
Back to School Night

Class of 2017

— Senior Edition —

Agenda

From 5:30 - 6:00, you'll get to meet and hear from the college counselors about

- Applications
- CAASPP & EAP
- Deadlines
- Financial Aid
- Upcoming FAFSA Night

Then, from 6:00 - 6:10, Learn about other senior year activities, such as

- Graduation prep
- Senior portraits
- Prom
- PE Hours & CS Hours - how to log
- Communication: Senior Parent Remind code, mailings home, google classroom for senior events

What are seniors working on this semester?

☐ **Finalized College Lists**

- ☐ Likely, Target & Reach Colleges

☐ **Retake SAT or ACT to increase scores**

☐ **College Visits**

- ☐ On their own (Weekends, Challenge Week!), here at Gateway, college fairs
- ☐ Considering “fit”
- ☐ Connecting to Admissions Counselors

☐ **UC Personal Insight Questions, Private & Out-of-State Public College Essays, EOP Essays, Scholarship Essays**

- ☐ Lots and lots of revisions!

☐ **Applications!**

- ☐ Completed applications are reviewed by college counselors to make sure everything is correctly done.

What are seniors working on this semester?

☐ **FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)**

- ☐ Opens October 1 for 2017-2018 school year
- ☐ Use your most recent tax return info (2016)
- ☐ Students will start in college counseling class

☐ **FAFSA Night at Gateway on Thursday, November 3**

- ☐ Financial Aid overview presentation
- ☐ Get assistance and submit the FAFSA that night!
- ☐ FAFSA is due by March 2nd for the CalGrant (more info on FAFSA Night!)
 - ☐ Students will get CalGrant notification earlier if they submit the FAFSA earlier

College Eligibility

What does it take to be eligible for a four-year college?

Lots of different criteria, depending on the institution.

California State University System

- Checklist: a - g approved courses for 9th - 12th grades
- GPA is calculated using **10th & 11th grade *weighted* grades**
- Admission based on:
 - GPA
 - Test Scores (SAT or ACT)



CSU Eligibility

- 3.0+ GPA = admission to non-impacted campuses & non-impacted majors (with any ACT/SAT score)
- 2.0 - 2.99 GPA = admission to non-impacted campus/major with corresponding SAT or ACT score

[CSU Eligibility Chart for 2.0 - 2.99](#)

- Impacted campuses and majors have higher admissions criteria

[CSU Impacted Majors & Campuses](#)

CAASPP & EAP

- Determines college-level math and English eligibility for CSUs
- Letter home
- College Counselors will meet individually with each student about their scores within next 2 weeks

EAP Math & English Results

- **Standard Exceeded:** Ready for Mathematics or English college-level coursework.
- **Standard Met:** Conditionally Ready for Mathematics or English college-level coursework. Senior year coursework required.
- **Standard Nearly Met:** Not yet demonstrating readiness for Mathematics or English college-level coursework. Placement test required.
- **Standard Not Met:** Not demonstrating readiness for Mathematics or English college-level coursework. Placement test required.

University of California System



- Checklist: a - g approved courses for 9th - 12th grades
- GPA is calculated using **10th & 11th grade *weighted* grades**
- Admission based on:
 - GPA
 - Test Scores (SAT, ACT, Subject Tests)
 - Personal Statement
 - Activities List
- Comprehensive/Holistic Review

UC Admissions

- 3.0+ GPA = *eligible* to apply
- Remember, being eligible does NOT equal admission!

[Fall 2016 Freshman Admissions Data](#)

UC & CSU Deadlines

- **University of California & California State University** systems have earliest regular decision deadline in the country: **due November 30**
 - Right after Thanksgiving
 - CSU apps (no essay) should be completed by end of October/early November
 - UC apps should be completed by November 14, so we have time to catch mistakes
 - Don't wait until last minute!
- **Scholarship deadlines vary:** now through May
 - Institutional scholarships
 - External scholarships

Private & Out-of-State Public Colleges

- Every out-of-state public college/university can have **different admissions criteria**
- **Applications due January - February** for regular decision (some through April or even later)
- Most use the Common Application
- Others use their own application
 - **grades (9 - 11 or 10 - 11; weighted or unweighted)**
 - **test scores (SAT, ACT, Subject Tests)**
 - **essay(s)**
 - **activities**
 - **letters of recommendation**

Application Fees

- **\$55** for each California State University application
- **\$70** for each University of California application
- **\$0 - \$100** for Private and Out-of-State Public Colleges
- **\$0** for Community Colleges
- Fee waivers:
 - CSUs
 - College Board: UCs & any Common App colleges
 - Individually emailed codes
- Sending SAT & ACT scores:
 - 4 free colleges when registering for the tests
 - **SAT: \$11.25** per additional college
 - **ACT: \$12.00** per additional college

Community Colleges

- Apply in the Spring Semester (but can begin planning now)
- Take placement tests at the Community College
- Sign up for enrollment counseling/orientation at the Community College
- We will meet with students in the spring to review steps and discuss transfer options

What about senior year grades?

- Usually 4-year college admissions decisions are based on grades through 11th grade.
 - If a student is on the borderline of being accepted or denied, 1st semester of 12th grade is extremely important.
- Colleges will look for students to *maintain or improve* their grades during senior year.
 - Colleges will rescind the acceptance if senior year grades drop significantly.
- We send:
 - Mid-Year Report (1st semester of 12th grade) (*if college requests it*)
 - Final Transcript (all 4 years of high school) (*required by all colleges*)

Questions?

Come to the College Counseling classroom upstairs (113A) during your student's scheduled block tonight.

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Class of 2017 Events Overview

Here are some events and opportunities that will occur this year:

- Senior Portraits on campus (see handout)
- Prom
- Grad Nite
- Graduation Prep
- Community Service Opportunities and how to log hours
- PE Hours/credits

Community Service & PE Hours Overview

- **Community Service:** Seniors need 100 hours of Community Service by the time they graduate. (Handout provided on how to log hours).
- **PE Hours:** All students need at least 240 hours total by graduation time. PE hours can be logged on a handout, available here for you to pick up.
- **Communication with Parents:** Please join our Remind text group (Ms. Clobucker will communicate via Remind all upcoming events, important dates, & other info specifically for the Class of 2017)! Enter this #: 81010 and text this message to join: @46dcbc

EAP Math Results

- ❖ **Standard Exceeded** : Ready for Mathematics college-level coursework.
 - *You are ready to enroll in **for-credit** math courses at the CSU.*

- ❖ **Standard Met**: Conditionally Ready for Mathematics college-level coursework.
 - *You must continue your preparation in the 12th grade by taking **Pre-Calculus or AP Calculus** and earn a grade of “C” or better. If you do not take one of these courses and pass with a “C”, you will be required to participate in the **CSU’s Early Start Program**, unless exemption was met through another pathway.*

EAP Math Results continued...

- **Standard Nearly Met:** Not yet demonstrating readiness for Mathematics college-level coursework.
 - a. *you do not yet have sufficiently strong skills to succeed in many required college courses. You **must take the ELM (Entry Level Math) Exam.*** *
- **Standard Not Met:** Not demonstrating readiness for Mathematics college-level coursework.
 - a. *you do not have sufficiently strong skills to succeed in many required college courses. You **must take the ELM (Entry Level Math) exam.*** *

* OR meet one of the exemptions.

EAP English Results

- **Standard Exceeded:** Ready for English college-level coursework.
 - a. *You are ready to enroll in **for-credit** English courses at the CSU.*

- **Standard Met:** Conditionally Ready for English college-level coursework.
 - a. *You must continue your preparation in the 12th grade by taking an approved English course (**EWRC or AP English**) and earn a grade of “C” or better.*

EAP English Results continued...

- **Standard Nearly Met:** Not yet demonstrating readiness for English college-level coursework.
 - a. *You do not yet have sufficiently strong skills to succeed in many required college courses. You **must take the EPT exam (English Placement Test).****
- **Standard Not Met:** Not demonstrating readiness for English college-level coursework.
 - a. *You do not have sufficiently strong skills to succeed in many required college courses. You **must take the EPT exam (English Placement Test).****

* OR meet one of the exemptions.