

## College Information Cheat Sheet

- **California State University (CSU) System** requires the SAT or ACT and completion of an application on-line @ [www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu). Their application does not require an essay, letter of recommendation, or a transcript. The CSU System has EOP programs for first generation and low-income college students. You must apply to each individual school's EOP program. When you apply on-line, you may also apply for an application fee waiver as well. If you are approved, you may apply to 4 CSU Schools for free. Application Deadline is November 30<sup>th</sup>.
- **University of California (UC) System** requires a 3.0 or higher UC GPA in the A-G courses taken in the 10/11<sup>th</sup> grade, 2 Essays, the SAT or ACT with Writing, 2 SAT Subject Exams in different subjects; if you take the Math Subject Test, you must take Math Level II. The UC System does not require letters of recommendation or transcripts to apply. You may apply @ [www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply). You may also apply for an application fee waiver on-line; if you are approved, you may apply to four UC Schools for free. Application Deadline is November 30<sup>th</sup>.
- **Private Schools** require the SAT or ACT with Writing. Many recommend that you take 2 SAT Subject Exams as well. Each school differs in application requirements, so you will have to read the individual school's requirements prior to applying. They all require Essays, Letters of Recommendation, and an Official Transcript. Deadlines and Fee Waiver Process varies. If you have received SAT/ACT Fee Waivers from Mrs. Golden, you may obtain Private/Out-of State college application fee waivers as well.
- **Junior/Community Colleges** require only that you possess a high school diploma, pass the GED, OR be 18 years of age.
- **The best process to use for college applications is on-line.** Universities/Colleges prefer that you apply on-line. Google the name of the institution if you do not know the website, and you can easily access information about the school. Direct your focus to undergraduate admissions, and you will navigate your way to answer all questions or receive information about offices that you can call. The College Office and Library Media Center are also excellent resources to conduct research about a particular school.
- You may obtain a **Request for an Official Transcript** in the Attendance Office; you pay for the Official Transcript at the Student Store/Finance Office. After payment, you return the Request to Ms. Bradshaw in the Attendance Office, and she will process the request within one week.
- Complete the **Brag Sheet** and **make copies** for the teachers that you want to complete **letters of recommendation for you. Only request letters of recommendation if the college or scholarship applications require one.**
- **December** is the last month that colleges will allow you to take any of your College Entrance Exams: SAT Reasoning/SAT Subjects/ACT. **Fee Waivers:** You may receive 2 SAT Reasoning Test Fee Waivers; 2 SAT Subject Test Fee Waivers; 2 ACT Fee Waivers. Fee Waiver applications are available in the College Office; you only complete the application once!
- **Grade Point Average (GPA): You have 3 GPA's.** 1. The **LAUSD GPA** averages your grades from the 9<sup>th</sup> – first semester 12<sup>th</sup> grade (7 semesters) and gives weight to AP courses with a "C" or better. This is also the GPA used to establish your school ranking. The LAUSD GPA is used for Private and Out-of-State Colleges. 2. The **UC/CSU GPA** averages your grades in the A-G Courses taken in 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade only and gives weight to **8 semesters** of Honors/AP courses with a "C" or better! Only approved AP courses will receive an extra point for the UC System. Check King/Drew's approved UC Course List @ [www.ucop.edu/doorways](http://www.ucop.edu/doorways). 3. **The Financial Aid GPA** averages grades in courses taken in the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade only (**excluding PE and ROTC**) and is unweighted, which means **no extra points** are given for Honors/AP courses. This GPA is used to qualify for Cal Grants.
- Refer to the **Commonly Asked Questions and Fast Web Handouts** to gain quick valuable information about **Financial Aid and Scholarships!** (*These forms will be given to you by your college peer counselor.*)