

Sophomore Student & Parent Presentation

Class of 2013

January 11, 2011

Guidance Department Restructure

- Beginning January 10, the Guidance Department is restructuring in order to best serve our students.
- One Counselor will be with an ENTIRE CLASS for ALL 4 years.
- For your class, Mrs. Greene will be your Counselor for the Class of 2013 for the next 2 ½ years.
- During your senior year you will have your class counselor (Mrs. Greene), and in addition you will have two college advisors available to you.

Overview


- Understanding Your PSAT Results
- Graduation Requirements
- College Requirements
- Choosing Classes for Next Year
- NCAA

Understanding your PSAT Results

- Scores from sophomore year are NOT sent to colleges
- You will take the PSAT again in your junior year
- Adding a '0' to the end of your score will approximate a real SAT score
 - 55 in Critical Reading =550

SF Graduation Requirements

- Theology 8 semesters
- English 8 semesters
- Foreign Language 4 semesters
- Mathematics 6 semesters
- P.E. 4 semesters
- Science 6 semesters
- Social Studies 7 semesters
- Fine Arts 2 semesters
- Health 1 semester

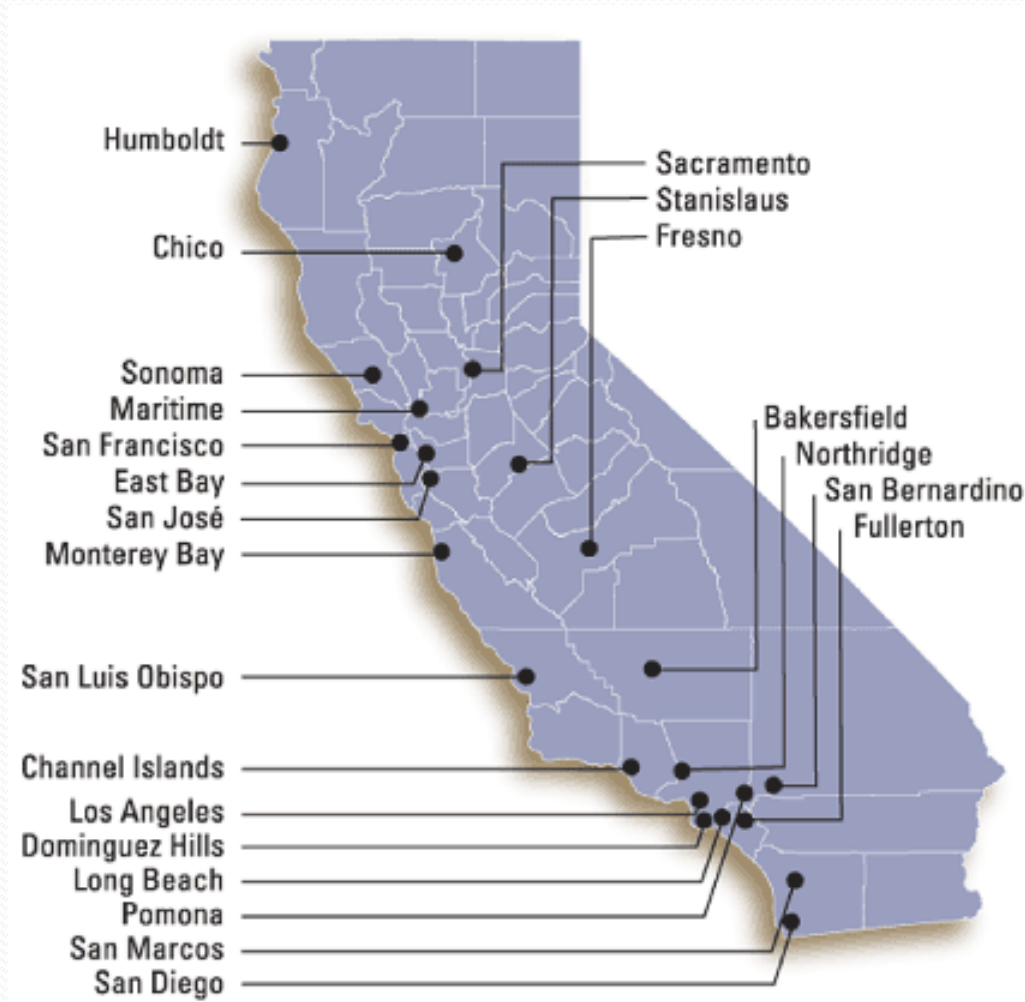


What factors
should I take
into consideration when
choosing a college?



College Requirements for CSU, UC & Private Colleges

California State Universities (CSU's)



CSU Minimum Subject Requirements

A-G Courses

A - 2 years History/Social Science

B - 4 years English

C - 3 years Math (must complete Algebra 2)
(4 recommended)

D - 2 years Lab Science
(3 recommended)

E - 2 years of the same Foreign Language
(3 recommended)

F – 1 year Visual/Performing Arts
(year-long course)

G – 1 year Elective (approved UC/CSU courses (Philosophy & World Religions) or additional courses from A-F)

CSU Eligibility

- GPA in “A-G” college preparatory courses taken in the 10th & 11th grades
- 2.0 GPA is the minimum needed to apply
- ACT or SAT Reasoning Test score
- Visit www.csumentor.edu

University of California (UC's)



UC Minimum Subject Requirements

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UC Eligibility

- 15-course pattern (A-G courses)
- Very minimum GPA is 3.0 in A-G courses taken during the 10th & 11th grades
- ACT *with* Writing or SAT
 - Beginning with Class of 2012 SAT Subject Tests will NOT be required; however, some UC majors may recommend SAT Subject Tests—check with the campus
- UC's use 14 Selection Factors including the minimum requirements called *Comprehensive Review*

Private & Out of State Colleges


- Generally the same basic requirements as CSU and UC
- Each college has its course requirements on its website
- Private colleges or majors may require two or three SAT Subject Tests
- Specific departments may have special requirements for enrollment
- Private colleges usually count all of your classes in the GPA, including 9th grade

College Testing Requirements

- SAT Reasoning
- ACT
- ACT with Writing

****All colleges will accept ACT *with* Writing or SAT Reasoning**

- SAT Subject Tests
 - UC campuses or majors may still want the Subject Tests
 - Some private colleges may require Subject Tests
 - **Check with the campuses that you're applying to**




What tools
are available to help me choose
colleges?



What Classes Should
I Take Next Year?

Typical Junior Schedule

- **Theology: Philosophy & Church History**
- **Social Studies: US History or Honors US History**
- **English: American Literature or Honors Am. Literature**
- **Math: Geometry, Algebra 2A, Algebra 2, Hon. Alg. 2, Pre-Calculus or Hon. Precalculus**
- **Foreign Language: French, Latin, Spanish or Italian**
- **Science: Chemistry, Hon. Chemistry, Physics, Anatomy & Physiology, AP Biology, AP Chemistry, Biotech, Biology II**
- **1 semester of PE or Sport**
- **Fine Arts year-long or semester course (if not already completed)**
- **Health (if not already completed)**
- **Students must have at least 6 classes, and cannot have more than 8 classes**



How necessary is it
to take
Honors and AP courses?

Honors/AP Courses that Earn One Extra Grade Point for UC/CSU GPA Calculations When You Earn a C or Better (up to 8 points)

- ALL AP Courses
- Honors American Literature
- Honors Pre-Calculus
- Honors Physics
- Honors US History
- Honors Spanish 3
- Honors French 3
- Honors Italian 4

Honors/AP courses that DO NOT Earn An Extra Grade Point for UC/CSU GPA

- Honors Biology
- Honors Chemistry
- Honors Geometry
- Honors Algebra 2
- Honors Great Books (Honors English 10)

*ALL colleges, including UC/CSU, look at rigor of courses taken

*Statewide, UC/CSU does not give the extra grade point for Honors courses created for sophomores, regardless of the year in which the student took the course.

Honors and AP Classes

- Private Colleges will give the extra grade point to ALL AP and Honors courses
- All Honors and AP classes are worth an extra grade point when calculating the St. Francis GPA
 - C= 3 points, B= 4points, A = 5 points
- Students should take the College Board AP exam. Some colleges will give you credit if you earn a high score.
- You can take up to 3 Honors/AP classes per semester

When Do I Register for Classes?

- Sophomore registration
 - 5:00PM February 11 through 5:00PM February 18
 - During this week you will choose your courses on Naviance
- After choosing your courses take the Personality Type Inventory on Naviance
- February 22 through April 1:
 - You will meet with Mrs. Greene for a pre-scheduled appointment to confirm classes and submit requested courses for scheduling

NCAA

- If you're thinking about playing a sport in college you must begin looking at NCAA Requirements:
 - Core courses
 - GPA
 - Test-Score Requirements
- www.ncaaclearinghouse.org
- www.eligibilitycenter.org

Useful Websites

- www.stfrancishs.org
- www.actstudent.org
- www.collegeboard.com
- www.csumentor.edu
- www.campustours.com
- www.eligibilitycenter.org
- www.universityofcalifornia.edu
- www.catholiccollegesonline.org
- www.losrios.edu

Trivia

- Are grades from all four years of high school used in college admissions?
- What are A-G courses?
- When do I begin applying to colleges?
- What tools can I use to search for colleges?
- Where do I register for classes for next year?

Let your Troubie days be:

Balanced & healthy with:

- Time for family
- Time for prayer
- Time for fun, learning & growth