

# CGHS College Planning Checklist ✓ 2022-23

## JUNIOR Year & beginning of SENIOR Year:

- Verify accuracy of your high school transcript. Are you meeting [graduation requirements](#)? A thru G requirements? [NCAA core requirements](#)?
- Explore your interests at [www.cacareerzone.org](http://www.cacareerzone.org) or [www.californiacolleges.edu](http://www.californiacolleges.edu). Define what you want to do for a career and what education you need.
- Explore the educational pathways. Do you want to earn a [technical certificate](#)? A bachelor's degree or higher? Is on-the-job training via paid [apprenticeship](#) the right path for you? How about [free job training](#)?
- Explore and select [college major\(s\)](#). A [major](#) is your primary subject area of interest in college. [It does not have to be your future job](#). Make sure that [colleges](#) offer what you want to study. Some colleges require that you declare a major when you apply.
- Create [your own](#) college ranking. Use different [resources](#) to [research](#) colleges that [fit your needs](#). Create a [comparison](#) worksheet. Narrow down your list to include dream schools, reach schools, and safe schools. Chat with college reps through Casa's [College & Career Center](#).
- Register with the NCAA at [eligibilitycenter.org](http://eligibilitycenter.org) if planning to play D-I or D-II sports. *Send your SAT and ACT scores to NCAA. Code for SAT is 9999.*
- Free ACT/SAT Prep -PrepFactory is a free test prep site. It breaks tests into bite-sized concepts and provides tips, practice sets, and a personalized study path so you can master the test. Give it a try at [www.prepfactory.com](http://www.prepfactory.com)
- Take SAT and/or ACT tests. If you plan to apply to a private or out-of-state university that accepts the SAT/ACT or play sports at community college, register for the SAT at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) and the ACT at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org). Ask your counselor if you qualify for a fee waiver. *CSUs and UCs no longer accept SAT/ACT scores for admissions.*

## September & October of SENIOR Year:

- \$\$\$ Get your FSA ID. You want free money. Yes, you do. \$\$\$ for trade schools, 2yr and 4yr colleges.
- Attend the first [SRJC Jump Start](#) meeting. Oct 5th at 12:25 in the Multi. Be ready to start at SRJC *before* you graduate.

- Check your ParentSquare emails/texts for JumpStart info & reminders. Check the [JumpStart website](#) frequently for upcoming events
- \$\$\$ FAFSA and [Dream Act](#) filing period begins Oct 1. Financial aid is first come, first served.
- Register for the [SAT](#) or [ACT](#) if needed. CSUs and UCs no longer accept SAT or ACT scores for admissions. Most other schools are test-optional. If you decide to test, it should be completed by December of Senior year. *Some prefer scores by November.* Ask your counselor if you qualify for a fee waiver.
- Free ACT/SAT Prep - [Try Khan Academy for free SAT test prep](#). Also, PrepFactory is a free test prep site. It breaks tests into bite-sized concepts and provides tips, practice sets, and a personalized study path so you can master the test. Give it a try at [www.prepfactory.com](http://www.prepfactory.com)
- Attend Senior Overview Night for students and parents: Oct 4 @ 6:30pm in the Multi.
- Check out the [North Bay Construction Corps](#)
- CSU filing period Oct. 1 – Nov. 30. Apply EARLY – before Thanksgiving is strongly recommended.
- UC filing period Oct. 1 – Nov. 30. Apply EARLY – before Thanksgiving is strongly recommended.
- NCAA Student-Athlete Info TBD
- \$\$\$RJC: APPLY for the [Doyle Scholarship](#) by completing the [FAFSA](#) or [Cal Dream Act](#) apps.
- \$\$\$ sign up for [1000s of scholarships with one application at GoingMerry.com](#)
- If you need Letters of Recommendation for Common App, scholarships, etc., then [complete the LOR Profile](#). Offer it to adults if they agree to write a letter for you. [Request letters at least four weeks in advance.](#)
- [Request transcripts](#) for colleges, scholarships, honor societies, etc.

## November of SENIOR Year:

- Submit CSU and UC college applications by Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>
- Q: Did you waive HI? A: Yes Q: Did you turn in the signed form? A: No/Unsure Q: Will you graduate without it? A: No [Turn in the signed form.](#)

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## December of SENIOR Year:

- *Politely* submit requests for letters of recommendation if needed for colleges or scholarships. **4-week notice required**
- **\$\$\$\$ Check** under the 'Scholarship' section of the [College and Career Center](#) webpage weekly for available scholarships.
- Have impressive community service achievements? Apply for the [Community Youth Service Award](#).
- **\$\$\$\$ Choose** from 1000's of scholarships at [careeronestop.org](#)
- Sign up for [COUN 270, Introduction to College](#) if you plan to [attend SRJC](#).
- Sign up for [COUN 162.1 Career Research and Planning](#). It's I-Search for adults – like you!
- Are you on track to graduate? Not sure what you're doing after high school? [Make an appointment with your counselor](#) to get these questions answered.

## January of SENIOR Year:

- Are you taking an online or JC class to graduate or meet A-G requirements? Stay on track to complete on time. See your counselor if you need help.
- **Notify all colleges** you've applied to if you have insufficient Fall semester grades or if you have dropped a course listed on your applications.
- **Maintain C's or higher this semester.** If unsure why, ask your counselor

## February of SENIOR Year:

- **\$\$\$\$ Apply for more scholarships.** Just do it.
- **\$\$\$\$ Regularly check email for the FAFSA or Dream Act Student Aid Report (SAR),** a summary of aid being offered to you. Save all financial communication.

## March/April of SENIOR Year:

- **\$\$\$\$ Monitor your email for college-specific financial award letters.** [Compare financial award offers.](#)
- UC Admissions decisions announced **3/15-31**
- Return the Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) to the college of your choice before the deadline. Failure to do so will likely result in losing your admission.
- **Student athletes planning to play Division I or II college level sports** review your amateurism questionnaire and request final amateur certification on or before April 1, 2020

- Watch for housing information and payment deadlines. Schools with strict housing policies will rescind housing offers if you miss payment deadlines.
- **Submit online course grades needed for graduation.** Send them to your counselor.

## May of SENIOR Year:

- Submit [College Course Grade Notification](#) to your counselor for any spring college classes you have taken to meet graduation requirements.
- Meet the [Statement of Intent to Register \(SIR\)](#) deadline for CSU's and UC's: **May, 2020.** Most universities require non-refundable deposits to confirm enrollment.
- **SRJC:** If you haven't already taken Coun 270, [sign up now](#) to take this important class during the summer.
- [Request final transcript](#) to be sent to the university you will attend in the fall. Deadlines are usually in July. Colleges require transcript from each high school or community college you've attended.
- Sign up for mandatory Freshman Orientation. Failure to do so may result in college rescinding admission offer.
- Sign up for Summer School if you need it
- GRADUATE

## [Senior Year Overview Slide Deck](#)