

Class of 2025 College Night For Parents



Hang on
everybody,
here we go!



Tonight's Agenda



Prayer for the Vanellopes

Overview of College Applications

Options for Applying

Admissions Outcomes

Standardized Testing

**Letters of Recommendation and
Transcripts**

Paying for College / FAFSA

Q&A



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College Advising for Vanellopes

- **Mandatory Senior Advisory on Friday, August 23, 8:00 am**
- **College Application Workshops at late start and lunchtime**
- **ELEDEF: lunch time drop-in application assistance**
- **Assistance with college essays and UC PIQs**
- **Troubie College Week**
- **College Reps and College Fairs (JET Tour Sept 12; Private High Schools College Fair Sept 25)**
- **Appointments with College Advisors**
- **College Notes email**

UC

UC Application: Opens August 1, can submit October 1 through November 30

- Requires 4 350-word Personal Insight Questions
- No letters of recommendation required or allowed
- No transcript required
- \$80 application fee per campus (fee waiver embedded in application)

One application for all UC campuses: UC Berkeley, UC Davis, UC Irvine, UCLA, UC Merced, UC Riverside, UC San Diego, UC Santa Barbara, UC Santa Cruz.

CSU

California State University Application: Opens October 1 due by November 30

- **No essay or Personal Insight Questions**
- **No letters of recommendation required or allowed**
- **No transcript required**
- **\$70 application fee per campus (fee waiver embedded in application)**

One application for all 23 California State University campuses: Sacramento State, Sonoma State, San Diego State, Cal State Monterey Bay, etc. You complete the work once and submit separately to each campus.

The Common Application

Common Application: Opened August 1

Many Early Action deadlines will be October 15 or November 1. Most Regular Decision deadlines are in January.

- Most colleges require 650-word essay (use the same essay for all colleges)
- Many colleges have additional supplemental questions, short answers, essays
- Letters of recommendation required for most colleges (1 counselor (College Advisor) & 1- 2 teachers)

Requests for Early Action recommendations due Friday, September 13

- Transcript submitted by College Advisor via the School Report
- Application fees range from \$0 to \$100 (fee waiver request in application)

This is the application students will use for most private colleges and universities as well as some out-of-state public schools like Arizona State and University of Arizona as well as Oregon State and University of Oregon, and University of Washington.

HBCUs

Common Black College Application: Application is Open!

Apply to 66 HBCUs for \$20 (student can identify top 4 colleges)

- Many colleges require an essay
- Many colleges have additional supplemental requirements
- Transcript submitted by College Advisor directly to the CBCA website

This is the application students can use for many HBCUs. Several HBCUs, however, use Common Application or their own Campus-Specific Application.

Campus-Specific Applications

- Available on college's website
- Requirements for essays, transcripts, letters of recommendation vary
- Application fees and deadlines vary
- Transcripts typically sent through U.S. mail

California Community College

- Admission Requirement: High School Graduate or 18 year old.
- No grade point average, test score or essay required
- No letters of recommendation required or allowed
- No application fee
- Many TAGs (Transfer Admission Guarantee) and ADTs (Associate Degree for Transfer) available
- Transfers from CCC receive priority admission at UCs and CSUs
- Some CCC's offer Bachelor's degrees (ex: Industrial Automation at Bakersfield; Respiratory Care and Dental Hygiene at several campus) CCC Bachelor's Degrees

Go to CCApply.org in January to apply to any California Community College.

Options for Applying

- Regular Decision
- Rolling Admission
- Early Action
- Early Decision 1 & 2
- Restrictive/Single Choice Early Action

Students who wish to apply Early must invite their College Advisor and Teacher/s to their Common Application no later than Friday, September 13

Where Should She Apply?

Yes Yes Yes!

Student will very likely be admitted, the school is affordable, student will love to attend!

Target

Student fits the admissions profile (see college website)

Several applications should fit this category

Reach

Any school that accepts less than 50% of applicants

Financial reach

Any school that exceeds a student's academic profile

Tip: *Apply broadly to a range of schools with different academic profiles, cost, and locations.*

What is a Lottery School?

Regardless of a student's academic profile, the *most selective* schools in the United States are what we consider to be "lottery schools."

Examples: All UCs except UC Riverside and UC Merced, Ivy League Schools, Stanford, Vanderbilt, Georgetown, Johns Hopkins, University of Chicago, MIT, Cal Tech

"You can't win if you don't play!"

After Applying....

- **Activate each college's campus-specific portal and check it on a regular basis**
- **Check your U.S. mail for college information**
- **Check email regularly; take action when necessary (ex: SRAR)**
- **Confirm financial aid and housing deadlines and apply on time**
- **Continue to visit college and universities if possible**

What to Expect: Admission Outcomes

- Admitted!!!
- Deferred (for Early Action/Early Decision applicants)
 - Some colleges require students to “opt in” to be considered
- Spring Semester Admit
- Waitlisted
- Denied

National College Signing Day is May 1st! Students will submit a Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) on or by this day to one college.

SAT/ACT Testing

- UC and CSU are Test Free indefinitely - will not consider SAT/ACT scores for admission
- Most other colleges are Test Free or Test Optional. Over 1,800 colleges are Test Optional; over 80 are Test Free
- Test Optional schools will not penalize students who choose not to submit test scores
- Some schools DO require SAT/ACT: UTK, UGA, MIT, Georgetown, Harvard
- Keep updated by checking college websites and [Fairtest.org](https://www.fairtest.org)

NOTE: Some campuses DO NOT require test scores for admission, but DO require test scores for scholarships

SAT/ACT Testing Opportunities

- School Day SAT - Friday, October 11
- School Day ACT - Tuesday, October 15
- Virtual Practice ACT or SAT - Saturday, August 24, 9:00 am - 12:00 or 1:00
- Other testing opportunities available on national testing days; students register at College Board or ACT websites

Letters of Recommendation

Common App: Many colleges and universities require letters of recommendation

- 1 Counselor recommendation & 1 Teacher recommendation is typical

UC: No letter of recommendation unless specifically requested by campus

CSU: No letter of recommendation unless specifically requested by campus

Campus-Specific Applications: Recommendation requirements vary by college

Please submit the Letter of Recommendation Packet and Parent Brag Sheet by August 16 or as soon as possible

Letter of Recommendation Process for Early Action/Decision

Many colleges and universities require a letter of recommendation from a Counselor (College Advisor)

- **Turn in the Letter of Recommendation Packet** and Parent Brag Sheet by August 16 or as soon as possible
- **Invite College Advisor through Common App** or other application platform by September 13
- **Make an appointment with College Advisor** for the week of September 16 - 19 (or earlier if possible)

Transcripts

Common App: Transcripts are electronically uploaded by the College Advisor
(School Report = Transcript)

UC: No Transcripts required at this time. Grades are self-reported.

CSU: No Transcripts required at this time. Grades are self-reported.

Campus-Specific Applications: Some allow student to enter College Advisor's email address; transcript is emailed.

OR

Use Google Form for paper transcripts/U.S. Mail

Please do not request transcripts for college via Naviance or the SF Website.

Paying for College

- Have you had an honest conversation about paying for college?
- Do you know how much college costs? Costs are on the rise.
- Financial aid is available for those who qualify - don't assume you don't qualify.
- FAFSA - December 1 projected availability for 2025-2026 FAFSA (studentaid.gov)
- CSS Profile - required by some colleges (College Board product)
- **Check the website of every college on your daughter's list to determine what they require and the deadlines.**
- Want more info? - **Virtual Financial Aid Webinar** (date and time TBD)
- Want an estimate? Check:
 - Federal Student Aid Estimator
 - Net Price Calculator on each college's website
 - Search it up! (but many are not updated)

Scholarships

- The vast majority of scholarships come directly from the colleges and universities to which our students apply
 - Merit Scholarships
 - Athletic Scholarships
 - Talent/Major Interest Scholarships
 - Need-Based Scholarships
- Check each college's website for scholarship information
 - Do they require a separate application?
- Western Undergraduate Exchange Scholarships
- Scholarships from Private Companies/Organizations

Income Questions on UC/CSU Applications

- UC and CSU applications are trying to determine if your daughter qualifies for a fee waiver
 - If she DOES qualify, she can apply to 4 campuses for free
- The UC question is NOT REQUIRED; it can be skipped
- The CSU question IS REQUIRED but you can list 999,999 if you don't want to include your actual income

Class of 2024

Where are they now?

UC 40 students	CSU 38 students	Calif Private 23 students
Community College 24 students	Out-of-State Private 36 students	Out-of-State Public 53 students
U.S. Naval Academy 1 student		

**Thank
You**

Q & A

