



JUNIOR NIGHT

REGISTRATION AND THE COLLEGE PROCESS



TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

- High School Academics
- Standardized Testing
- College Research & Planning
- Application Process & Components

CLASS REGISTRATION

5 REQUIRED courses

- English 12
- Math
- Science
- US Government
- Religion 12

Possibly Needed

- PE
- Fine art
- Elective
- Consider third/fourth year of foreign language

REGISTRATION (CONT.)

- Register for senior year classes in February
- Colleges see junior year grades when initial transcript is sent with application
- This is the **most important year** – keep academic momentum rolling
- Try to remain in chosen classes for the full year

PSAT RESULTS

- <http://studentscores.collegeboard.org>
- Results posted to College Board website December 9
- Sign in with existing College Board username/password
 - If student cannot remember account information, do not create a new account
 - Obtain log in information by calling 1-866-315-6068
- If site requires access code, please email your counselor.
- Paper scores will be distributed in classes after Christmas break.

STANDARDIZED TESTING

- SAT
 - **Mandatory for all juniors Wednesday, March 4, 2020**
 - May waive out of test day by providing proof of ACT or SAT registration or scores to your counselor by December 13, 2019
- ACT or SAT?
 - Most 4-year colleges require either
 - Decide on which best fits your style
 - If you decide to retake the test, have a goal in mind for a benchmark and take an active approach to test prep

SAT SUBJECT TESTS

- Test knowledge in a specific subject area
- RECOMMENDATION: Take the test *immediately* after completing the course
- Not all students will need to take these tests
 - Required for some highly selective schools (e.g., Ivy League)
 - Recommended for specific majors at some schools

Literature	Physics
Biology (Ecological)	Math Level 1 or Level 2
Biology (Molecular)	United States History
Chemistry	World History
Languages (<i>reading only</i>) French, German, Italian, Latin, Modern Hebrew, Spanish	
Languages (<i>with listening</i>) Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Spanish	

RESEARCHING COLLEGE OPTIONS

- Research colleges of interest → make a list, narrow it down
- Include family members in the process
- Consider college visits
- Evaluate available finances before finalizing college list
- **RECOMMENDATION:**
 - Share your list of 5-7 schools of interest with your college counselor
 - Finalize list by start of senior year

STANFORD IS MY DREAM SCHOOL...

- Create a **BALANCED** list, with other schools you are also excited about!
- Academics are very important, but don't focus solely on academics. Find a way to set yourself apart.

School Type	Description
Highly selective	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Less than 10% of applicants admitted
Reach	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Less than 25% of applicants admitted OR• Below average GPA, md-50% test score range OR• Financial reach for family
Realistic	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fit profile of admitted students
Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• KNOW that you will be admitted (<u>Example</u>: UNR publishes their admission criteria online)

QUALITIES TO CONSIDER

- Type
- Size
- Location
- Academic offerings
- Cost/availability of aid
- Academic environment
- Religious affiliation
- Ethnicity/Diversity
- Co-education/single sex
- Student body characteristics
- Student life
- Activities
- Admission difficulty

RESEARCHING SCHOOLS

- Books (e.g., Fiske Guide to Colleges)
- Individual school websites (e.g., UO: admissions.uoregon.edu)
- Large online databases (e.g., Big Future: bigfuture.collegeboard.org)
- Online financial aid tools
- College rep lunch visits
- Campus visits (in person or online)
- Teachers, family, friends, others (e.g., www.unigo.com)

CAMPUS VISITS

- Ideal time to visit is a weekday during the school year (fall break, spring break)
- Opportunities to explore: campus tours, information session, overnight stay with a student, sit in on a class, eat in the dining hall
 - Check on availability through the school admissions website
- Pick up a campus newspaper
- Virtual campus tours (e.g., YouVisit)

JUNIOR COLLEGE

- Do you need a minimum GPA to apply? **NO**
- Do you need a minimum ACT/SAT score? **NO**
 - No, but these scores can be used for class placement
 - Alternative: Some schools offer the ACCUPLACER (not timed)
- Can you get financial aid to attend a 2-year school? **YES**
 - Complete the FAFSA to apply for federal aid
 - Millennium still pays towards 2-year school (NV schools only)
 - NV Promise – free to TMCC (<http://nvpromise.tmcc.edu>)

JUNIOR COLLEGE: TRANSFER

- Can you transfer to a 4-year school? YES
 - All 2-year schools have an office on campus to help with transfers
 - UNR: Complete at least 24 units; associates degree accepted as junior
 - CA: Complete 60 units (~2 years)

REQUIREMENTS: UNR

- Minimum GPA 3.0 (core weighted GPA)
- 1120 SAT (EBRW/math only) or 22 ACT (composite) waive the core GPA requirement
- Must take ACT or SAT for class placement
 - Entry-level English: 21 ACT or 480 SAT (EBRW)
 - Entry-level math: 22 ACT or 530 SAT
- BMCHS academic pathway fulfills the required high school coursework

MILLENNIUM SCHOLARSHIP

- Students DO NOT need to apply for this scholarship
- Must have a 3.25 GPA (any) or 21 ACT
 - ALL courses, not just core
- Be a Nevada resident at least 2 years of high school
- **IMPORTANT:** There may be changes to Millennium eligibility after each legislative session

UNIV. OF CALIFORNIA

- Minimum GPA for CA residents: 3.0
- Minimum GPA for non-CA residents: 3.4
- No grades lower than a C
- Self-report grades (BMCHS does NOT send a transcript)
- Scores from a single sitting (SAT/ACT) are used
- No SAT Subject Test requirements for application process, but recommended for some majors at some campuses
- No letters of recommendation (exception: Berkeley may request)

SERVICE ACADEMIES

- Application process, beginning with a preliminary application, STARTS SOON (Dec/Jan)
 - RECOMMENDATION: Apply for the Summer Seminar program (West Point, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard)
- More steps involved in this application process
 - Physical Assessment
 - Meeting/interview with academy liaison
 - Nomination by Congressional Representative or US Senator

NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER

- Register with the NCAA Eligibility Center
 - <http://www.eligibilitycenter.org>
 - DI/DII: must have account before official visits
 - DIII/undecided: not required, can always change type of account
- Required components
 - Completed online account, pay fee (\$90)
 - HS Transcript: is automatically sent at the end of junior year for all students.
 - ACT/SAT scores: Send through testing agency (college code: 9999)

APPLICATION PROCESS

- We recommend about 5 applications, if you are looking out-of-state
- Only apply to colleges you would/can attend if accepted
- Start thinking about letters of recommendation in spring; request in fall
 - Teachers/Counselor

FINAL THOUGHTS

- Start early
- Lots of variation in this process; stay organized!
- Clean-up your social media profile; set up permissions
- Get a professional email address
- Find your fit; worry about *yourself* and what works for *you*
- Researching colleges and deciding where to apply/attend is the **student's** process

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