

COLLEGE APPLICATION OVERVIEW

California Community Colleges:

- No SAT/ACT required
- Transfer to a four year school upon completion of 54-60 units
- Priority application period in Feb-April of senior year

California State University: Cal State Apply www.calstate.edu/apply

- Apply online Oct.1-Nov. 30 of senior year
- Admission Index based on “A-G” GPA and test scores
- SAT Reasoning Test or ACT required
- No transcript, essay, or recommendations required with application

University of California: www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply

- Apply online November 1-30 of senior year; admission notification in March
- SAT Reasoning Test or ACT with Writing required
- Eligibility based on GPA in A-G requirements and test score index
- Selective admission based on Comprehensive Review
- Review includes extracurricular activities, essays, and honors/awards
- No transcript or recommendations required with application

Private Colleges and Universities:

- Check individual admission requirements
- SAT or ACT usually required; SAT Subject Tests may be required
- Most require essays, recommendations, and a transcript
- Include extracurricular activities and honors/awards
- Many have Early Decision or Early Action application option in Oct –Nov of Senior year
- Regular Decision applications due Dec –Feb 1 of senior year
- Many accept the Common Application: www.commonapp.org

Out-of-State Public Colleges and Universities:

- SAT Reasoning Test or ACT (with Writing) usually required
- May require essay(s) and a counselor recommendation
- Official transcript is usually required with the application
- Many have rolling admission policies

Testing

- Pick SAT www.collegeboard.org or ACT www.actstudent.org
- Take tests in spring of junior year and/or fall of senior year. Finish all tests by December of senior year.
- Send score reports to colleges you applied to