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College Admission Info for High School Kids

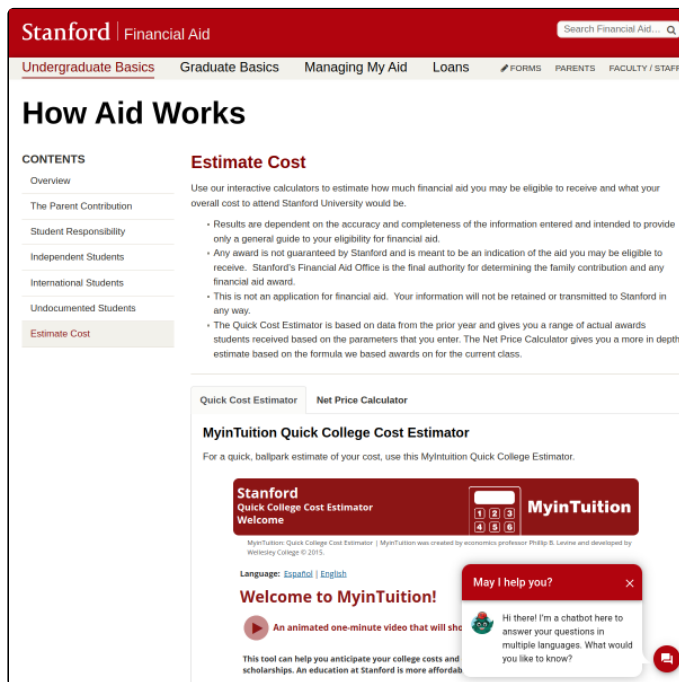
My oldest kid is still a sophomore and will be going to college in 2027 but it is time to start getting familiar with college admission process, terms and details. This note serves that purpose.

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Stanford College Tuition + Cost Calculator

When considering a Stanford education, you and your family may be concerned about the high costs. The Financial Aid Office is ready to help. We view the financing of your educational costs as a partnership between you (the student), your family and the University. Our aid program is designed to ensure that your family's economic circumstances will not prevent you from being able to enroll at Stanford.

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Website:

<https://financialaid.stanford.edu/undergrad/how/calculator/index.html>



Where You Go Is Not Who You'll Be

The video features Frank Bruni discussing his book, "Where You Go Is Not Who You'll Be: An Antidote to the College Admissions Mania." He challenges the notion that attending prestigious colleges is essential for success, emphasizing that one's achievements and character are more significant than their alma mater.

The video highlights key insights from Frank Bruni's book *Where You Go Is Not Who You'll Be: An Antidote to the College Admissions Mania*. Bruni offers reassurance to parents and students feeling stressed about the college admissions process.

Key points include:

Success is not defined by attending a prestigious college Bruni explains that what matters most is a person's character, work ethic, and adaptability—not the brand name of their school.

Broader opportunities: He emphasizes that students can thrive and succeed in a wide range of educational environments, not just elite institutions.

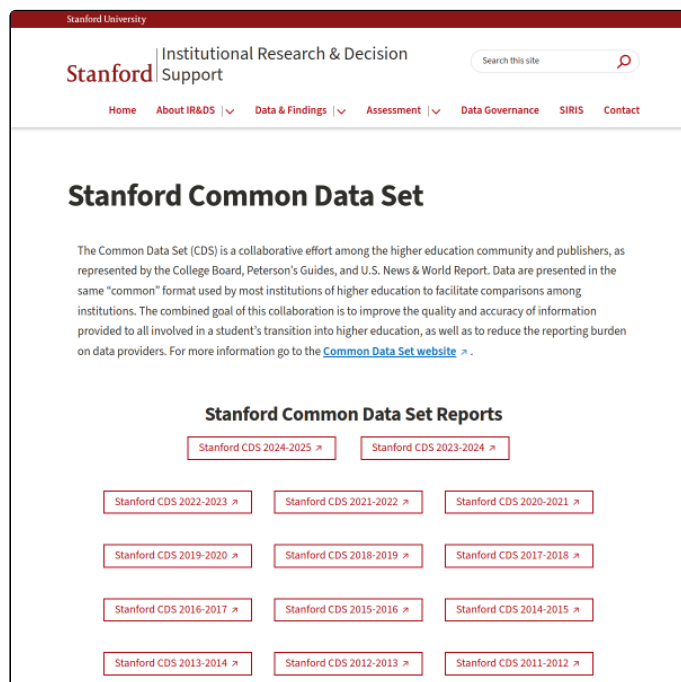
Avoiding unnecessary pressure: For parents, he advises against contributing to the immense pressure many students feel and instead encourages focusing on long-term goals and personal growth.

For parents and students, the message is clear: prioritize experiences and skills that build character and resilience over chasing a name-brand institution.

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Website:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SgN20O3VYgQ>



Stanford Common Data Se

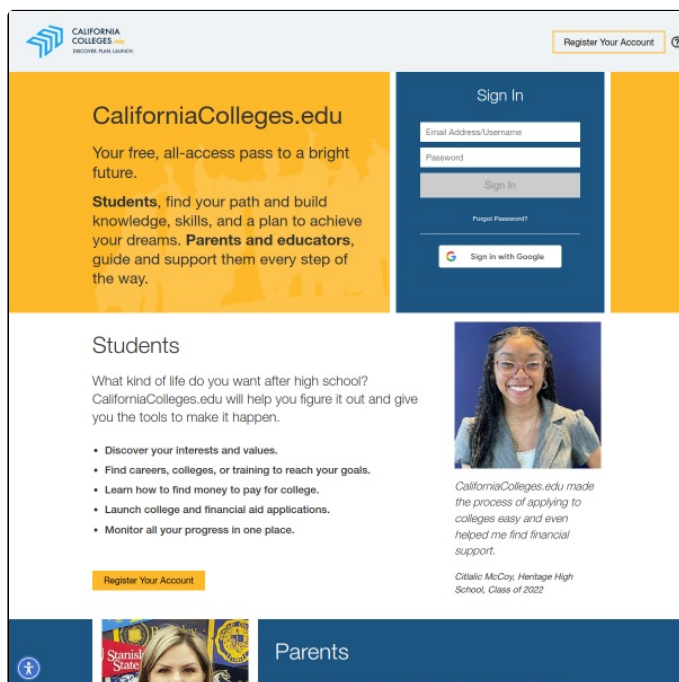
The Common Data Set (CDS) is a collaborative effort among the higher education community and publishers, as represented by the College Board, Peterson's Guides, and U.S. News & World Report. Data are presented in the same "common" format used by most institutions of higher education to facilitate comparisons among institutions. The combined goal of this collaboration is to improve the quality and accuracy of information provided to all involved in a student's transition into higher education, as well as to reduce the reporting burden on data providers.

All Common Data Set

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Website:

<https://irds.stanford.edu/data-findings/cds>



California Colleges for Students and Parents

The website www.californiacolleges.edu is a comprehensive resource for students, parents, and educators in California. It provides tools and information to help students plan and achieve their college and career goals. Key features include:

College Exploration: Information about California's higher education systems, including community colleges, California State University (CSU), University of California (UC), and private colleges.

Career Planning: Tools to help students explore career options based on their interests, skills, and goals.

Financial Aid Guidance: Resources for understanding and applying for financial aid, including FAFSA and California-specific programs.

Application Assistance: Links and tools to streamline the college application process for California schools.

The platform is a one-stop resource to help students make informed decisions about their educational and career futures.

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Website:

<https://www.californiacolleges.edu>

Student gets a link from their counsellor to access score system.

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College Name

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Interests & Activities

Crew

Greek Life

Internships

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Sports and Exercise 1 selected

Culture

Leisure

School Programs 2 selected

Performing Arts

Visual Arts

Writing

Hobbies

Campus Tour

Academic Focus

132 Colleges

Country - United States of America

Undergraduate Degrees - Four-year bachelor's

Tag - Crew

Tag - Greek Life

Tag - Internships

Academic Focus - Psychology

Size - 10000+

Acceptance Rate - 70 - 100

Institution Type - Public

Institution Type - Private - Not For-profit

Colorado State University (Fort Collins)

Fort Collins, CO

Average SAT Score 1180

Average ACT Score 26

Acceptance Rate 81%

No. Undergrads 25,789

Criteria: 3 Interests 1 Majors

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The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

Edinburg, TX

Average SAT Score 1040

Average ACT Score 19

Acceptance Rate 80%

No. Undergrads 24,965

Criteria: 2 Interests 1 Majors

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Old Dominion University

Norfolk, VA

Average SAT Score 1080

Average ACT Score 21

Acceptance Rate 89%

No. Undergrads 19,176

Criteria: 2 Interests 1 Majors

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Kennesaw State University

Kennesaw, GA

Average SAT Score 1140

Average ACT Score 23

Acceptance Rate 75%

No. Undergrads 34,499

Criteria: 2 Interests 1 Majors

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UCs and CSUs



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University of California and Cal State Universities Costs

COST OF ATTENDANCE					
for California residents <u>estimated 2025-2026</u>			for California residents <u>2024-2025</u>		
The UC Average	On-Campus	Off-Campus	The CSU Average	On-Campus	Off-Campus
Tuition	\$14,934	\$14,934	Tuition	\$6,084	\$6,084
Fees	\$1,700	\$1,700	Fees	\$2,056	\$2,056
Books and supplies	\$1,400	\$1,400	Books and supplies	\$1,057	\$1,057
Health insurance allowance/fee	\$3,500	\$3,500	Misc. Personal	\$2,625	\$3,437
Room and board	\$20,500	\$18,000	Room and board	\$16,970	\$19,550
Personal/transportation	\$3,200	\$4,100	Transportation	\$1,381	\$2,485
TOTAL	\$45,234	\$43,634	TOTAL	\$30,173	\$34,669
Base Tuition: \$14,934			Base Tuition: \$6,084 (2024/2025 year) \$6,450 (2025/2026 year)		

TOTAL COST OF ATTENDANCE	
for California residents 2024-2025	
On-Campus Most Expensive	
UC: Berkeley	\$48,574
CSU: San Luis Obispo	\$36,579
On-Campus Least Expensive	
UC: San Diego	\$37,040
CSU: Fresno State	\$25,028

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Minimum Requirements for UCs and CSUs

MINIMUM REQUIRED HIGH SCHOOL COURSEWORK (A-G)		
	A- G	Rocklin USD Graduation
A- HISTORY	2 years	3.5 years
B- ENGLISH	4 years	4 years
C- MATH	3 years (through Integrated Math III)	3 years (through Integrated Math II)
D- LAB SCIENCE	2 years	3 years
E- LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH	2 years	1 year
F- VAPA	1 year	1 year
G- COLLEGE PREP ELECTIVE	1 year	5 years

From the 10th and 11th grades:



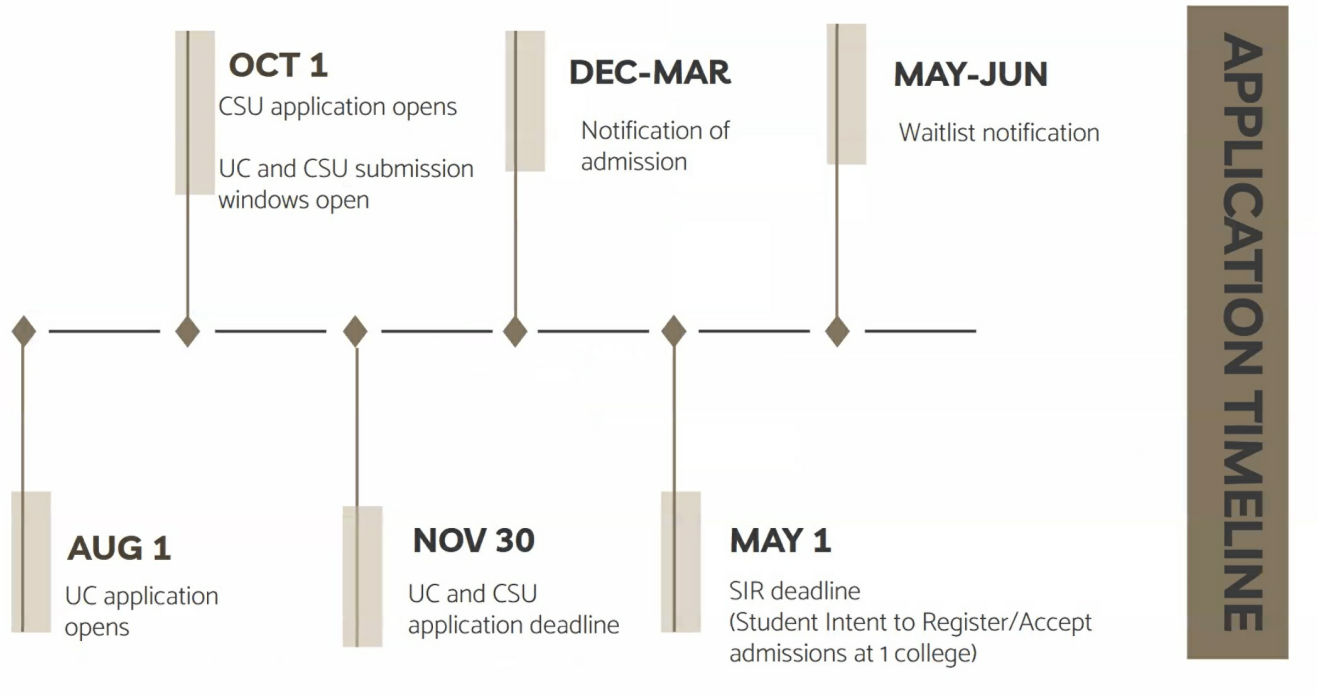
MINIMUM GPA
UC = 3.0
CSU = 2.5

UC/CSU GPA is calculated using only A-G coursework in 10th-11th grade with cap on weighted classes of 8 semesters.

Senior year grades are NOT part of the GPA calculations for UC/CSUs.

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UCs and CSUs Deadlines for Applications



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Factors of UC Admissions



GPA

Based upon A-G GPA
(Minimum 3.0 gpa)



OTHER FACTORS

Look beyond grades using
holistic review. They evaluate
many different forms of
achievement.



TEST BLIND?

The UC's are test blind.
They do not look at
standardized tests
(SAT/ACT) for admissions



ADMITTED BY MAJOR or?

Some UC campuses admit to the
University first and then the major.
Others admit by academic
area/category but some majors in the
category could be selective..
category could be selective..



UC Application (apply.universityofcalifornia.edu)

All UC's use a single application platform so
students only need to complete the
application one time, although there is a fee
for each school it is sent to.

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Holistic Review Process of UCs

HOLISTIC REVIEW

- Grade-Point Average
- Courses Completed/Planned
- Honors Courses
- Top 9% Local Context (ELC)
- Quality of Senior-Year Program of Study
- Academic Opportunities in California High Schools
- Performance in Academic Subject Areas
- Achievements in Special Projects
- Improvement in Academic Performance
- Special Talents, Achievements, and Awards
- Participation in Educational Preparation Programs
- Academic Accomplishment Within Life Experiences
- Geographic Location
- SAT/ACT scores are not considered
- 4 Personal Insight Questions

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UC Acceptance Rates

UC ACCEPTANCE RATES
BY CAMPUS 2023

University	# of Applicants	# Admitted	Acceptance Rate (%)
Berkeley	145,707	19,155	13%
Davis	115,349	51,312	44%
Irvine	147,848	45,309	30%
Los Angeles	173,400	19,198	11%
Merced	32,940	31,585	96%
Riverside	69,462	51,345	73%
San Diego	156,906	48,282	30%
Santa Barbara	128,646	47,698	37%
Santa Cruz	83,915	54,381	64%

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Why Attend Community Colleges?

1

EXCELLENT COST SAVINGS

2

TIME TO MATURE

3

**SECOND CHANCE AT ADMISSION AS
A TRANSFER STUDENT**

4

**GUARANTEED TO TRANSFER
IN TWO YEARS**

5

JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS

**WHY CALIFORNIA
COMMUNITY COLLEGES?**

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RUSD Contacts for Admission

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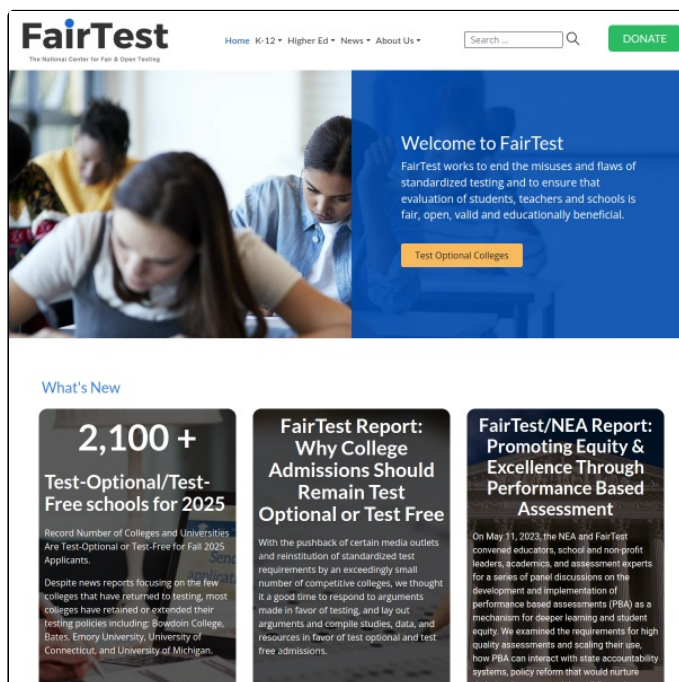
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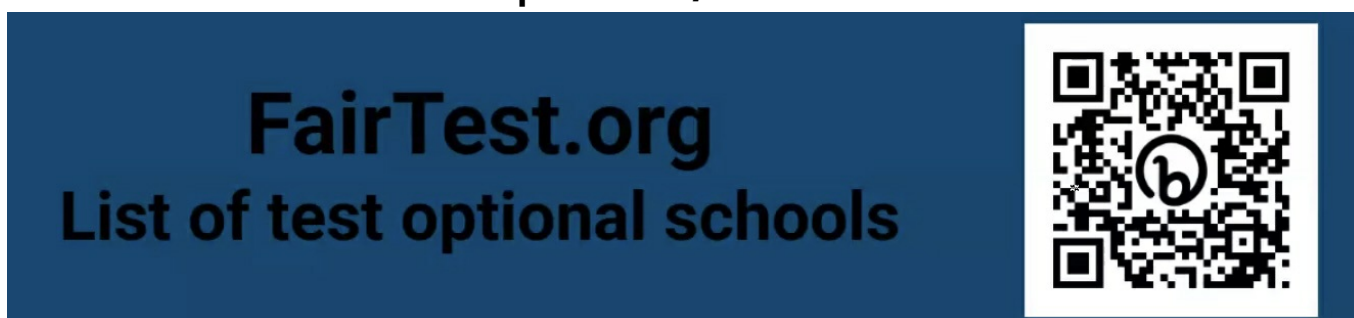
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Which Schools Do not Require SAT/ACT?

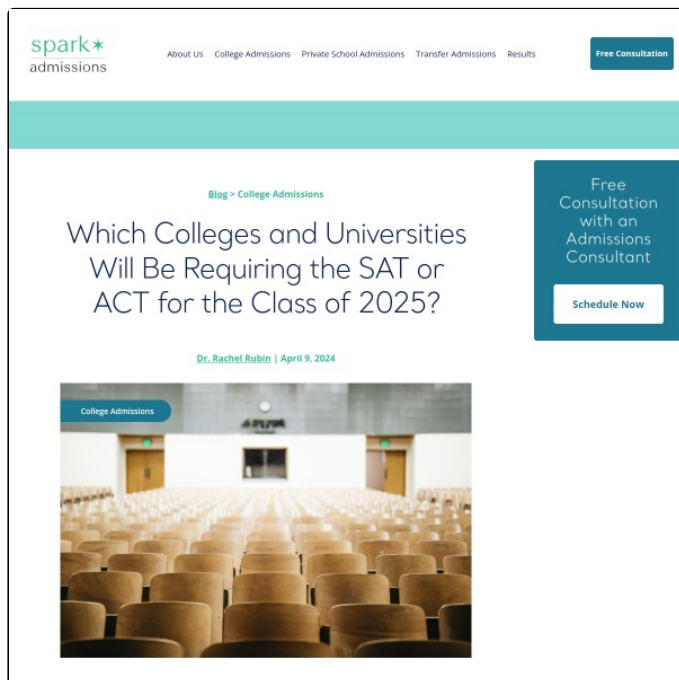


Go here for schools that do not require SAT/ACT.

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Website:

<http://fairtest.org/>



Schools Requiring SAT/ACT

Go here for schools that require SAT/ACT.

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Website:

<https://www.sparkadmissions.com/blog/colleges-requiring-standardized-test-scores/>

SAT/ACT Recommended Testing Timeline

	Early Fall	Spring
Junior Year	PSAT (if offered)	SAT or ACT (1st time - early spring semester)
		SAT or ACT (optional 2nd time - late spring semester)
Senior Year	SAT or ACT (optional 2nd time-summer or very early Fall)	

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Test Sites

Registering

SAT

www.collegeboard.org

ACT

www.actstudent.org

*as of March of 2024 SAT is a digital exam.

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Local Test Prep Classes

Preparing

Classroom Test Prep

Rocklin/Granite Bay Test Prep:
<http://granitebaytestprep.com/>



Varsity Tutors (live online):
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/12P88RrwyILRf5VIYOBuuN6rI3vBVxrUa/view?usp=sharing>



Online Test Prep

Khan Academy:
<https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>



ACT:
<https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/test-preparation.html>



Revolution Prep/Zoom Proctored:
<https://www.revolutionprep.com/partners/3211/>
Stay tuned for Fall Dates



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Scholarship Database Websites



- **Scholarships.com**
- **Bigfuture.org**
- **Fastweb.com**

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College and Career Center Notifications for RUSD



Other College and Career Center Notifications

- Remind Texts: Text @rocklinccc to 81010
- Sunday Night Weekly Thunder Forecast Emails
- Student Broadcast Morning Announcements
- Emails from Mrs. Lund

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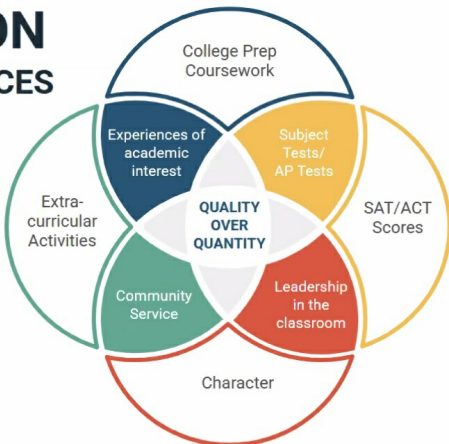
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COLLEGE ADMISSION
• TIPS • TIMELINES • RESOURCES

HELPFUL WEBSITES

College Prep Coursework (A-G): <https://hs-articulation.ucop.edu/guide/>
SAT: <https://www.collegeboard.org>
ACT: <https://www.act.org>
FAFSA (do not complete until October 1 of senior year): <https://fafsa.gov>
Federal Student Aid Estimator (try anytime): <https://studentaid.gov/aid-estimator/>
CADAA/CalGrant Info: <https://www.csac.ca.gov/>
WUE: <https://wuesavingsfinder.wiche.edu/>
College Search Tools: <https://scoir.com> or californiacolleges.edu
Scholarships: <https://scholarships.com>, <https://fastweb.com>, <https://bigfuture.org>
College Athletics: <https://web3.ncaa.org>, <https://play.myniaa.org/>
RHS College and Career Center: <https://rhs.rocklinusd.org/subsites/Career-Center/>



Freshman +	Sophomore +	Junior +	Senior
<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Get involved* Explore courses and activities.* Create good study habits* Research and tour colleges* Start your resume	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Deepen your interests* Look for experiences outside of the classroom* Attend case study* Continue resume	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* SAT/ACT spring semester* Try an AP class?* Take on a leadership role* Deepen college search and create college list* Attend rep visits	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* College applications* Scholarship applications* FAFSA* Admitted student events* Decision Day* Finish strong

[College Planning Timeline Presentation](#)



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