

## COLLEGE APPLICATION INFORMATION for SENIORS

1. **UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA (UC)** applications must be e-mailed between November 1 and November 30, 2009, for Fall 2010 admission. Students are encouraged to attend a UC application workshop during a study session. Supplemental materials will be provided. The UC application is also an application for housing and scholarships. To apply to UC campuses on line, go to: [www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply) - the application will be posted in early October.

***Do not send a high school transcript to UC unless a campus requests one!***

2. **CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY (CSU)** applications may be submitted\* as early as October 1, 2009, for Fall 2010 admission. Apply to Cal State campuses by **November 30, 2009**. **Many CSU campuses are impacted, and will be selective:** Cal Poly - San Luis Obispo, Cal Poly - Pomona, Chico, Fresno, Fullerton, Long Beach, Northridge, San Diego, San Jose, San Marcos, and Sonoma. Any student applying to Northridge or San Marcos from outside their local service areas must have at least a 3.0 GPA to be considered. ***Only Cal State East Bay and San Francisco State will guarantee admission to all clearly eligible applicants from NHS.***

Attend a CSU application workshop in October to obtain Northgate-specific information for completing the “self-reported transcript.”

***Your CSU application is not an application for housing.*** Review housing information posted at each CSU campus web site in **October**, prior to submitting an application for admission. Many campuses have limited housing, which may be assigned on a first come, first served basis or by lottery, starting in October for Fall 2010. Housing contracts are generally posted at campus web sites, and must be signed and submitted with a small deposit by each campus’ deadline.

\* To apply to CSU campuses on line, go to: [www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu)

3. **PRIVATE COLLEGES** have many different deadlines. Most college websites now allow you to download an application or apply on-line. The ***Common Application*** (available at: [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)) is accepted by 391 colleges and universities across the country. If you plan to apply ***Early Decision*** or ***Early Action***, get started ***now!*** ***Required forms must be submitted to the College & Career Center a full three weeks before the application deadline. Forms may be submitted during Lunch, a free or TA period, or at 3:05PM.***

***All seniors applying to private colleges and/or out-of-state public universities that require recommendations (University of Michigan, for example) must attend a mandatory application workshop. Sign-up on the bright pink clipboard in the College & Career Center.***

4. **CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES (DVC/LMC)** offer vocational, college transfer, and personal interest courses. You may work towards an *Associate* degree, or take a two-year program of study that will fulfill general education requirements at the four-year college you plan to transfer to. Shorter programs of study in vocational areas are also offered. Applications to California community colleges are submitted in the ***spring of the senior year***. DVC applications will be available in March, followed by required placement tests in late March or early April, and Orientation at DVC in May. Students who hope to transfer to a 4-year college prior to the junior year in college are advised to take the SAT or the ACT during high school.

***New Flash:*** San Diego State and Long Beach State will be giving priority to transfer students attending their local community colleges.

## 5. **TESTS REQUIRED FOR ADMISSION BY CALIFORNIA COLLEGES:**

- a) **University of California** - SAT *or* ACT plus Writing, and two **SAT Subject Tests**. Subject tests are available in Math (level 2), Literature, Foreign Language, History, and Science. You may take more than 2 subject tests; UC will use the highest scores from 2 *different* subject areas. The Math 1 test is no longer accepted by UC to meet the subject test requirement. You may take as many as 3 SAT Subject Tests on an SAT Saturday, but not all Subject Tests are offered on every SAT test date, so plan ahead. ***Testing for UC must be completed by the December, 2009 test dates.***
- b) **California State University** - SAT *or* ACT, **with or without a writing test**. The ACT is preferred by Cal Poly-SLO. Complete testing by **October** test dates for Early Decision at Cal Poly-S LO; complete testing in **November** for impacted CSU campuses (see item #2). December scores may or may not arrive in time to be considered.
- c) **Community Colleges** - **Placement tests** in math, English and writing are required. Testing takes place at NHS in the spring, on a Thursday afternoon from 2:00 – 4:30 PM.
- d) **Private Colleges** - most require **SAT *or* ACT scores**. Look-up requirements and application deadlines at the college's admissions web site. Competitive private colleges may also require 1, 2 or 3 **SAT Subject Tests**.

Register early (at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) or [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) ) to assure that you are assigned to the test center of your choice (NHS is not a test center). ***The NHS code is 050-666.*** Stop by the *College & Career Center* for information about Stand-by (late, late) registration.

6. **SAT AND ACT SCORE REPORTS:** **must be official.** Colleges that require SAT or ACT scores will not accept a photocopy of your score report, or the scores you write on your application, as official score reports. If you list a college as a “score recipient” when you register for the SAT or ACT, that college will receive an official score report. After the test date, official score reports can be ordered by phone or at: [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) or [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) . A \$10 service charge is applied to score reports requested by phone, but not on-line. Students who completed testing prior to the senior year may need to send additional score reports to University of California campuses in the fall; some UC campuses purge all scores from their computers at the end of each school year.

If you are applying on-line to more than one California State University campus you may list CSU Mentor (code # 3594) as a score recipient when you register for the SAT. Your scores will be sent to all CSU campuses applied to via [www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu).

7. **LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:** are ***NOT*** submitted for admission to the University of California or California State University campuses; however, they may be required by private colleges, or for appeals (of rejections), supplementary applications, and scholarship applications.

8. **TRANSCRIPTS:** may be required when applying to college. Obtain a ***Transcript Request Form*** from the *College & Career Center* or *Registrar's Office*, and submit your request ***3 weeks prior to the application deadline.*** Transcripts will be submitted to ***Common Application*** colleges electronically, but will be mailed to other campuses, so please provide a stamped envelope addressed to the college's admissions office, no return address. UC campuses ***rarely*** request a transcript, but many CSU campuses, and all out-of-state public universities, do. Except for ***CSU Channel Islands***, wait to send transcripts to CSU campuses until they are requested. Some campuses will want a transcript in February, after completion of the 7<sup>th</sup> semester.