



PHS Four Year College Night



Thursday, September 29th at 6pm
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PHS Team

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College & Career Center

- One on one appointments, parents can join
- Build a College List
- College Application Workshops - small group application support
- Drop ins welcome!

Over 65 PHS students have booked one on one College Conversations or attended a College Application Workshop already this Fall!

Agenda

- A-G Freshman Admission Requirements
- University of California (UC)
- California State University (CSU)
- Private Colleges
- Tips and Tricks
- Financial Aid and Scholarships

College Visits

- Great way to learn about colleges
- Review college profile in advance and have questions prepared
- Virtual tours
- Check google classroom for updates



A-G Freshman Admission Requirements

- A. History/Social Sciences - 2 years
 - B. English - 4 years
 - C. Math - 3 years (4 recommended, Math 3 or higher)
 - D. Lab Science - 2 years required (3 recommended)
 - E. Language Other than English - 2 years (3 recommended)
 - F. Visual & Performing Art - 1 year
 - G. College Prep Elective - 1 year
- Testing (ACT/SAT) test optional (11th/12th)
 - Minimum GPA 2.5 for CSU schools
 - Minimum 3.0 GPA for UC schools
 - Grades must be “Cs” and higher
 - **NO Ds OR Fs!!!**

Applying to UC (University of California) Schools

- Application is open, submit between October 1st-30th
- 9 campuses, one application, \$70/school (fee waivers available)
- Must meet the A-G subject areas requirements
- GPA (3.0 minimum in A-G coursework), no Ds/Fs
- Test scores (optional)
- Personal insight questions (must answer 4 of 8)
- No letters of recommendation
- No Early Action/Early Decision
- <https://apply.universityofcalifornia.edu/my-application/login>
- <https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/files/frdata-fall-2020.pdf>



Applying to CSU (California State University) Schools

- Application opens October 1st, apply between October 1st-November 30th
- 23 campuses, 1 application, \$70/school
- Must meet the A-G subject areas requirements
- GPA (2.5 minimum in A-G coursework), no Ds/Fs
- Test scores (optional)
- No letters of recommendation
- No Early Action/Early Decision
- <https://www2.calstate.edu/apply>
- <https://www2.calstate.edu/apply/choosing-a-campus>



Admit Using CSU Eligibility vs. Impacted Campuses

Can get in with A-G requirements:

- Bakersfield
- Channel Islands
- Dominguez Hills
- Maritime Academy
- San Francisco
- Stanislaus
- Sonoma (for our county)

Impacted in All Majors:

- Cal Poly San Luis Obispo*
- Fresno*
- Fullerton*
- Long Beach*
- Los Angeles
- San Diego State*
- San Jose*

Impacted in certain majors:

- Chico
- East Bay
- Humboldt
- Los Angeles
- Monterey Bay
- Northridge
- Pomona
- Sacramento
- San Bernardino
- San Marcos
- <https://www2.calstate.edu/attend/impaction-at-the-csu>
- <https://www2.calstate.edu/attend/counselor-resources/Documents/freshmen-2019-admission-impaction-chart.pdf>

Honors Programs at CSU Schools

- 14 of the 23 campuses offer Honors Programs
- Programs vary across campuses but overall will provide extra support, smaller class sizes, more opportunities to internships, etc.
- Entrance requirements vary by campus but usually students must meet a GPA or ACT/SAT test score minimum to apply
- Some CSU schools even offer more financial aid (ex: Fresno State - 4 years 100% free tuition)
- Visit corresponding school website for more info
- Might have a separate application/deadline

Private Schools, Out of State, NCAA

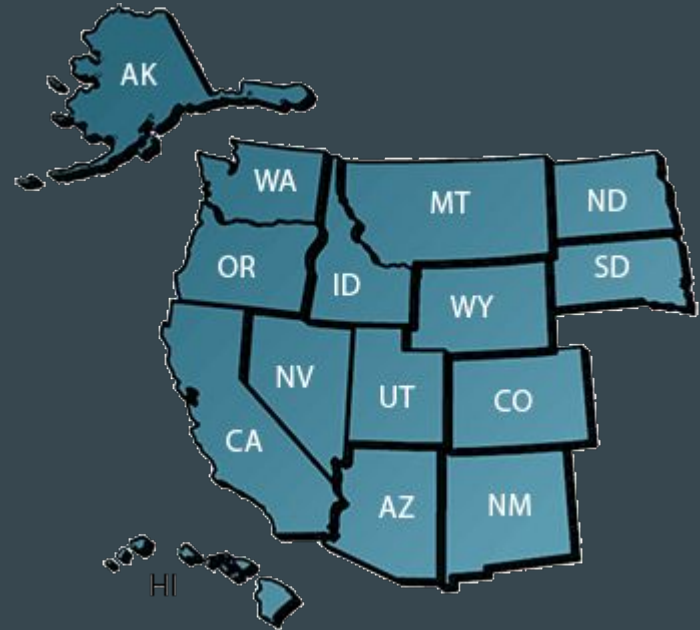
- Common Application
 - Typically need 1 letter of recommendation from a teacher and 1 from a counselor
 - Must invite your recommenders!
 - Supplemental Essays as well
- Other private and out of state colleges
 - Each school will have different deadlines and accounts
- NCAA
 - Must be registered with eligibility center, registrar will upload your transcript here
 - Know the requirements
 - Work directly with coaches

Letters of Recommendation

- CSU and UC schools do NOT accept letters of rec
- Please give your counselor & teachers three weeks notice - all packets are due by Friday, November 18th
 - Early Decision/Action - due September 30th
- Letter of rec packets are available online and on the counseling website
- Invite your recommenders online!
- Check your school for specific deadlines
- Remember to THANK your recommenders!

Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE)

- A coalition of schools throughout the west that offer discounted tuition to students that meet certain criteria (GPA & Test Scores)
- Often times tuition can be even more affordable than in state colleges
- Usually 3.0+ GPA required
- <https://www.wiche.edu/tuition-savings/wue/>



Early Action vs. Early Decision



Early Action: Early action plans are non binding — students receive an early response to their application but do not have to commit to the college until the normal reply date of May 1st

Early Decision: Early decision plans are binding — a student who is accepted as an ED applicant must attend the college.

*Most deadlines are November 1st or November 15th

Tips For College Applications

- ✓ Save all usernames and passwords
- ✓ Don't use petk12 email address (expires after graduation)
- ✓ Try to submit all applications before Thanksgiving break
- ✓ Have someone review your application and essays
- ✓ Consider major, size, location, costs, and opportunities when applying
- ✓ Attend campus tours
- ✓ Once admitted, everything is **CONDITIONAL** on final year of high school



I've Applied, Now What?

- ✓ Check to do list & emails through individual student portals before AND after accepted
 - ◆ Do not miss deadlines!
- ✓ May 1 – Statement of Intent to Register
 - ◆ Provide deposit - one school ONLY
 - ◆ Housing - may need to apply early
- ✓ Wait List - need to register at accepted school even though on a waitlist
- ✓ Appeals
 - ◆ Provide new compelling information
- ✓ Send transcripts and test scores

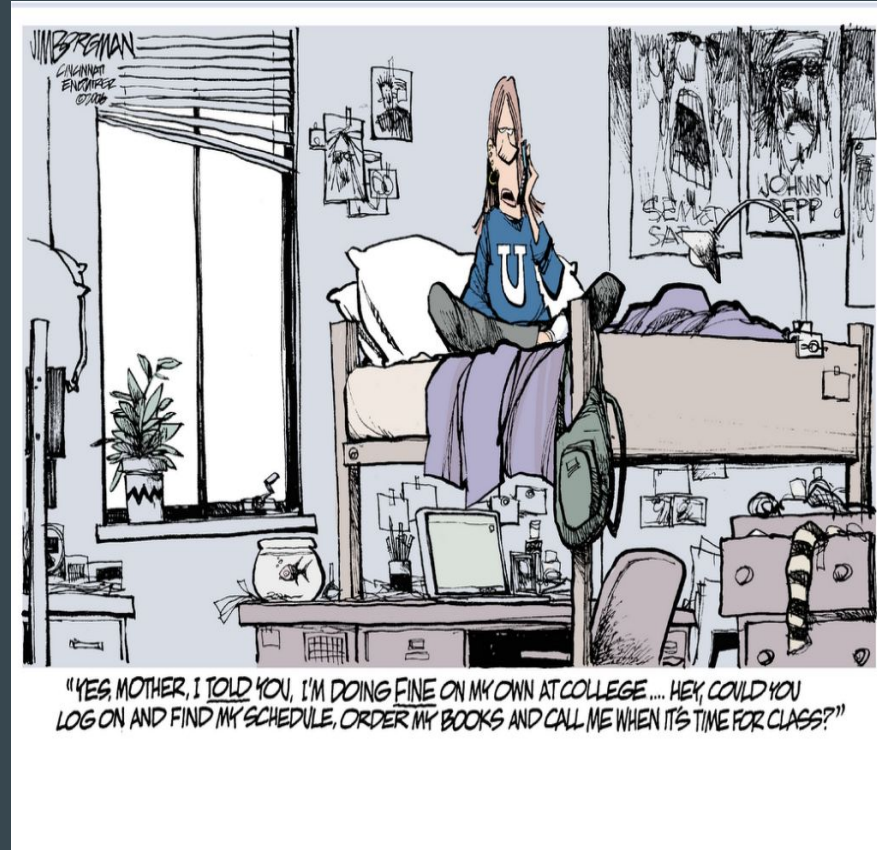


Transcripts & Test Scores

- CSU/UC Schools – due AFTER graduation by July 1, 2023!
- Occasionally, mid year transcripts are requested, students would be notified through their college student portal.
- Request via Parchment
(<https://www.petalumacityschools.org/domain/2342>)
- Common Applications, Coalition & SENDEDU will be uploaded electronically by your counselor.
- SAT, ACT, and AP Scores - students must send themselves, not done by PHS.
 - Save money by inputting your schools at the time of testing!
- Questions on transcripts? Contact Chris Stoll, registrar at cstoll@petk12.org

Parents in the Process

- Review applications with your child before submitting
- Talk about realistic options
- Discuss finances and costs
- Review college choices and deadlines
- Visit colleges with student
- Be supportive
- Let your child take the lead



Scholarships & Financial Aid

SCHOLARSHIPS!



- **October 1st- March 2nd:** FAFSA/CA Dream Act Filing Period
- **November 1st-5th:** Financial Aid Week
- **Thursday, November 3rd @ 6 pm:** Financial Aid/Cash for College Night (PHS Library)
- **December 1st:** PEF Scholarships Open
- **December 13th:** PHS Scholarships Open
- **January 18th:** Deadline for PEF Scholarships

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- ❑ Scholarships are posted on google classroom and the CCC website
- ❑ Not all scholarships are need based, many for merit and volunteerism – community service hours help!
 - ❑ 100 hours by end of the year - turn hours in!
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FAFSA or CA Dream Act Application

- Opens **October 1st**, due by **March 2nd**
- FAFSA Eligibility: US citizens, eligible non-citizens
 - CADA Eligibility: AB540 students who are undocumented, have TPS, U Visa, or pending immigration status

- Parents & Students must sign application
 - Cal Grants - will automatically be submitted electronically by our registrar
 - Can Include:
 - Work Study
 - Cal Grant
 - Pell Grant
 - College Scholarship
 - University Grant
 - Local Scholarships
 - Loans
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Final Thoughts

- ❑ Senior year does count
 - ❑ Stay on track (Cs and higher!)
 - ❑ Admission can be rescinded
- ❑ All acceptances provisional dependent upon final semester grades
- ❑ Maintain communication- check PHS email, listen to announcements, check college portals
- ❑ Change in schedule (dropping or adding classes) -must notify colleges
- ❑ Talk to your counselor or the CCC for extra support!



Helpful Websites

- UC admission information: <https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/>
- CSU application: <https://www2.calstate.edu/apply/Pages/default.aspx>
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa/>
- California Dream Act Application: <https://dream.csac.ca.gov/>
- ASSIST: <https://www.assist.org/>
- ACT registration: <http://www.act.org/>
- SAT registration: <https://www.collegeboard.org/>
- SAT Subject Tests: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat-subject-tests>
- WUE: <https://www.wiche.edu/tuition-savings/wue/>
- PHS CCC: <https://www.petalumacityschools.org/domain/529>
- Why apply for FAFSA:
https://www.thepennyhoarder.com/debt/fafsa-if-my-parents-make-a-lot-of-money/?aff_id=86&aff_sub3=20200902&aff_unique2=ITR-72f5d799-dacb-23d0-9e1f-62564ed74a7b&utm_medium=email&utm_source=daily&utm_campaign=daily20200903&utm_content=debt&sms

Thank You!

Q&A???