

TROY HIGH SCHOOL
2016-2017
COLLEGE INFORMATION AND SENIOR CALENDAR

HIGH SCHOOL CEEB CODE NUMBER FOR COLLEGE APPLICATIONS,
SAT and ACT TESTS: 051009

1. APPLICATIONS AND TESTS

A. Community Colleges (such as Fullerton College and Cypress College)

1. Seniors who plan to graduate from Troy in May of 2017 should apply online beginning in the late winter through spring of 2017. There is no application fee.
2. Community Colleges usually prefer to give their own placement tests; some campuses will accept the results of the SAT/ACT.

B. California State Universities

There are 23 campuses in the CSU system. They include:

California Maritime Academy	Vallejo
California Polytechnic State University	San Luis Obispo
California State Polytechnic University	Pomona
California State University, Bakersfield	Bakersfield
California State University, Channel Islands	Camarillo
California State University, Chico	Chico
California State University, Dominguez Hills	Carson
California State University, East Bay	Humboldt
California State University, Fresno	Fresno
California State University, Fullerton	Fullerton
California State University, Hayward	Hayward
California State University, Long Beach	Long Beach
California State University, Los Angeles	Los Angeles
California State University, Monterey Bay	Monterey
California State University, Northridge	Northridge
California State University, Sacramento	Sacramento
California State University, San Bernardino	San Bernardino
California State University, San Marcos	San Marcos
California State University, Stanislaus	Turlock
San Diego State University	San Diego
San Francisco State University	San Francisco
San Jose State University	San Jose
Sonoma State University	Rohnert Park

Apply online using the CSU Mentor website – www.csumentor.edu

1. CSU applications will be available online October 1. Indicate each CSU campus to which you are applying and submit the application **October 1 – November 30**. The cost is **\$55.00** per campus.
2. California State Universities require candidates to take either the SAT Test or the ACT. Take the SAT Test or the ACT **no later than December** for regular admission. Currently, CSU

campuses will accept the old and new SAT exam scores. **The College Board code for sending SAT scores to CSU Mentor is 3594.**

3. CSU campuses *do not* want you to send an official transcript at the time of application, so self-report your courses and grades correctly. The CSU application also *does not* want letters of recommendation.

C. University of California

Nine campuses comprise the UC system. They include:

University of California, Berkeley	Berkeley
University of California, Davis	Davis
University of California, Irvine	Irvine
University of California, Los Angeles	Los Angeles
University of California, Merced	Merced
University of California, Riverside	Riverside
University of California, San Diego	San Diego
University of California, Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara
University of California, Santa Cruz	Santa Cruz

Apply online using PATHWAYS at www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply

1. UC applications are available now online. Begin your application now and submit **November 1-30**. Check the box next to each campus to which you plan to apply. The fee is **\$70.00** per campus.
2. The University of California requires candidates for admission to take the SAT Test or the ACT Assessment plus Writing. The SAT Subject Tests are not required; however, certain programs recommend them. **Currently UC campuses will accept the old and new SAT exam scores.**
3. UC campuses *do not* require you to send an official transcript at the time of application, so self-report your courses and grades correctly.
4. UC campuses *do not* require letters of recommendation. However, UC Berkeley and possibly other UC campuses may ask certain applicants to submit a letter of recommendation after you apply. If you apply to a UC campus and they request this from you, please see your counselor in person to discuss this.

D. Private Colleges in California and Public and Private Out-of-State Colleges and Universities

1. Please access the Admissions Offices of these institutions by visiting their website for application information. Most colleges and universities accept the Common Application, however, please check with each campus for the preferred method of application.
2. Check with specific institutions to see if they require the SAT Test, ACT, and the SAT Subject Tests. Many schools will accept either the SAT or the ACT. Some college majors require specific SAT Subject Tests.

2. TEST DATES AND DEADLINES

SAT Test & SAT Subject Test Dates	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Online Registration Deadline (requires the late fee)
October 1, 2016*	September 1, 2016	September 20, 2016
November 5, 2016*	October 7, 2016	October 25, 2016
December 3, 2016*	November 3, 2016	November 22, 2016

*SAT or SAT Subject Tests are given on these dates. Subject tests vary on each date. SAT Language with Listening Tests are administered on specific test dates only.

The fee for the SAT Test with essay is \$57.00. For the College Board SAT testing, you may **register online** at www.collegeboard.com. You will receive immediate confirmation of your registration.

ACT Test Dates	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline (requires the late fee)
September 10, 2016	August 7, 2016	August 8-19, 2016
October 22, 2016	September 16, 2016	September 17-30, 2016
December 10, 2016	November 4, 2016	November 5-18, 2016

The fee for the ACT with writing is \$58.50. For ACT Testing, students may register online at ACT's website: www.actstudent.org.

You must send your official SAT/ACT scores to all schools that you will apply to in the fall. Official scores are paid for and sent through the test websites.

3. FINANCIAL AID

- A. Students who apply for Federal Student Aid must file a **FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)** form. FAFSA forms will be available online beginning October 1, 2016. Log on to their website at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Student and parent must also apply for a Federal Student Aid I.D. code (may be done prior to October 1) to use as an electronic signature on the FAFSA.
- B. Students who apply for private funds (from private colleges and universities) must complete an additional form called the **CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE** (not required for all schools).

The **PROFILE** Registration Guide is available online at www.collegeboard.com. Click on **CSS/PROFILE** under "Pay for College" on the students' home page. Then, click on **PROFILE Online** and follow the directions.

For **CSS PROFILE** registration, you **must** have a secure browser and either a credit card or checking account.

Cost: \$25.00 for the initial application fee and one college or program report. Additional reports are **\$16.00** for each school or program to which you want information sent.

CAL GRANTS

Students who apply for a Cal Grant A, B, or C (used for California institutions of higher education) must also file a FAFSA form. Current and accurate information regarding **CAL GRANTS A, B, AND C** will be provided as soon as it becomes available.

Mrs. Reese, our Data Processor, will submit the required Cal Grant GPA Verification online for **all** seniors. All seniors have the option to opt-out of having the Cal Grant GPA Verification form submitted for them. Seniors will receive a letter and opt-out form around December. If you opt-out, you are responsible for submitting the Cal Grant GPA Verification form yourself.

A. Cal Grant A

Financial assistance is provided to attend a four-year California school (public or private). Tuition only.

B. Cal Grant B

Financial assistance is provided for students from low income families to attend a California Community College or four-year school. Living expenses for the first year, and living and tuition assistance for the second year and beyond is included.

C. Cal Grant C

Up to two years of vocational training and nursing are offered. Recipients receive tuition and materials.

FEDERAL GRANTS

D. Pell Grant

This federal grant provides financial aid to attend any institution of higher education in the United States. Financial need is the only criterion.

SCHOLARSHIPS

E. Local Scholarships

Local scholarships are announced throughout the year in the morning announcements and on the Naviance Family Connection student accounts. Please adhere to the specific deadlines listed.

4. TRANSCRIPTS

Order all transcripts on www.parchment.com for a \$5 fee. If you request a letter of recommendation from your counselor or the IB coordinator, using the Common Application or via a paper application, the counselor will send your transcript to the campus and you **do not** need to request a transcript. Although some colleges (i.e., CSU and UC) request only the final transcript, it is important that you are aware of any unique requirements. Colleges will usually send you an e-mail request for a sixth or a seventh semester transcript. Further information will follow regarding final transcript requests through Parchment.

5. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION FROM A TEACHER

Many private colleges and universities require letters of recommendation as supporting documents for your application.

- Prepare a well-organized **resume** (preferably typewritten) to give to the teacher. Include activities, positions of leadership, community service, and any personal information that would be helpful to the teacher. Also, please indicate any project or activity that you did well in that class that would jog the teacher's memory.

- Select the most favorable person to write on your behalf. Choose someone who knows you well and who will take the time to write an effective letter. When applying to several colleges, please notify the teacher that the recommendation will be needed for multiple institutions. Remember to **submit your request for recommendations to the same teacher**.
- Please give the teacher advance notice. If the school does not accept online applications, provide him or her with your resume as well as a stamped envelope properly addressed to the college. Check with the teacher after one week to ensure that he or she has all of the necessary materials.
- If you are applying for a scholarship, please follow the same procedures. It is also helpful to the recommending teacher or community leader to receive a copy of the criteria required for a specific scholarship award in addition to your resume.
- Check with each teacher individually on their deadlines.

6. STEPS TO SECURING A COLLEGE LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION/SECONDARY SCHOOL REPORT FORM FROM YOUR COUNSELOR

- A. Request a letter of recommendation from your counselor.
- B. Download and complete the SSR/Letter of Recommendation form located at the bottom of the counseling homepage on Troy's website. If you did not attend the letter of recommendation meeting at orientation, you must attend the make-up meeting on September 1, 2016 at lunch (12:25 p.m.) in the Lecture Hall.
- C. Take the completed letter of recommendation request and your resume to your counselor in person. Adhere to the deadlines listed in the SSR/Letter of Recommendation form.

*You **do not** need to request a transcript from the Parchment website. A copy of your official transcript and the school profile will be sent with your letter of recommendation.*

7. **NCAA** – any student planning to play Division I or II sports in college, please register online ASAP at www.eligibilitycenter.org. Request a seventh semester transcript from www.parchment.com to be sent to the NCAA Eligibility Center.

PLEASE VISIT OUR COUNSELING WEBSITE TO VIEW CURRENT EVENTS AND UPDATES. INFORMATION INCLUDING THE UC/CSU GPA CALCULATION WORKSHEET, SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION, AND OTHER USEFUL RESOURCES ARE POSTED FREQUENTLY.

Counselors for Class of 2017

Mrs. Morck A-C Mrs. Saleen D-I Mrs. Osborne J-L Mrs. Evans M-R Mrs. Avila S-Z

Important Dates

Senior Parent Presentation- Thursday, August 25 at 6:00 p.m. in the Lecture Hall

Mandatory Letter of Recommendation Meeting (make-up session if you did not attend during orientation)- Thursday, September 1 at lunch in the Lecture Hall. Arrive on time; doors close at 12:25 p.m.

College Night – Monday, September 26, 2016 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in both gyms

CSU Mentor Application Workshop – TBD; check the “college visits” section in Naviance

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Financial Aid Presentation – Wednesday, November 16, 2016 from 6:30 – 7:15 p.m. in the Lecture Hall

Fullerton College Counseling 50 classes – Mandatory Application meeting during the fall semester. Meeting details TBD and will be posted on the Troy Counseling webpage.

- **Counseling 50 class dates**- TBD. More information will be forthcoming.