



Exploring College Options

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PGHS: Looking Ahead

12th Grade Presentations

Activity		Presented by	
Senior Review	Individual meeting with student	Counselor	August/September
College Application: Tips and Tools for Applying	Evening presentation for parents and students	Counselor	September
Financial Aid Night	Evening presentation	Guest Speaker	October
FAFSA Evening Workshops (3 dates)	Evening workshops	Guest presenters	October - February

PGHS College and Career Center

MPC Dual Enrollment Registration Assistance (All year)

College Fair (Fall and Spring)

College Application assistance (October/November)

Mock Interviews for Seniors in English 4 classes

College Search Assistance via individual appointments, upon request.

College Representative visits (Fall)

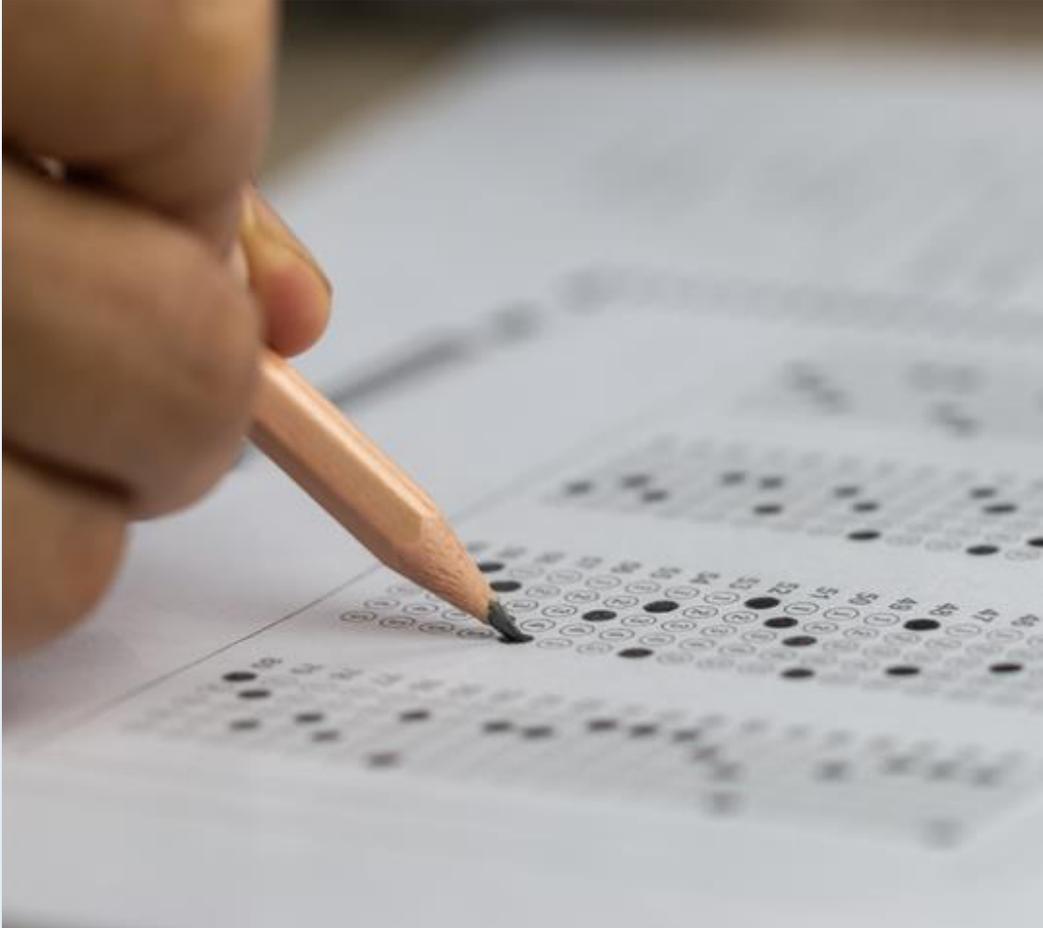
MPC Registration for Seniors (March/April)

Community Service Opportunities

Individual appointments available for students/parents at every grade level, upon request.



Class of 2024: SAT/ACT UPDATE



- UC campuses **are not** requiring SAT or ACT tests for current and future freshman admissions.
- CSU campuses **are not** requiring SAT or ACT test scores for freshman admissions.
- Some private colleges no longer require the SAT or ACT for admissions. However, others still require standardized test scores. ***Students need to check the websites of the individual private or out-of-state colleges they are interested in attending to confirm if the SAT or ACT test is considered for admission.***

Junior Year is a Good Time to take the SAT or ACT test (if needed)

To register for the SAT, go to: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register>

To register for the ACT, go to: <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/registration.html>

If test scores are required by any of the colleges you plan to apply to, consider taking the SAT or ACT test in Spring, Summer, or Early Fall. These test dates should allow your scores to be received by colleges in time for admission.

SAT Test May 6, 2023	Register by Apr 7, 2023
SAT Test Jun 3, 2023	Register by May 4, 2023

ACT Test June 10, 2023	Register by May 5, 2023
ACT Test July 15, 2023	Register by June 16, 2023

Applying to College: What Are the Options?

- California Community College
- California Public University: UC & CSU
- Private College
- Out-of-State Public University
- International Universities



California Community College

SAT or ACT scores are not used in admission.

All students with a high school diploma are accepted to any of the 116 California campuses.

Transfer program agreements are available with UC and CSU campuses.

Free tuition is available for many California residents through the ***California Promise Grant***.

<https://home.cccapply.org/en/money/california-college-promise-grant>



California Public Universities

23 CSU Campuses, 9 UC Campuses

- There are two branches of state university in California: The *University of California* system and the *California State University* system.
- One UC application covers 9 campuses; One CSU application covers all 23 campuses.
- California residents are offered an in-state tuition discount for both the UC and CSU systems.
- California residents who meet income eligibility requirements have the opportunity for need-based aid through Cal Grant when attending a UC or CSU campus.
- Admission priority is given to in-state applicants for both UC and CSU campuses.
- Our local university, CSU Monterey Bay, assigns PGHS student applicants additional priority points which gives them an advantage for CSUMB admissions over applicants from outside of Monterey County.

California Public Universities

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CSU's

Base tuition of \$5,742 plus fees for residents.

Housing costs and campus fees vary per university. Check the individual campus websites for details.

UC's

Base tuition of \$13,752 for residents.

Housing costs and campus fees vary per university. Check the individual campus websites for details.



Financial aid: Cal Grant applies to both UC's and CSU's



Private College Options

- Private colleges have a wide range of admission rates. For example, Stanford University accepts only 5% of applicants, while the University of San Francisco admits 70%. Both have an excellent reputation for graduation and job placement.
- Private universities generally give more Merit-based financial aid than public universities.
- Private colleges typically require letters of recommendation from a counselor and at least one teacher. ***UC, CSU, and most other state public universities do not require a letter of recommendation.***
- Some private colleges require the completion of an additional financial aid application, the CSS Profile, to be considered for aid.
- All private colleges are required to have a Net Price Calculator on their website which allows interested applicants to estimate the cost of attendance, including possible financial aid.

Private Colleges: For-Profit vs. Non-Profit

- **Non-Profit** universities can be either public or private. The overriding purpose of a non-profit university is to educate students. A nonprofit school reinvests a student's tuition dollars in the campus to improve programs, facilities, and faculty.
 - Public universities in all 50 states are non-profit. These institutions receive significant financial support from state and federal government bodies.
 - There are 1,660 four-year private, non-profit colleges in the United States, including those in the Ivy League and all selective colleges. Private nonprofit schools are typically funded through private endowments or grants and are not in business to make a profit.
- **For-Profit** universities are those with shareholders. The ultimate purpose of these institutions is to increase shareholder earnings. Money earned from tuition and fees are used for marketing and recruitment, as well as for increasing shareholder profit. There are 697 for-profit universities in the US, many of them online.
- In general, academic counselors and college professionals recommend **Non-Profit** institutions as providing the highest quality of education.

Out-of-State Public Universities

A student does not have to live in a particular state to be eligible for admission to its universities. There are differences, however:

- Many popular state universities have more generous admission rates than UC campuses.
- Tuition is more expensive for out-of-state applicants than their own in-state residents. There are often tuition discount options to make up for the difference.
- Public universities in other states may have different minimum admission requirements than the UC and CSU campuses.

Out-of-State Public University: Admission Requirements

Out-of-state public schools or private schools may have different admission requirements than UC or CSU campuses.

For example:

- The University of Arizona has a minimum three-year science requirement, while the UC and CSU campuses require two years of science to apply.
- The UC and CSU campuses now allow Statistics to meet the required third year of mathematics. Other schools may require the more traditional Integrated Math 3/Algebra 2. They may not count Statistics as an equivalent 3rd year of Math.
- The UC and CSU campuses do not require SAT or ACT scores for admission but there may be other campuses that still have the testing requirement.

Western Undergraduate Exchange

<https://www.wiche.edu/tuition-savings/wue/>

- Out-of-state tuition is always more than in-state tuition at public state universities; however, many colleges have programs that bring down the cost of out-of-state tuition for *eligible* students such as:

The **Western Undergraduate Exchange, WUE**, gives a discount to California students that meet specified GPA requirements so that the tuition is closer to in-state. WUE is available in:

Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho,

Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon,

South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming

- Check the WUE website to see if one of the schools you are interested in offers a WUE discount and what the requirements are to apply.
- Even schools that don't have WUE typically have some type of discount program so if the school you are interested in is not listed as a WUE institution, call the admissions office to see if they have another discount program in place.

Which Option is Best for Me?

How to Research Colleges to Find the Best Fit



Looking for a *Good Fit*? Personal Considerations

Do I want to live on a large campus or a smaller one?

How far from home am I willing to go?

Do I want to live in an urban, suburban, or rural community?

Does weather matter to me?

Is the diversity of the student population on campus important to me?

Is there an extra-curricular program that I am passionate about that I want that campus to have?

Looking for a *Good Fit*? Practical Considerations

Does this college have the major/programs that I am interested in?

What is the average grade point average for admitted freshman students?

What is the freshman admission rate?

What are the costs of attendance?

Do they require the ACT or SAT for admissions?

The Good News...



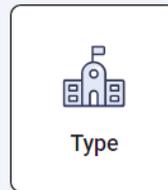
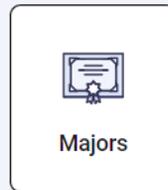
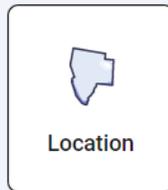
Researching personal and practical considerations is now easier than ever.

- Big Future
- UC Admissions Site
- CSU Apply



Find the right college for you.

Choose a category to start exploring.



- Free online search engine created by the College Board
- Can use to search all private and public colleges
- Easy to use
- Popular with students and counselors
- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>

Search for a UC Campus

<https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/campuses-majors/majors/>

Fall 2022

Merced is accepting freshman and transfer applications through Jan. 7. Riverside and Santa Cruz are accepting transfer applications through Jan. 7.

Check majors * required

Major name

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Fall Winter/Spring

Campuses *

- All campuses
- Berkeley
- Davis
- Irvine
- UCLA
- Merced
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- San Diego
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- Santa Cruz

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Campus sites

Find a complete list of majors by visiting the campus sites below:

- » [Berkeley](#)
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- » [Riverside](#)
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Search For a CSU Campus

<https://www.calstate.edu/apply/choosing-a-campus/Pages/default.aspx>



Choosing a Campus

Take a Virtual Campus Tour!

We know you may not be able to tour a campus in person this fall,
but it doesn't mean you can't visit virtually!

Select a Campus



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Apply for Fall 2022

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What Makes a College *Good*?

Many students confuse
college selectivity

with the quality of the
education it offers.

A **good** college is one that
meets the student's academic,
social, and emotional needs.

Creating a Balanced College List

A balanced list includes colleges with a wide range of admission rates

Reach/Dream Schools

This includes all highly selective schools with admission rates of less than 10%, regardless of your own GPA. For example, even if your GPA is 4.6, UCLA, Stanford, Harvard and equivalent schools with narrow admission rates are not a guarantee.

Target

These are schools that match your GPA and standardized test scores (if required or used). While chances of being accepted is reasonable there's still the possibility of being waitlisted or denied, especially the more competitive a school is.

Likely

These schools should meet all of your wants, for example, size, location, degree offering, etc., but consistently accept students with GPAs and test scores below yours.

UC Admission Rates/Freshman Profile 2022

admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/campuses

Campus	Admit Rate	GPA	Applications	Admits
Berkeley	11%	4.17-4.31	120,225	14,603
Davis	37%	4.06-4.30	94,759	35,563
Irvine	21%	4.08-4.29	119,209	25,023
UCLA	8%	4.21-4.33	149,813	12,825
Merced	90%	3.50-4.08	29,914	27,046
Riverside	68%	3.81-4.20	54,687	37,262
San Diego	24%	4.12-4.30	131,245	31,160
Santa Barbara	26%	4.15-4.31	111,000	31,160
Santa Cruz	47%	3.94-4.25	66,034	31,075

CSU Admissions Rates 2022

CSU Campus	Admission Rate
Cal Poly SLO	29%
Chico State	85%
CSUMB	93%
CSU Channel Islands	83%
Sonoma State	89%
San Diego State	38%
San Francisco State	67%
San Jose State	64%

How Many Colleges Should I Apply To?

According to the College Board:

“There is no magic number, but **five to eight applications** are usually enough to ensure that a student is accepted into a suitable institution (depending, of course, on the individual student's record and circumstances). **This number should be made up of a combination of “likely”, “target”, and “reach/dream” colleges.**”

Make sure the different colleges you apply to **vary in terms of selectivity.**



Apply Broadly

If you are willing to investigate beyond
the very
narrow band of highly selective
colleges,
you'll find that you have many options
that will
lead to a great fit for you.

Geographic Diversity



Only 14% of students attend college 500 miles or more from home.

All colleges seek **Geographic Diversity** among their student body.

This can be an advantage for Admission & Financial Aid.

Demonstrated Interest

According to the New York Times, about 20 % of private college admissions offices report giving “considerable importance” to *demonstrated interest*, particularly when applying to private colleges.

Bottom line: Take that college tour, go to college fairs, attend college representative presentations at the high school and engage with the speaker, fill out that information card, “Like” them on Facebook.

Don't let your application be the first time they've heard from you.

Colleges with Generous Admission Rates can provide a Quality Education with Outstanding Post-Graduate Opportunities

Harvard Law Class of 2022 - Where did they get their undergraduate degrees?

Some went to CSUs:

- Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo
- CSU Long Beach; CSU LA (91% freshman admit rate); CSU Northridge (88% freshman admit rate)
- Humboldt State (91% freshman admit rate)

Some came from other universities popular with PGHS Students:

- Arizona State, U of Hawaii, Manoa; U of Utah; U of New Mexico;
 - U of Colorado, Boulder; U of Nevada at Reno

Planning Ahead:

Junior Year is a Good Time to...

- Plan to tour the college campuses you are interested in.
- Go to the college websites and sign up online for guided tours.
 - Tours during the summer months and traditional school holidays fill quickly so planning ahead can pay off.



Planning Ahead:

Junior Year is a Good Time to...

Take Interest inventories. Answer the important questions:

What
careers/majors am
I interested in?

What do I like to
do?

What are my
strengths?

What classes
sound interesting?

Contact Ms. Light in the Career Center for assistance in exploring different colleges.

Planning Ahead: Junior Year is a Good Time to...



- Update your resume or create a resume if you do not already have one.
- Be sure to include job experience, community service work, honors and awards, extra-curricular activities, languages spoken, etc.

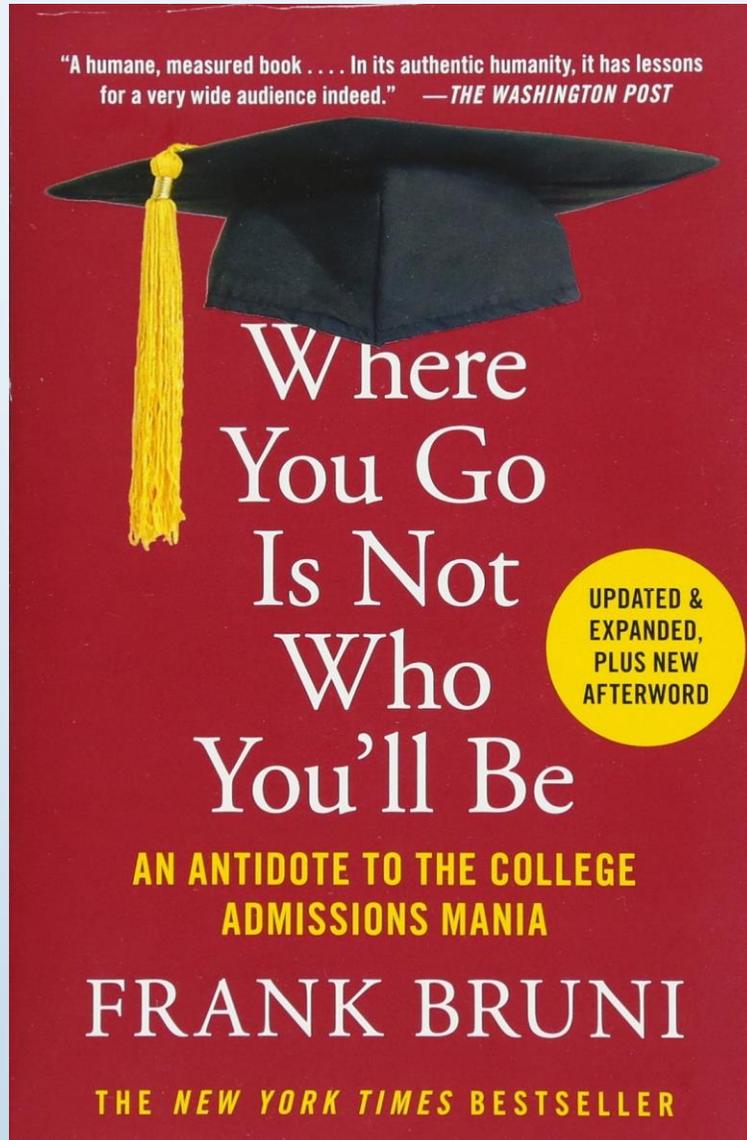
Planning Ahead: Junior Year is a Good Time to...

- Attend College Representative visits when they come onto campus, even if it is a college you have not heard of before.
- Attend college fairs.
- Be open to learning more about different campuses.



**College choice is
not a prize to be
won, but a match
to be made.**





Book Review:

Where You Go Is Not Who You'll Be

by Frank Brunni

- Engaging review of the current college admissions culture
- A helpful resource to help reduce anxiety regarding the admissions process
- Clarifying perspective when assessing what may be a good college 'fit'
- Suggested *Readings and Resources* in appendix
- The audiobook is narrated by the author

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COLLEGES
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Colleges That Change Lives: 40 Schools That Will Change The Way You Think About Colleges

by Loren Pope

Revised by Hilary Masell Oswald

- Identifies schools that prioritize creating and maintaining unique learning environments
- Many of the schools profiled do not top the traditional college rankings despite their academic excellence