



ACADEMIC BULLETIN

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Achieving College Fall 2005

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ACHIEVING COLLEGE!

Superintendents Message

Dear Students and Families,

On behalf of the Board of Education of the Santa Ana Unified School District, I want to welcome you to the 2005-06 school year. We trust that you had a restful summer and are ready to begin another successful academic year.

As a school district, our mission is to prepare students to attend the college or university of their choice after high school graduation. We recognize the important assistance that Higher Education Centers and counselors provide to support to each student to realize their dreams of going to college. These centers are fully prepared to assist students, from planning their high school academic courses to the intricate process of applying to colleges and universities.

The Higher Education Centers exist to help parents as well. Our Padres Promotores can help parents to fill out the various application forms for college, scholarships, and financial aid. They can help them plan where and when to have their student take the required tests.

This issue of the Academic Bulletin is a great guide to the process for applying to colleges. Please read it carefully, share it with your family members, and be sure to call your high school's HEC if you have any questions.

Don't miss out on all the exciting opportunities ahead. Sign up for your tests by the deadlines, and plan on attending College Night on November 2, 2005 at Santa Ana High School to learn more about how you can attend different wonderful colleges.

There is a college right for you. Believe in yourself and let the Higher Education Center at your high school help you reach your goals.

Al Mijares, Ph.D., Superintendent

College is in My Future...

Why should I go to college? Today, a post-secondary education is in high demand by employers and therefore higher education is an investment in yourself. There are several types of colleges and universities that you can attend, making college accessible to students. The more education you have the more you are investing in your future. A study by the United States Census states that the average annual income of individuals with a high school diploma is \$27,160 a year, compared to an individual with a Bachelor's Degree who earns \$43,529. In addition to potential financial reasons for attending college, there are also, many personal benefits, such as personal development, access to a professional career, improving opportunities for you and your family. In this Academic Bulletin, you will be provided with updates about SAUSD, and information about accessing higher education.

**THE VALUE OF EDUCATION
Show Me the Money!**

| Educational Level | Average Annual Income |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| High School Diploma | \$27,160 |
| Associate Degree | \$34,564 |
| Bachelor's Degree | \$43,529 |
| Master's Degree | \$52,417 |
| Doctorate Degree | \$70,825 |
| Professional Degree | \$81,545 |

(U.S. Census Bureau, March 2001)

Applying to College

Are you wondering

| Colleges & University | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Schools | Deadlines | |
| Private & Out of State | Deadlines vary | |
| University of California (UC) | November 30, 2005 | FASFA & GPA Verification |
| California State University (CSU) | November 30, 2005 | FASFA |
| Community College | Enrollment begins spring 2006 | FASFA |

ACADEMIC PLANNING

SAT I/II & ACT

All students planning on applying to the California State University (CSU), the University of California (UC), and or private universities need to take the SAT/ACT and some require the SAT II. Student can take these exams during their Junior and Senior year of high school. Tests are administered on Saturdays. It is strongly recommended that students take their exams during their Junior year so they do not miss deadlines to take the tests and apply for colleges. All tests must be taken by December of the Senior year.

| Required Exams for College Admissions | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------|-----------------------|
| SAT I / SAT II | | ACT | |
| Test Day | Registration Deadline | Test Day | Registration Deadline |
| 10/8/2005 | 9/7/2005 | 9/24/2005 | 8/19/2005 |
| 11/5/2005 | 9/30/2005 | 10/22/2005 | 9/16/2005 |
| 12/3/2005 | 10/28/2005 | 12/10/2005 | 11/4/2005 |
| 1/28/2006 | 12/22/2005 | 2/11/2006 | 1/6/2006 |
| 4/1/2006 | 2/24/2006 | 4/8/2006 | 3/3/2006 |
| 5/6/2006 | 4/3/2006 | 5/10/2006 | 5/5/2006 |
| 6/3/2006 | 4/28/2006 | | |

What is the difference between the SAT and ACT?

The SAT is an aptitude exam that tests Verbal and Math skills. The ACT is an achievement exam based on content that is covered in the following classes: English, Math, Reading, and Science. Students are encouraged to take both the SAT and ACT, as some students score better on one than the other. Students who are low-income can request few waivers from their counselor or Higher Education Coordinator to pay for the cost of the exam.

Course Selection

Your course schedule may seem like a random selection of classes to you, but colleges and universities see it as the blueprint of your high school education. They are looking for a solid foundation of learning that you can build on in college. There are various types of higher education institutions called the 4-Systems of Higher Education. You need to plan ahead a take the right classes and earn the grades to meet eligibility requirements to apply and enter a college university.

A-G Requirements:

- A. History: 2 yrs
- B. English: 4 yrs
- C. Mathematics: 3 yrs – 4 yrs rec
Alg I, Geom, Alg II
- D. Laboratory Science: 2 yrs - 3 yrs rec
- E. Foreign Language: 2 yrs, 3 yrs rec
- F. Visual & Performing Art: 1 yr
- G. College Prep. Electives: 1 yr

**rec is abbreviated for recommended*

4 -SYSTEMS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

University of California

Emphasis:

UC is designated as the State’s primary academic research institution and offers undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral degrees.

Requirements:

- Accepts top 12.5% of a senior class
- A-G Requirements
- C or better in all A-G coursework
- SAT Reasoning or ACT & SATII

9 Undergraduate Campuses:

For example: University of California (UC) Irvine, UC Merced, and UC Berkeley

California State University

Emphasis:

CSU’s primary mission is undergraduate education and graduate education through master’s degree.

Requirements:

- Accepts top 33% of a senior class
- A-G Requirements
- C or better in all A-G coursework
- SAT Reasoning or ACT

23 Campuses:

For example: California State University (CSU) Fullerton, CSU Monterey Bay, and CSU Sacramento

California Community Colleges

Emphasis:

CCC’s primary mission is providing academic and vocational instruction and transfer coursework options.

Requirements:

- 18 years or older

109 Campuses:

For example: Santa Ana College, Orange Coast College, and Irvine Valley College

Independent Colleges & Universities

Emphasis:

Offers a variety of certificate and degree options

Requirements:

- Varies by college and university

Various Campuses in California & other states :

For example: University of Southern California (USC), Chapman University, Harvard, and Devry

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OPPORTUNITIES

Academics

Are you missing credits to graduate? Are you planning on applying to college and got a D or F in an A-G course? Would you like to take advanced classes? Summer school is a great opportunity to earn credits, retake classes, or take a class for fun. Students can take summer school at their high school, or through Santa Ana College. Classes are limited and it important that you apply as soon as the applications are available.

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT SUMMER SCHOOL AT
SANTA ANA COLLEGE VISIT:
WWW.SAC.EDU

Community Service & Programs

Get involved in school and community programs. Colleges, universities, and employers are looking for students who have experience and are involved. Take time to volunteer and do community service at a local community center, tutor students, or help feed the homeless.

In addition to community service there are several programs that you can get involved in at school and in the community. You can become involved in higher education programs through Santa Ana College, CSU Fullerton, and UC Irvine, or community organizations, such as the Boys and Girls Club. The important thing is that you get involved.

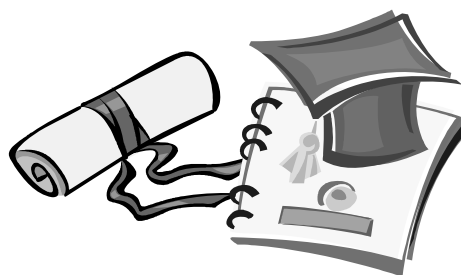
GRADE LEVEL COLLEGE PREPARATION LIST

Freshman Year

- Meet with your high school counselor, if available, to set up a four year plan of study
- Obtain your school's UC/CSU approved course list online at:
www.universityofcalifornia.edu/doorways
- Check that your academic courses meet high school graduation and college entrance requirements (A-G courses)
- Register for and take the PSAT in October or the ACT/ Explore
- Complete Algebra I or Geometry or equivalent
- Complete English 9 or equivalent
- Complete a minimum of two or three of the following academic subjects:
 - *Language other than English*
 - *Social Science/Social Studies*
 - *Visual and Performing Art*
 - *College Prep Elective*
- Maintain a good GPA & not get D's or F's in any classes
- Organize a portfolio to keep for four years that includes the following:
 - *Entrance Exam results and scores*
 - *Letters of Recommendation*
 - *Scholarships applied for and/or received*
 - *Honors and Awards*
 - *Exceptional school work*
 - *List of all extracurricular activities and leadership roles*
- Participate in extra curricular activities such as campus clubs, volunteer work and sports teams, and plan to stay involved with these activities throughout high school
- Participate in a summer academic enrichment program or enroll in summer school

Sophomore Year

- Review your school's UC/CSU approved course list online at
www.universityofcalifornia.edu/doorways
- Check that your academic courses meet high school graduation and college entrance requirements (A-G courses)
- Complete Geometry or Algebra II
- Complete English 10 or equivalent
- Complete a Laboratory Science course
- Complete a minimum of two or three of the following academic subjects:
 - *Language other than English*
 - *Social Science/Social Studies*
 - *Visual and Performing Art*
 - *College Prep Elective*
- Maintain a good GPA and & not get D's or F's in any classes
- Register for and take the PSAT in October
- Participate in extra curricular activities such as campus clubs, volunteer work and sports teams
- Update your portfolio
- Review college financial plans with parents
- Participate in a summer academic enrichment program or enroll in summer school



Junior Year

- Review your school's UC/CSU approved course list online at www.universityofcalifornia.edu/doorways
- Check that your academic courses meet high school graduation and college entrance requirements (A-G courses)
- Complete the following courses:
 - *Algebra II or higher*
 - *English 11 or equivalent*
 - *Second or third year of Laboratory Science*
 - *Second or third year of Social Science (US History)*
 - *Second or third year of Language other than English*
 - *Visual and Performing Arts requirement (if have not already done so)*
- Maintain a good GPA & not get D's or F's in any classes
- Register for and take PSAT in October (Top scorers are eligible for National Merit Scholarship)
- Take the SAT Reasoning or ACT and the SAT Subject Test in at least two subjects
- Participate in extra curricular activities such as campus clubs, community service and sports teams
- Update your portfolio
- Research and find information on colleges of your choice. Helpful college search web sites are:
 - www.collegeboard.com
 - www.collegenet.com
 - www.petersons.com
 - www.csumentor.com
 - www.californiacolleges.edu
- Write to several top schools of your choice requesting information
- Attend college information sessions/fairs and talk to visiting college representatives
- Organize a college information file
- Research about financial aid www.finaid.org and apply for scholarships. A good resource is www.fastweb.com
- Visit colleges of interest
- Participate in a summer academic enrichment program or enroll in summer school

Senior Year

- Review your school's UC/CSU approved course list online at www.universityofcalifornia.edu/doorways
- Check that your academic courses meet high school graduation and college entrance requirements (A-G courses)
- Complete Trigonometry, Pre-Calculus or Calculus or equivalent
- Complete English 12 or equivalent. Consider taking Advanced Placement course
- Go beyond the minimum in:
 - *Language other than English*
 - *Laboratory Science*
 - *Visual and Performing Arts*
- Maintain at good GPA & not get any D's or F's in any classes
- Participate in extra curricular activities such as campus clubs, volunteer work and sports
- Update your portfolio
- Write to top schools of your choice requesting admissions application
- Research and apply for scholarships. A good resource is www.fastweb.com
- Write essay or personal statement for college application
- Submit UC and CSU Admission application online by November 30
- Take, or retake, SAT or ACT and SAT II in two subject tests (December test dates are the last chances to take SAT or SAT II, & ACT)
- File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) immediately after January 1 -- deadline is March 2
- Submit your GPA Verification Form for Cal Grant opportunities by March 2
- Visit college campuses
- File housing applications by deadlines
- Submit Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) or confirmation of attendance
- Send FINAL official transcript showing date of graduation to selected college
- Thank all those who have helped you in the admission process

Visit the Higher Education Center



Do you have questions about college? The Higher Education Center provides many services to help students get information about college requirements, types of universities, scholarship applications and much more.

Students are encouraged to visit the Higher Education Center as early as their freshman year of high school. Students can utilize resources, such as search through college catalogs and pick up information.



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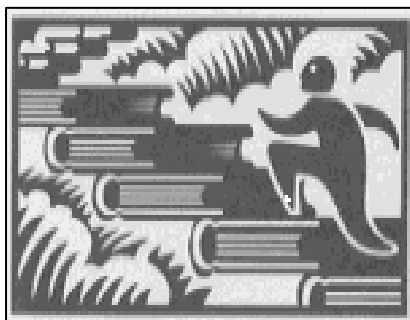
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