe Applications Specialist Certificate
I	Computer Studies: Adobe Certification Training in Illustrator Certificate
	Computer Studies: Adobe Certification Training in InDesign Certificate



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SEARCH

y preparing students directly for employment or self-employment upon completion of the and industry leaders and employers who sit on Advisory Committees for the occupational vement and Skills Certificates.

æ of its occupational curriculum. Each occupational program has an employer advisory nsuring that students are learning the skills needed by industry. Whether the student is new skills for advancement, a wide variety of training options are available through these

isting of all currently active certificates. Please use the Advanced Search feature to locate number of units.

le extensive preparation in the designated field. They are intended to certify that students with their chosen certificate. They usually take at least one to two years to complete. In ational Planning Committee and receive approval from the California Community College isted as Career Certificates.

ograms resulting in the award of Skills Certificates. These certificates are under 18 units, ival by the state Chancellor's Office. These certificates are designed to provide the student specific skills or prepare for an entry-level position in the field. Successful completion of ch as the job entry skills leading to a full Certificate of Achievement program, or skills to a "career ladder," and are therefore of shorter duration and narrower in scope than the Catalog, Skills Certificates were designated as Completion Certificates or Competency ant Certificates.

must or should be completed before taking that course. Please check for prerequisites or

coursework and/or successful completion varies from program to program. Courses in a dation (click on the course to find out more). Placement tests to help you determine you i661).



Path to Purpose

Sonoma County Youth Internships

You provide your interests, skills, goals, and schedule, and we will find an internship placement that fits you best!

Path to Purpose partners with employers in healthcare, engineering, education, finance, business, the arts, and more!

- 40+ Hours During Spring Semester
- Paid & unpaid Internships
- Explore Careers
- Build Essential Skills
- Earn Early College Credit

Timeline

Oct. 20, 2025

Applications Due

Oct. - Dec., 2025

Interviews & Placements

Jan. - Mar., 2026

Internships Begin

Start Your
Application



Application Tips



- Start early!
- Use appropriate (non-Casa) email
- Check email daily & portals consistently
- Cannot change once submitted
- Coursework must be completed by graduation
- Choosing alternate major
- “Additional Information” section
- CSU – Freshman Application Guide
- Cal State Apply – Recommend Chrome
- **UC/CSU: SAT/ACT scores not required for Fall 2026!**
 - [Click here for a list of colleges that require standardized tests](#)
- **Essays**
 - Answer the prompt
 - Tell your story – give insight into who you are
 - Be detailed but succinct
 - Do not use “one size fits all”
 - AI/Academic Integrity
 - Revise, revise, revise!

What about AI?



AI writing tools

If used thoughtfully, AI tools might assist in the early stages of the writing process. But students should ensure that their responses are entirely their own in voice, substance, and reflection.

WARNING

It is possible that these tools may pull content from other sources (i.e., plagiarized content) which can result in application cancellation due to plagiarism.

*The UC system runs plagiarism checks and will disqualify students from **ALL** nine campuses **FOR LIFE** if they detect AI-generated content.*



Early Action vs. Early Decision vs. Regular Decision

Application Plan	Apply Early	Receive Decision Early	Agreement is Binding	Can Apply to Other Schools	Decision Day for Applicants
Early Action					May 1
Early Decision					N/A; agreement is binding
Regular Decision					May 1

SAT and ACT: Updates



The California
State University



Apply / Freshman / Getting Into the CSU

Go to...

Freshman: Admission Requirements

The California State University (CSU) no longer uses ACT or SAT examinations in determining admission eligibility for all CSU campuses. If accepted to a CSU campus, ACT or SAT test scores can be used as one of the measures to place students in the proper mathematics and written communication courses. Visit the [CSU Student Success](#) site for further information on course placement. For more information on admission criteria, please visit the [First-Time Freshman Guidance](#) and the [First-Time Freshman Frequently Asked Questions](#) pages.

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CALIFORNIA

Admissions



Exam requirement

UC will not consider SAT or ACT test scores when making admissions decisions or awarding scholarships. If you choose to submit test scores as part of your application, they may be used as an alternative method of fulfilling minimum requirements for eligibility or for course placement after you enroll.

Colleges Requiring SAT/ACT

Just under 4000 4-year universities nationwide, only 122 requiring standardized tests



Letters of Recommendation



Private Colleges

Common App
Colleges

Scholarships



Letter of Recommendation Profile

We want to help you with the college and scholarship process by writing the best letter of recommendation possible. In order to do this, we need information about you. The more details we have, the better the letter. Return this form to your counselor and teachers at least 4 weeks before you need your letter of recommendation.

Personal Section – Please be as detailed as possible.

Name: _____

Today's Date: _____

Date that you need the letter of recommendation returned to you: _____

List all of the colleges and majors to which you are applying:

Colleges		

Majors		

1. What career do you want to pursue and why?

2. List five adjectives that best describe your strengths and provide examples for the words you've chosen. Then list two adjectives that describe your weaknesses.

Strengths	Examples
1.	
2.	
3.	

Give 4-6 week
notice

Form available on
Casa website
under
Counseling/Forms



FINANCIAL AID

How Much Does College Cost?



	Community College	California State University (CSU)	University of California (UC)	Private/ Independent
Registration Fees & Tuition	\$1,142 - \$1,550	\$7,600 + campus-based fees	\$14,500 + campus-based fees	\$31,140-\$59,920
Books & Supplies	\$1,250 - \$2,100	\$800 - \$1,500	\$1,400	\$2,100
Room & Board	\$4,968 - \$12,492	\$14,019 - \$21,500 on campus housing	\$19,900 on campus housing	\$9,600 - \$21,981 on campus housing
Transportation	\$1,766	\$700 - \$2,700	\$2,500	\$1,766
Personal Expenses	\$1,600	\$1,400 - \$3,090	\$2,050	\$2,600
TOTAL	\$10,726 - \$19,508	\$24,519 - \$36,390	\$40,350	\$47,206 - \$88,367

Registration fees and tuition are based on full-time enrollment for California residents. Fees and tuition are subject to change without advance notice. *Non-CA residents: out-of-state and international students must pay additional registration fees.



The costs of books and supplies, transportation, and personal expenses are estimates that may vary campus to campus.



Total expenses may be less for students living at home. Financial aid is available to help students cover some of the college costs.



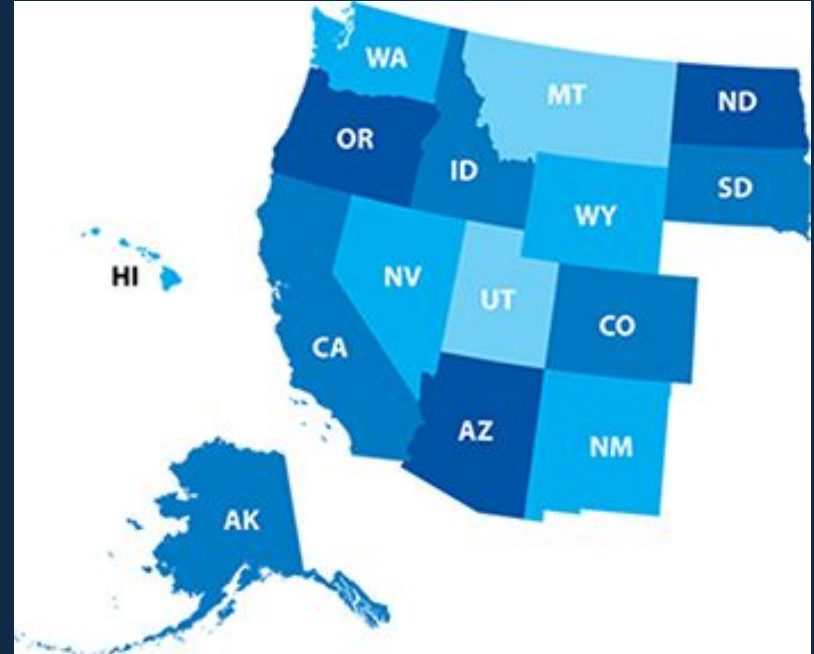
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North Dakota • Oregon • South Dakota • Utah • Washington • Wyoming

Students: WUE will help you ...

- Save money – pay reduced tuition
- Stay and study in the West
- Choose from 140+ institutions

<https://www.wiche.edu/tuition-savings/wue/>



FAFSA vs. CADAA

FAFSA = Free Application
for Federal Student Aid

You're eligible to
complete the FAFSA if you
are a:

- US Citizen
- Permanent Resident
- Eligible Non-Citizen
- T-Visa Holder



Financial Aid

Applications

Opens: October 1st
FOR FALL 2026

CADAA = California
Dream Act Application

You're eligible to
complete the CADAA if
you:

- Are Undocumented
- Have a Valid or Expired DACA status
- Are a U-Visa Holder
- Have Temporary Protected Status (TPS)
- Meet the Non-Resident Exemption Requirements Under AB540



Application Process

- FAFSA & CADAA applications use income data from 2024
- Students/Families filling out the FAFSA can use the IRS (Internal Revenue Service) Tax Data Retrieval Tool
 - The 2024 income info needed will be transferred directly & securely from the IRS to the FAFSA
- Priority application is March 2, 2026 - APPLY EARLY!
- Financial Aid applications are used to calculate Financial Need



2026–27 FAFSA® Form Coming Soon!

Participate in 2026–27 FAFSA beta testing.

Start a 2025–26
FAFSA® Form

Start New Form

Edit a 2025–26 FAFSA®
Form

Edit Existing Forms



Need the 2024–25 FAFSA® Form?

Note: The deadline to start a new FAFSA form for the 2024–25 award year has passed.

[Edit Existing Forms](#)



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CA DREAM ACT



Scholarships



LOCAL

PEF

Out in Nov on website.
Due in Jan - merit & need
based)

Press Democrat

NATIONAL

fastweb.com

VETERANS

Opportunities
for dependents
of veterans

**MIDDLE
CLASS**



Scholarships

The logo for the Middle Class initiative is a rounded rectangle with a teal top half and a light gray bottom half. A dotted line separates the two colors. The words "MIDDLE" and "CLASS" are written in bold, dark blue, sans-serif capital letters in the gray section.

MIDDLE CLASS

- State scholarship for students with family income and assets less than \$234,000
- Available only at the CSU and UC
- FAFSA & CADA applicants both considered for eligibility
- Must be California resident or have AB 540 status
- Students must file FAFSA/CADA application by March 2, 2026

College and Career Center Scholarships

What Does the CCC Offer?

College

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- Volunteer Opportunities
- Mentorships
- Resume writing workshops
- Mock Interviews
- Military Recruiters

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- EOP Program assistance
- Blue and Gold Opportunity program (UC's Only)

Scholarships

For the class of 2025, please [CLICK HERE](#) for the most up to date list of scholarships available.

If you have any questions, please see your school counselor.

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

Visit the College & Career Website!

Work Permit Application

Scholarships

10,000 Degrees



Cash for College Night



- Application workshop for students and parents
- Individual consultation with bilingual advisors
 - Dec date TBD- updates via ParentSquare



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Financial Aid Offers

Differ by college

Financial Aid package (grants, loans, aid, work study)

OK to wait to analyze all financial package offers



Acceptance Letters

May have multiple acceptance offers

Acceptance is conditional on final grades for spring semester

Must reports insufficient grades or courses dropped at the semester to all colleges applied

Letter of intent must be sent by deadline or your spot will be given away

HOUSING

- Deadlines Important!
- Deposit
- Check Housing Websites



SENIOR EVENTS

Cap, Gown & Tassel October 9

Jostens will be on campus at lunch for on-campus sizing. Cost = \$38 online

Senior Formals October 10, November 5

Hawkes Photography is directly contacting students who still need their senior portraits

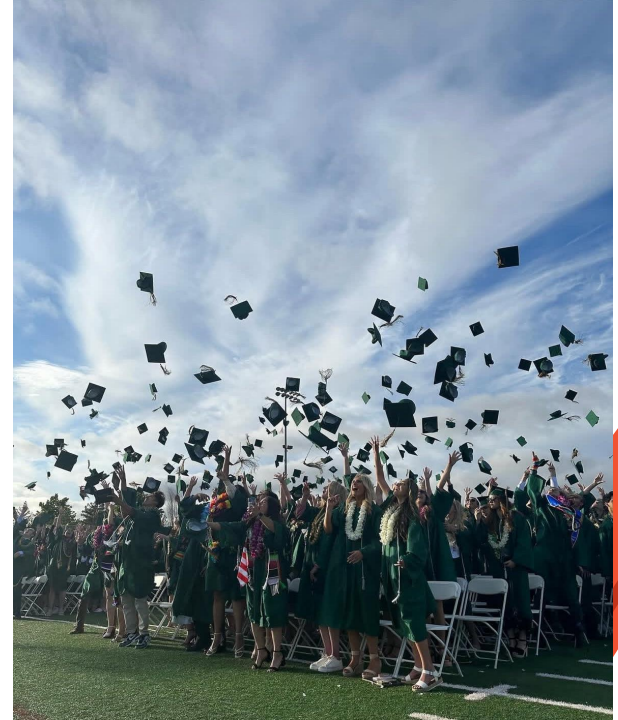
Yearbook

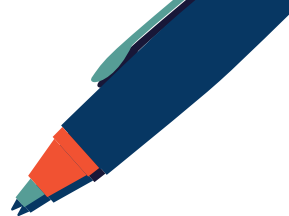
\$99 Jostens online
(price increases to \$105 in late October)

Casa Capstone May 27, 2026

Prom May 30, 2026
7-11pm, San Francisco City Hall, approx \$100)

Graduation Saturday, June 6, 2026





SENIORITIS

Noun. A disease that strikes high school seniors. Symptoms include: laziness, lack of motivation, and over-excessive wearing of athleisure. Also features lack of studying, repeated absences and a generally dismissive attitude.

(Urban Dictionary)

Only known cure: Graduation





- BLINK -

That's the length of senior year

We're here to help you!

STAY CONNECTED



Check website for daily
announcements

casagrandehighschool.org



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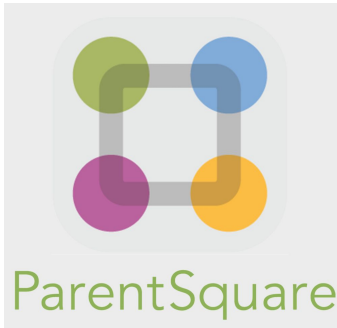
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Stay up to date on
notifications from
teachers, counselors,
CGHS



QUESTIONS?

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Mr. Koene is the counselor for Ms. Powaser's seniors through October 31, 2026.

Student Last Name	Counselor	Email
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Cr - Gon	Brett Sklove	bsklove@petkl2.org
Goo -Marr	Kathy Jelin	kjelin@petkl2.org
Mars - Ri	Julie Powaser	jpowaser@petkl2.org
Ro - Z	Shana Friedman	sfriedman@petkl2.org



Thank you for joining us!

CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE)

Community Colleges offer all kinds of exciting and rewarding career paths.

CTE programs are pathways that allow students to learn by exploring, collaborating, and doing. Provides technical and occupational skill training for specific postsecondary education and careers.

There are 15 CTE pathways provided in the state of California



CERTIFICATE

WHERE CAN I GET ONE?

A certificate can be obtained at a **Community College**

NEED TO KNOWS

Requirements for each program/certificate **vary**. Certificate programs are career/trade specific

EXAMPLES

Culinary Arts

Cosmetology

Automotive Technology

Fire Technology/Firefighter

Dental Assisting

Auto Technology

Real Estate

EMT



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ASSOCIATES DEGREE

WHERE CAN I GET ONE?

A Associates Degree can be obtained at a **Community College**

NEED TO KNOWS

Allows student to explore their interests

EXAMPLES

Math

Art Design

Political Science

Physics

Dance

Biology

Sociology

Fashion

Environmental Science

Psychology

English

Computer Science Business

Journalism

History



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BACHELOR'S DEGREE

WHERE CAN I GET ONE?

A Bachelor's Degree can be obtained at a **4-year College/University**

NEED TO KNOWS

Allows student to explore their interests and learn about a specific major of choice at a broad level

EXAMPLES

Education	Biology	Film
Engineering	Criminology	International Studies
Chemistry	Nursing	Public Health
Marketing &	Economics	Accounting
Communication	Ethnic Studies	+ Many More



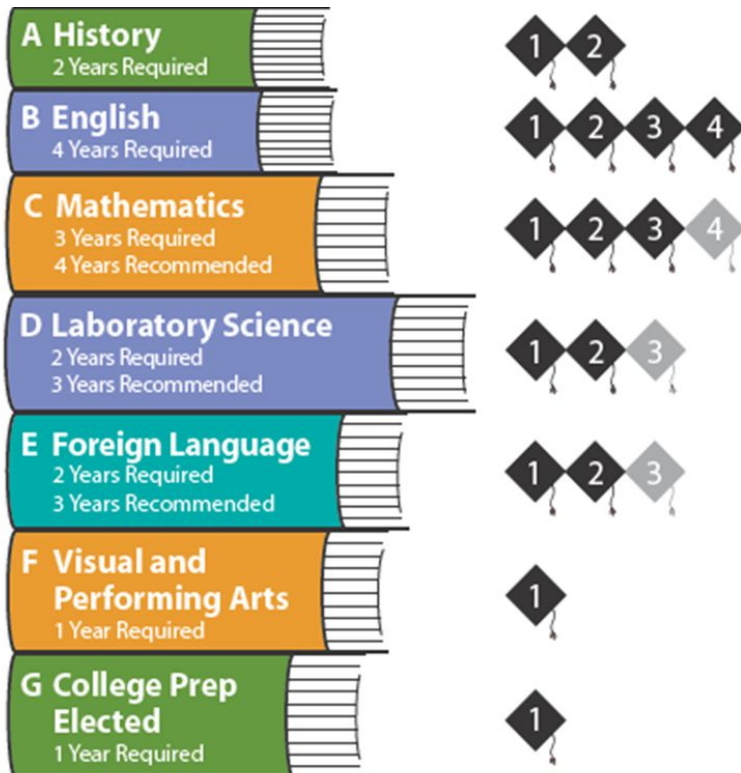
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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Community College |
CSU | UC | Private | out of
state



A-G REQUIREMENTS



COMMUNITY COLLEGE

WHERE TO APPLY

cccapply.org

WHEN TO APPLY

- Some applications open the fall prior, some the spring prior
- Recommend students to finish applying no later than early spring

EX: ASSOCIATES DEGREES

- Business
- Biology
- Art Design
- Economics
- Physics
- English
- Psychology
- Theatre Arts
- Cosmetology
- Automotive technology
- Dental hygienist
- Nursing assistant
- Culinary Arts
- Graphic Design
- Fire Science
- Welding

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- No GPA requirement
- No course requirements
- No standardized testing requirement



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY (CSU)

WHERE TO APPLY

calstate.edu/apply.

WHEN TO APPLY

October 1 - November 30

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- A-G requirements
- SAT/ACT optional
- 2.5 A-G GPA minimum
- 2.00-2.49 A-G GPA's may be evaluated for admission based upon supplemental factors. Each campus will determine the supplemental factors and communicate these to students.



UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA (UC)

WHERE TO APPLY

admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply-now

WHEN TO APPLY

- August 1 - Application Opens
- October 1 - November 30 - Application Submission Period

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- A-G requirements
- SAT/ACT optional
- 3.0 A-G GPA minimum
- Personal Insight Questions



COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER PATH

- Sometimes it is free depending on where you reside/attend
 - Complete your GE courses for less \$\$
 - Explore majors/careers before transferring
 - A fresh start! Your HS academic record won't be used when you transfer
 - CC course credits can be transferred to a 4-year
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- You need to complete 60 transfer units to be eligible to transfer!
 - Typically complete some General Education Courses + any pre-req's for desired major
 - Transfer requirements vary by 4-year



TO SUMMARIZE

Community College

- 2-3 years of study
- Career Exploration
- Associates Degree
- Transfer to University
- More Accessible

CSUs

- Practical Application
- Professional Training
- Bachelor's Degree
- Smaller Class Size
- Direct Learning

UCs

- 4 Year Institution
- Research & Theory Based
- Larger Class Size
- Professional Studies

Private

- Specific/Individual Requirements
- Smaller Class Size
- Higher Cost of Attendance
- Private Funding

FAFSA

- FAFSA website fafsa.ed.gov
- **FREE** application to access **Federal** and **State** Aid
- For students who are U.S. Citizens, Legal permanent residents, and individuals with granted asylum
- Opens October 1st
- Closes March 3rd

FederalStudentAid
AN OFFICE OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

UNDERSTAND AID ▾ APPLY FOR AID ▾ COMPLETE AID PROCESS ▾ MANAGE LOANS ▾

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Use the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form to apply for financial aid for college or graduate school.

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Returning User?

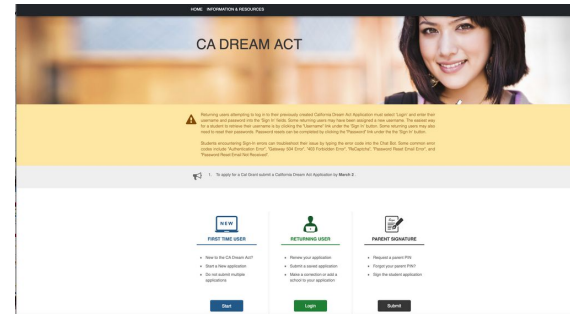
Correct info | Add a school

View your *Student Aid Report* (SAR)

[Log In](#)

CA DREAM ACT

- CA Dream Act website dream.csac.ca.gov
- Access to **State** Aid only
- For students who are AB540. Including students who are undocumented, or those who have a Social Security Number (SSN) because of DACA/TPS/U-Visa
- Opens October 1st
- Closes March 3rd



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REMEMBER



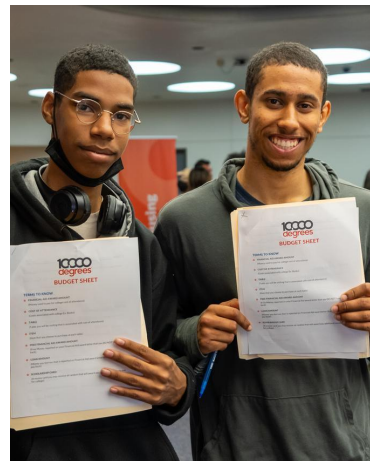
YOU ONLY FILL OUT ONE APP

- ▶ Only apply to FAFSA OR the CA Dream Act, but never both!



YOU HAVE TO APPLY EVERY YEAR

- ▶ You have to complete a financial aid application every year to maintain eligibility!



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FINANCIAL AID TIP'S



2026-2027 YEAR

YOU ARE APPLYING FOR THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR



FULL LEGAL NAME

As shown on your birth certificate or SSN card



PERSONAL CONTACT

Do not use a school email as your contact info



WORK STUDY

Say YES! You can always choose if you accept it later



TAX FORMS

THE 2024 1040 TAX FORMS WILL BE USED FOR THE 26-27 YEAR

Questions?

