

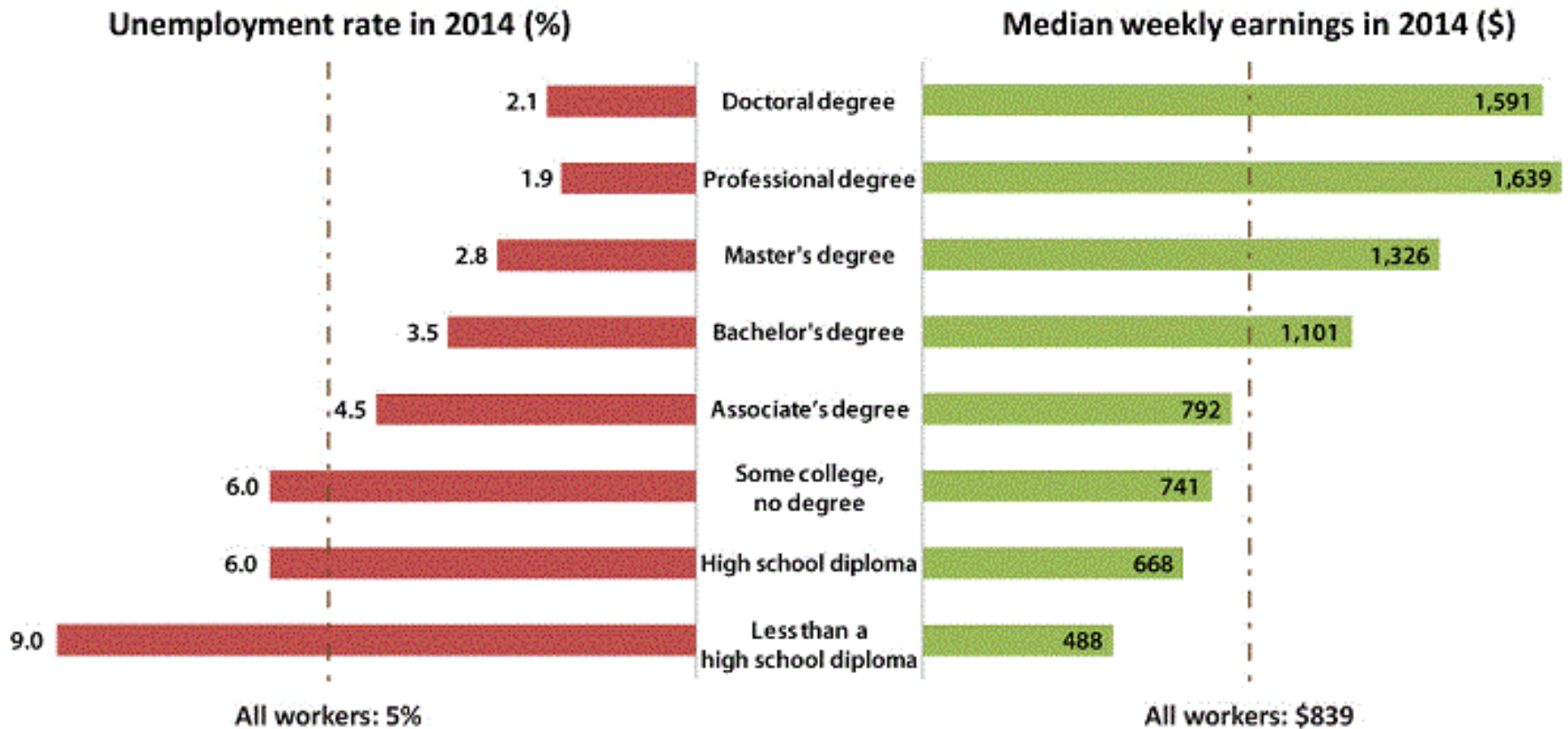


# PREPARING FOR HIGHER EDUCATION



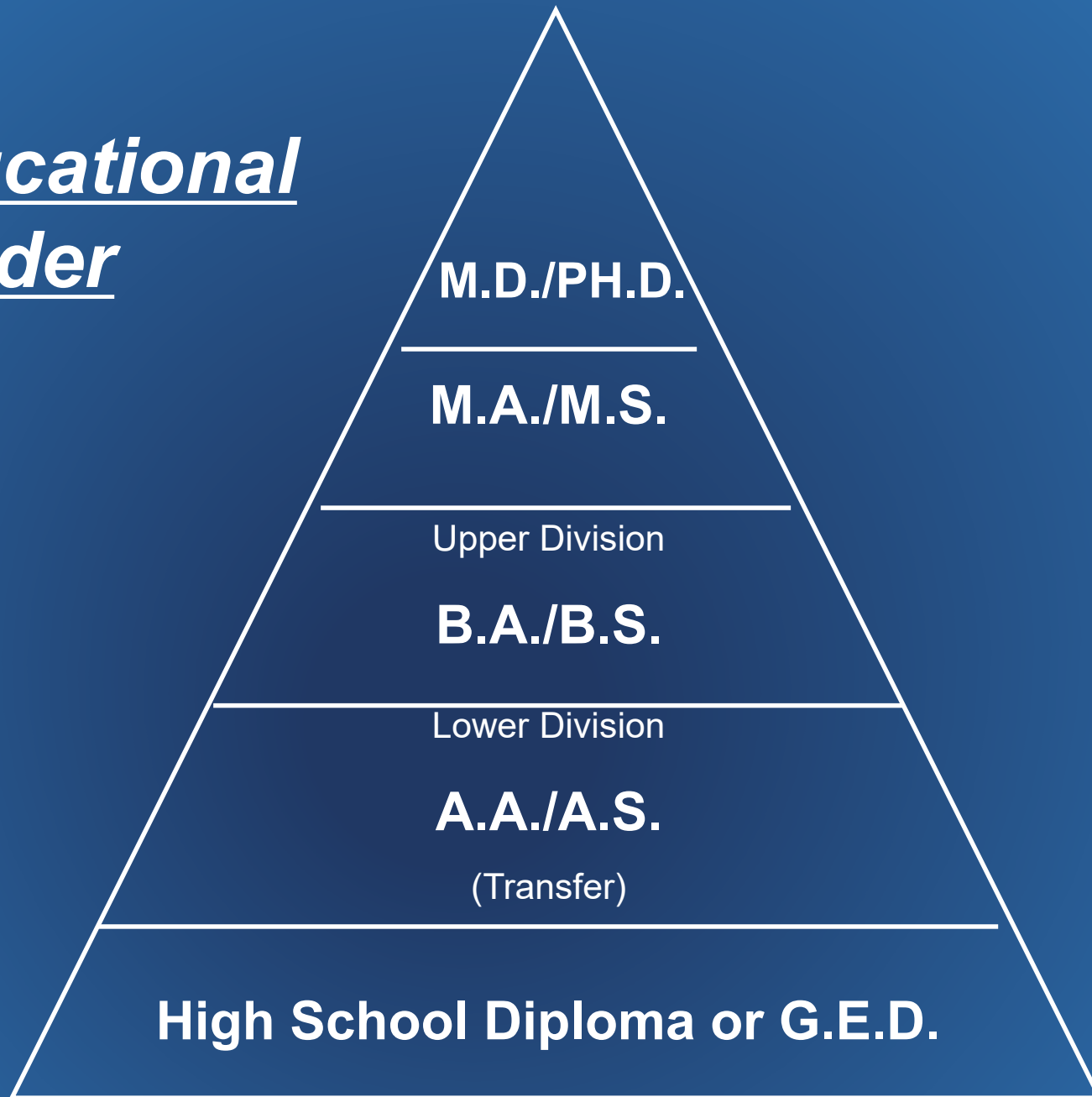
# WHY IS EDUCATION IMPORTANT?

## Earnings and unemployment rates by educational attainment



Note: Data are for persons age 25 and over. Earnings are for full-time wage and salary workers.  
Source: Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor

**Educational**  
**Ladder**



# Preparing your Student for College

**Step 1:** Develop a 4 year plan/roadmap for classes in high school- 9<sup>th</sup> grade

**Step 2:** Complete A-G high school requirements and take AP courses (tailor courses to fit post-secondary goals/career) – 9<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grades

**Step 3:** Create a College Info e-mail account – 10<sup>th</sup> grade

**Step 4:** Research and decide on which colleges you would like to apply to and what major – 11<sup>th</sup> grade

**Step 5:** Take the PSAT junior year as a last cheaper practice test that colleges can't see; also opens students up to the National Merit Scholarship

**Step 6:** Take SAT/ACT (end of junior year) and send scores – By December of 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Step 7:** Apply to your college choices– FALL of 12<sup>th</sup> grade

**Step 8:** File your FAFSA between October 1<sup>st</sup> and March 2, 2018 – 12<sup>th</sup> grade

**Step 9:** Research any and all scholarships and apply to as many as possible

**Step 10:** If planning on attending Community College, start thinking about transferring to a four-year school!



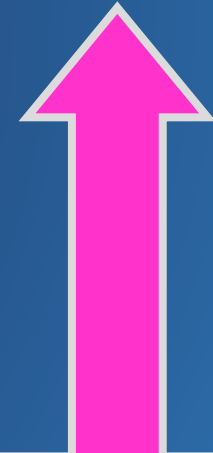
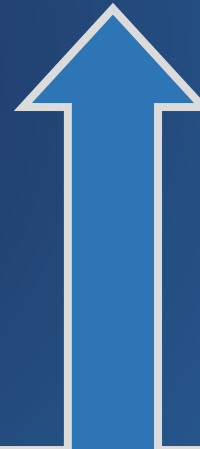


# Systems of Higher Education

Career & Tech  
Education

Community  
College

4 Year Universities / Colleges



Vocational

Community  
Colleges

CSU's

UC's

Private  
Colleges

# CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION

A program of study that involves a multiyear sequence of courses that integrates core academic knowledge with technical and occupational knowledge to provide students with a pathway to postsecondary education and careers.

## SVCTE (Silicon Valley Career Technical Education):

- free program for ESUHSD students
- for grades 11-12
- receive elective credits, some are A-G (college requirements) approved
- can obtain a certificate and start working right out of high school
- have a variety of different programs (fire science, forensics, animation, fashion, culinary arts, automotive, etc.)



# California Community Colleges

- 113 campuses
- Open to any students pursuing higher education
- Provide Transfer Options for students seeking a bachelor degree.
- Offer Career/Technical training (Vocational)

**APPLY ONLINE**

[www.cccapply.org](http://www.cccapply.org)



Chancellor's Office  
California Community Colleges  
1102 Q Street Sacramento, California 95814-6511 [www.cccco.edu](http://www.cccco.edu)



# Community Colleges

Santa Clara County





# The Four-Year University



## California State University (CSU)

- 23 CSU's in California
- Four-year school with graduate programs
- Teaching/ Practical Focus

## University of California (UC)

- 10 UCs in California
- Four-year school with graduate programs
- Research Focus

## Private Universities

- Over 70 universities in California
- Two and four-year programs with a wide range of focuses

# A-G Requirements

The courses needed for college eligibility

Letter	Subject	Years Required	Years Recommended
A	History/Social Sciences	2 years	
B	English	4 years	
C	Math (1,2,3,4)	3 years	4 years
D	Laboratory Sciences (Biology and Chemistry)	2 years	3 years
E	Language other than English	2 years	3 years
F	Visual and Performing Arts	1 year	
G	College Preparatory and Electives	1 year	

# California State University - CSU

- 23 Campuses in CA
- Eligibility Requirements:
  - ✓ A-G Courses
  - ✓ 2.0 GPA Minimum
    - Be COMPETITIVE
  - ✓ SAT Reasoning Exam Score or ACT Exam Score
- Applications accepted from October 1<sup>st</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup>
  - Fee Waiver = 4 FREE APP'S
  - Supplemental Questions added 2016
- Impacted Campuses will have stricter requirements

**APPLY ONLINE**

<https://www2.calstate.edu/apply>



# C alifornia S tate U niversity





# University of California

- 10 campuses in CA – only 9 open for undergraduates
- Minimum GPA is 3.0
- Application is based upon:
  - ✓ A-G Courses and GPA
  - ✓ Complete any 11 UC-approved “a-g” courses by the end of junior year with a grade of “C” or better
  - ✓ SAT Reasoning or ACT with Writing
  - ✓ Extracurricular Activities and Involvement
  - ✓ Personal Statement
- Applications accepted from November 1<sup>st</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup>

Fee Waiver = 4 FREE APP'S

[www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply)



# U niversity of C alifornia



**UCLA**



# Private Colleges and Universities

- 74+ Campuses throughout California
- Provide large **scholarship/financial aid packages**
- Smaller class size and faster graduation rates
- Target students that are of good academic standing and in line with the school mission
- **Requirements and Deadlines will VARY**



[www.aiccumentor.org](http://www.aiccumentor.org)

## Main AICCU Campuses by Region \*

**1. Northern California (1)**

Simpson University	Redding
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**2. SF Bay Area (19)**

California College of the Arts	San Francisco
Calif. Institute of Integral Studies	San Francisco
Dominican University of California	San Rafael
Golden Gate University	San Francisco
Holy Names University	Oakland
Institute of Transpersonal Psychology	Santa Clara
Mills College	Oakland
Notre Dame de Namur University	Belmont
Pacific Union College	Angwin
Palo Alto University	Palo Alto
Saint Mary's College of California	Moraga
Samuel Merritt College	Oakland
San Francisco Art Institute	San Francisco
San Francisco Conservatory of Music	San Francisco
Santa Clara University	Santa Clara
Saybrook University	San Francisco
Stanford University	Stanford
Touro University - California	Vallejo
University of San Francisco	San Francisco

**3. Central Valley (4)**

Fresno Pacific University	Fresno
Humphreys College	Stockton
University of the Pacific	Stockton
William Jessup University	Rocklin

**4. Central Coast (4)**

California Lutheran University	Thousand Oaks
Fielding Graduate University	Santa Barbara
Thomas Aquinas College	Santa Paula
Westmont College	Santa Barbara

**5. Los Angeles/Kern (30)**

American Academy of Dram. Arts L.A.	Hollywood
American Jewish University	Bel Air
Antioch University Los Angeles	Los Angeles
Art Center College of Design	Pasadena
Azusa Pacific University	Azusa
Biola University	La Mirada
California Institute of Technology	Pasadena
California Institute of the Arts	Valencia
Chicago School of Prof. Psychology	Los Angeles
Claremont Graduate University	Claremont
Claremont McKenna College	Claremont
Harvey Mudd College	Claremont
Keck Graduate University	Claremont
Loyola Marymount University	Los Angeles
Marymount College	Rancho Palos Verdes
Master's College, The	Santa Clarita
Mount St. Mary's College	Los Angeles
Occidental College	Los Angeles
Otis College of Art + Design	Los Angeles
Pacific Oaks College	Pasadena
Pepperdine University	Malibu
Pitzer College	Claremont
Pomona College	Claremont
Scripps College	Claremont
So. California Univ. of Health Sciences	Whittier
University of La Verne	La Verne
University of Southern California	Los Angeles
Western University of Health Sciences	Pomona
Whittier College	Whittier
Woodbury University	Burbank

**6. Orange (7)**

Brandman University	Irvine
Chapman University	Orange
Concordia University	Irvine
Hope International University	Fullerton
Laguna College of Art & Design	Laguna Beach
Soka University	Aliso Viejo
Vanguard University of Southern California	Costa Mesa

**7. Riverside/San Bernardino (4)**

California Baptist University	Riverside
La Sierra University	Riverside
Loma Linda University	Loma Linda
University of Redlands	Redlands

**8. San Diego/Imperial (5)**

Alliant International University	San Diego
National University	La Jolla
Point Loma Nazarene University	San Diego
San Diego Christian College	El Cajon
University of San Diego	San Diego

\* See schools websites for satellite locations.

# Eligible vs. Competitive

## ELIGIBLE

- Minimum A-G Completion
- Minimum GPA
- Easy 12<sup>th</sup> grade schedule w/ few A-G courses
- Few extracurricular or community activities

*Does not mean that a student will be accepted to their 1st choice campus*

## COMPETITIVE

- Taking A-G courses beyond the minimum
- Higher GPA
- Competitive 12<sup>th</sup> grade schedule w/ A-G courses
- Several, recurring extracurricular or community activities

*Better chance for students to be accepted to highly competitive or impacted majors*





# AP Courses





- UC and Private schools encourage and “highly recommend” students take AP courses (college readiness courses) throughout high school
- Gives boost in GPA (ex. Getting an “A” in an AP course = 5.0 rather than a 4.0)
- If student passes AP exam with sufficient score they could earn college credit for that subject
- Remember to know your limits! Be careful not to take on too many AP courses at a time

# College Entrance Exams

- *SAT Reasoning—measures aptitude*
  - Three parts: *Reading, Writing and Math*
  - Scores range from 200-800 points
- *ACT—measures achievement*
  - Five Parts: *English-Math-Reading-Science-Writing*
  - Writing is an optional portion, except for UC schools
  - Scores range from 1-36 (except Writing)
- *SAT Subject Tests*
  - Five Subjects: *Literature, Math, Foreign Language, History, and Science*
  - Subject tests are optional but you should check with each college and department for recommendations
  - Scores range from 200-800 points

# Higher Score, Higher Number of Options

A 23 on the ACT or an 1800 on the SAT may be above average at one university but below average at another. The higher your score, the more options are open to you.

Score Sheet				
SAT scores of some CEOs				
NAME	<b>Philippe Dauman</b>	<b>Steve Hafner</b>	<b>Spencer Rascoff</b>	<b>Zach Sims</b>
TITLE	CEO, Viacom	CEO and co-founder, Kayak	CEO, Zillow	CEO and co-founder, Codecademy
SAT SCORE	<b>1600</b>	<b>1430</b>	<b>1480</b>	<b>2340</b>
YEAR TAKEN	1967	1987	1991	2007
AVG. SCORE THAT YEAR	1059	1008	999	1508

Note: The highest possible score on the SAT increased in March 2005 from 1600 points to 2400 points with the addition of a third, written portion of the test.

Sources: the executives; College Board (avg. score) Photos: Bloomberg (Dauman, Rascoff) Kayak (Hafner);Tom Vigliotta for The Wall Street Journal (Sims) The Wall Street Journal

# What is a Good SAT or ACT Score?

## National Average:

SAT – 500 critical reading;  
530 math= 1030  
ACT - Between 20 and 21



- If you are close to these averages you will likely be accepted into a considerable number of colleges and universities (as long as you have decent grades), but may not be considered at more selective schools.
- Scores below an 1100 on the SAT or a 15 on ACT are considered low at just about any four-year college. (A competitive score on the SAT would be 1400+ and ACT would be 30+.)
- You can overcome low scores with good grades or an outstanding application.

***\*If you're taking AP courses, stay away from signing up for the May test.***



# Compare the New SAT to the ACT

Taking the SAT is the best way to show colleges you have the skills and knowledge they want most. Find out how the new SAT, launching in March, compares to the ACT.\*

Test Snapshot		
Features	New SAT	ACT
Widely accepted	All U.S. colleges	Almost all U.S. colleges
Major redesign	2016 SAT is based on the latest research on the skills colleges value most.	No recent significant revisions.
Tests the vocabulary you'll use	Yes	Yes
Everyday math formulas provided	Yes	No
Essay is optional	Yes	Yes
Penalty for guessing	No	No

# WORRIED?



Free Practice		
Resources	New SAT	ACT
Free daily practice questions	Yes, the free mobile app, Daily Practice for the New SAT.	Yes
Free comprehensive test practice	Yes, through Khan Academy <sup>®</sup> , with over 4,000 questions and video lessons.	No
Free, downloadable practice tests	Yes	No
Mobile app that instantly scores paper tests	Yes, Daily Practice for the New SAT.	No

# Test Format

Structure and Timing	New SAT	ACT
Testing time	3 hours + 50-minute essay (optional)	2 hours 55 minutes + 40-minute essay (optional)
Structure	3 tests + optional essay	4 tests + optional writing test
Number of questions	154	215
Time per question	1 minute, 10 seconds	49 seconds
Score range	Composite 400–1600 (SAT Essay: reported in 3 dimensions, each 2–8)	Composite 1–36 (writing domain scores: 2–12)
Test length and timing	<p><b>Reading Test</b> 65 minutes 52 questions</p> <p><b>Writing and Language Test</b> 35 minutes 44 questions</p> <p><b>Math Test</b> 80 minutes 58 questions</p>	<p><b>Reading Test</b> 35 minutes 40 questions</p> <p><b>English Test</b> 45 minutes 75 questions</p> <p><b>Math Test</b> 60 minutes 60 questions</p> <p><b>Science Test</b> 35 minutes 40 questions</p>

# SAT

VS.

# ACT<sup>®</sup>

## Four Parts:

1. Reading
2. Writing
3. Mathematics
4. Subject (Optional Essay)

- Scores range from 200 to 800 points
- “Reasoning” based questions
- Cost: **\$46; \$60 with essay**  
**Plus \$21 - \$26**  
**for each subject test**

*\*subject to change*

*Fee waivers available*

## Five Parts:

1. English
2. Mathematics
3. Reading
4. Science Reasoning
5. **Writing (Optional)**

- Writing Section is mandatory for UC Campuses
- Scores range from 1 to 36
- Cost w/out Writing: **\$46**
- Cost w/ Writing: **\$62.50**

*Fee waivers available*



HOW AM I GOING TO PAY FOR THIS?

THINK YOU CAN'T  
AFFORD US?

*Think again...*



# Types of Financial Aid

## ▪ Gift Aid

- Grants: **Free money!**
- Scholarships: **Free money!**

## ▪ Self-help Aid

- Work-study: **Part-time job**
- Loans: **Must be paid back**



**Financial Aid is any money given, paid or loaned to help pay for education.**

# FAFSA on the Web's Homepage

## www.fafsa.gov

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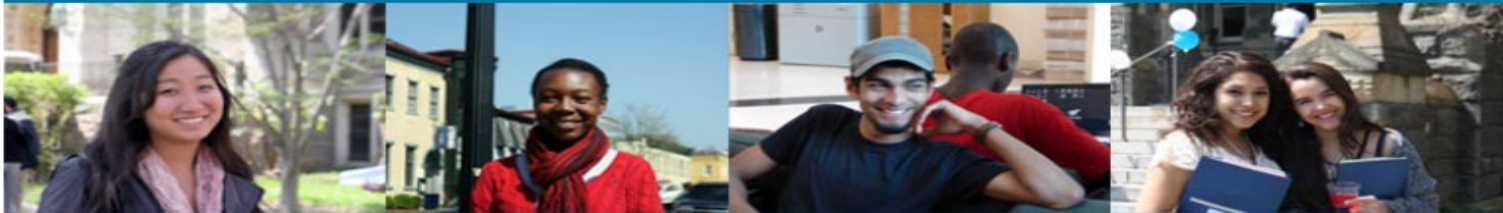
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## Get help paying for college

Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)



### New to the FAFSA?

Start A New  
FAFSA

### Returning User?

- Make a correction
- Add a school
- View your Student Aid Report (SAR), and more...

Login

### Deadlines

Information about your deadlines.

### School Code Search

Find your college's school code. Also find detailed information about your college.

### FAFSA Filing Options

Learn about the other options for filing your FAFSA.

### Announcements

- Use the [IRS Data Retrieval Tool](#) to update your FAFSA with IRS tax return information.

If you have already submitted a FAFSA and would like to use the Tool, click **Login** to start a correction. Once in the FAFSA, navigate to the "Finances" section where the

### Thinking About College?



Use *FAFSA4caster* to see how federal student aid can help you pay for college!



# California Dream Act

## [Caldreamact.org](http://Caldreamact.org)



California  
Student Aid Commission

[Home](#) | [CA.GOV](#) | [CSAC.CA.GOV](#) | [Privacy Policy](#) | [Help](#)

California Dream Act Application...



### ★ Let's get started! What is the purpose of your visit?

Before starting the application, dependent students should have their parents' financial information ready. To determine what questions you and your parents may have to enter, please look at the [Dream Application Worksheet](#). We will only use parent information if we determine you to be a dependent.

#### ➔ New California Dream Act Application

Select this option if you:

- Have never filed a California Dream Application
- Want to start a new California Dream Application
- Are ready to get started

➔ Start a Dream Application

#### ➔ Provide a Parent Signature

Select this option if you:

- Need to request Parent PIN
- Forgot your Parent PIN
- Need to sign your child's application

➔ Sign a Student Application

#### ➔ California Dream Act Application Login

Select this option if you want to:

- Continue or renew your CA Dream Application
- Update or correct current CA Dream Application
- View your Student Aid Report (SAR) and more...

➔ Retrieve My Application



# Financial Aid for Specific Populations

- **Middle Class Scholarship**, new since 2014-15: [www.csac.ca.gov](http://www.csac.ca.gov)
- Foster Youth: **Chafee Grant** ~ up to \$5000 [www.chafee.csac.ca.gov](http://www.chafee.csac.ca.gov)
- Athletes: [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net)
- Students with dependents: **EOP&S/CARE** and CalWORKs
- Students with **disabilities**: [www.heath.gwu.edu](http://www.heath.gwu.edu)
- **Military** and their dependents: [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov)
- **AB540** Students: California Dream Act: [www.caldreamact.org](http://www.caldreamact.org)
- Early Childhood Education/Child Development: [www.csac.ca.gov](http://www.csac.ca.gov)
- **Teachers**: Cal Grant A & B Extended Benefits: [www.calgrants.org](http://www.calgrants.org)
  - In addition to grants, **Loan Forgiveness**: [www.teachforamerica.org](http://www.teachforamerica.org)
- **Health Occupations**-Scholarships & Loan Repayment: [www.healthprofessions.ca.gov](http://www.healthprofessions.ca.gov)



# How To Help Your Student

1. **Communicate with your son/daughter** – make sure they are maintaining their well-being and their grades. Lack of sleep and stress can be very detrimental to your student.
2. **Communicate with teachers and counselors** – see how your child is doing and what they need to be doing throughout high school.
3. **Discuss and be supportive of your students' future goals**- 4 year college isn't for everyone, and many careers do not require a 4 year education.

4. **Make sure your student is getting involved in extracurriculars (sports, clubs, work, community service, etc.)**- Colleges want to see that students are doing more than just focusing on academics.

5. **Take your student to visit potential campuses and college fairs** – it is assuring to parents and students to see and experience the campus. You will want to start this at least by your students' junior year.



# Important Tips



- Tour the campuses you are interested in.
- Begin compiling a list of scholarships.
- Attend college fairs and parent nights.
- Contact college/university representatives.
- Keep options open.
- Take the SAT's/ACT early
- Meet deadlines
- Track your students progress on School Loop
- Create a professional email account for college correspondence

**PARENTS AND STUDENTS SHOULD TALK ABOUT EVERYTHING!**

# Naviance is here! Use it!

- Naviance is a powerful counseling tool that includes career & college information
- Students create 4 year plans through Naviance
- Students will even apply to colleges using Naviance in the future
- Parents and students can view course history using Naviance
- Naviance will be your one stop shop for college and career research/resources



# Naviance Login

- Go to: <https://student.naviance.com/ph>  
(school “initials”)
  - Username is the beginning of your district email address (last name + first name + last 4 of your PH ID)
    - (e.g. DoeJane1234)
  - Password is your 8-digit PHHS ID number
    - (e.g. 71583268)

# NCAA

\* Get registered as a Junior so colleges can scout you and you can make sure you are eligible with your grades



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### NCAA

Students who plan to participate in college athletics will need to register with the [NCAA Clearinghouse](#) during their junior year. Although they are a close match, the NCAA requirements are not exactly the same as the CSU/UC requirements. Students need to review the requirements for the division in which they plan to participate closely in order to ensure that they are meeting all requirements and deadlines. Counselors are available to assist. The specific requirements and the list of approved Piedmont Hills courses can be found on the clearinghouse website above.

- [NCAA Quick Reference Guide](#)
- [List of approved PH Courses \(use CEEB code 051976\)](#)

#### **GUIDANCE**

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[Course Catalog](#)

[Financial Aid/Scholarships](#)

[Graduation Requirements](#)

[NCAA](#)

# Thank You!

