

WELCOME TO VCHS'
SENIOR'S COLLEGE
INFORMATION
NIGHT

We're Glad You're Here!

September 23, 2010

VCHS School Code: 053-593

Welcome and Open in Prayer

Sharing the role of College Counselor
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College Resource Center, room 202

- Books, brochures, resources, & more!
- College recruiters come to us. 😊
- We want your acceptance letters and college pennant and senior picture!

Handouts and Overview

UC and CSU Important Facts

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for 2011-12 Freshmen Admissions

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4 Categories of Colleges/ Universities

Community Colleges

<http://www.cccco.edu>

California State
Universities (CSU)

www.csumentor.edu

University of California
(UC)

www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply

Private / Highly
Competitive Universities

<https://www.commonapp.org>

Christian / Private

Individual university websites

Military Academies

Specialty colleges
(i.e.: Art, Culinary, etc...)

California's A-G Requirements

A-G Categories	VCHS' Grad. Req.	Minimum for CSU	Minimum for UC
"a": History/ Social Sciences	3 years	2 years including one year of US History or one semester of US History and 1 semester of American Govt., <u>and</u> 1 year of history/social science from either the "a" or "g" area.	2 years including one year of US History or one semester of US History and 1 semester of American Govt., <u>and</u> 1 year of World History.
"b": English	4 years	4 years	4 years
"c": Mathematics	3 years	3 years	3 years, (4 yrs. Recommended)
"d": Science	2 years	1 yr. Physical Science / 1 year Biological Science, one from "d" and one from either "d" or "g" area.	2 years from "d" area classes. (3 years recommended)
"e": World Languages	Highly recommended / For class of 2013 & afterwards, 2 years.	2 years	2 years, (3 years recommended)
"f": VPA/Fine Arts	1 year	1 year	1 year
"g": College Preparatory Elective	1 year Practical Arts 60 cred. / 40 cred.	1 year	1 year

Some of these requirements, specifically the timing for them being accomplished, has changed starting with the class entering in the Fall of 2012 (this year's juniors.) These changes do not affect this year's seniors.

SAT/ ACT/ Subject Area Tests

- ▣ Required by almost all 4-year Universities
- ▣ Take (or retake) by the end of December.
- ▣ Community colleges use results for placement
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- ▣ www.collegeboard.com for SAT / Subj. Area
- ▣ www.actstudent.org for ACT
- ▣ On these websites:
 - Daily Practice questions
 - Interest Inventories for careers and majors
 - College comparisons

California Community Colleges

- ▣ Minimum Eligibility: High School Diploma
- ▣ Complete an application during the spring semester
- ▣ Value of taking the SAT or ACT
- ▣ Solano CC assessment coordinator and counselor will visit VCHS in the spring.
- ▣ Students take a placement test in our computer lab or on site at the Community College after they complete their application.

California State Universities (CSU)

- ▣ Minimum Eligibility
- ▣ - High School Diploma
- ▣ - Meet Eligibility Criteria
- ▣ - Min. of 2.0 GPA
- ▣ - A-G Required Classes all completed w/ a C or greater.

- ▣ SAT or ACT (Must take by end of December 2010)
- ▣ Sliding table of GPA vs./ test scores. **(3.0 or above is Good!)**
- ▣ Application website opens October 1st.
- ▣ Submit application between October 1st and November 30th.
- ▣ Impacted programs have additional admissions criteria above the minimum CSU standards
- ▣ Financial Aid
- ▣ **Sacramento State and Sonoma State priority entrance!**
- ▣ Admits roughly the top 30% of HS graduates.

University of California (UC)

- Minimum Eligibility
- - High School Diploma
- - Meet Eligibility Criteria
- - Minimum of 3.0 GPA
- - A-G Required Classes all completed w/ a C or greater.

- Application including Essay
- SAT Reasoning or ACT + writing
- 2 Subject Area Tests
- Sliding table of GPA vs./ test scores. (3.5 to 4.15 are average GPA)
- Application website opens Oct. 1st
- Submit application between Nov. 1 and Nov. 30th
- Roads to Admission
- Financial Aid
- Admits roughly the top 12.5% of HS graduates.

Private / Highly Competitive Universities

- ▣ Christian Universities
- ▣ Private Universities
- ▣ Military Academies
- ▣ Specialty Colleges (Culinary, Arts, etc...)

- ▣ Apply via University's website
- ▣ Common Application
- ▣ Teacher and/or Counselor Recommendations
- ▣ Transcripts

Essays and Letters of Recommendations

Mrs. Jeri McFadden

- ▣ Writing your UC Essay – See handout
- ▣ Asking for Letters of Recommendations
- ▣ Template to use. (Fill in everything except the top portion in the box and make several copies. When you request a recommendation, fill in the info in the top box on one copy and give it to the person. Follow up w/ a thank you note afterwards.)

How Many? Which Ones? Helpful Hints & True Stories

- ▣ 3-Tier Planning
- ▣ What are you looking for?
- ▣ Specialties of programs / Expertise of University
- ▣ Environment
- ▣ Location
- ▣ College Visits
- ▣ Feasibility (Cost, qualifications)
- ▣ **Calendar all dates / Many more to come!**
- ▣ Parent email

ASVAB – October 13th

- ▣ www.asvabprogram.com Interest/ Potential career information/opportunities
- ▣ Scores good for 2 years
- ▣ Minimum Entrance scores for last week based on their needs. Specialty fields have increased requirements based on multiple aspects of the test.

Army 31 / Navy 45 / AF 41 / Marines 45

Naviance

- ▣ <http://connection.naviance.com/vchs>
- ▣ User name / email is your student's PowerSchool ID
- ▣ Password is your student's web password w/ an X at the end.

- ▣ Track college interest, college applications, application status
- ▣ College search, career survey, request for transcripts, and graduation surveys

Financial Aid and Scholarships

- ❑ FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov
- ❑ Parents and student apply for a PIN at www.pin.ed.gov
- ❑ Free application
- ❑ Application window is Jan. 1st – March 1st.

- ❑ CSS Profile Application at <https://profileonline.collegeboard.com>
- ❑ Financial aid application via College Board
- ❑ Required by some independent schools

- ❑ Cal Grant at <http://www.csac.ca.gov/>
- ❑ Must complete a FAFSA and a Commission Grade Point Average (GPA) Verification Form including the GPA being verified by the counselor.
- ❑ VCHS students must download the form and give it to the counselor to complete. Application deadline is March 1, 2011.

- ❑ VA Benefits at www.va.gov
- ❑ Military parent who died / disabled as a result of military service.

Scholarship Websites

- ▣ www.fastweb.com
- ▣ www.collegeanswer.com
- ▣ www.wiredscholar.com
- ▣ <http://icanaffordcollege.com>
- ▣ www.fastaid.com
- ▣ www.4scholarships.com
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Q & A

- ▣ What questions do you have?

- ▣ Please remember to call the office and schedule a senior appointment with us. We are here to help you!
- ▣ Application portals for CSU and UC schools open October 1st.

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6:30 pm in the HS Computer Lab

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Time for Questions / Answers

Your Questions????