All About Juniors



A TIMELINE FOR 4-YEAR ADMISSIONS



- College Admission Testing
 - Preparation/Planning
- College Search
- Preparing your application
- Applying beginning Fall of Senior Year

College Admission Testing

Planning

- PSAT Results
- Decide SAT/ACT
- Take official exam
 - Juniors take official SATMarch 27 @ BHHS
- Create prep plan
- Re-take exams if necessary
- Subject tests if appropriate

Support

- PSAT Results Night Jan. 29, 2019
- On-Campus Test Prep
 - Weekend boot-camps,
 practice exams +
 after-school classes
- March 27th official exam
- www.tinyurl.com/bhhscollegetests

College Search

Understanding Each College System

4 Year College Systems & Application Types

- California State University (CSU)
- University of California (UC)
- Private colleges and universities
 - 75+ in California
- Out of state public colleges and universities

University of California

- 10 campuses but San Francisco is graduate only
- Bachelor, Master, and Doctorate degrees
- Research & theory based curriculums
- Competitive admissions with many highly selective campuses
- To be <u>eligible</u>: 3.0 GPA, <u>A-G courses</u>, <u>SAT or ACT with Writing</u>, <u>personal statements</u>, list of activities & honors
- Not required/accepted: SAT Subject exams (<u>some majors</u> <u>"highly recommended"</u>), recommendation letters, transcripts
- Application filing period: Nov 1–Nov 30 (available Aug 1)
- To apply: www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply

California State University

- 23 campuses
- Bachelor and Master degrees
- First institution of higher education established by the State of California, originally created to train teachers
- To be <u>eligible</u>: <u>2.0 GPA</u>, <u>A-G courses</u>, <u>SAT or ACT</u> (no Writing)
- Not required/accepted: SAT Subject exams, essays, recommendation letters, transcripts
- Application filing period: Oct 1–Nov 30
- To apply: <u>Cal State Apply</u>
- Many CSU's are impacted and very difficult to get into! Like... Cal Poly SLO, San Diego State, Long Beach, San Francisco State

Private Colleges & Universities

- 75+ private colleges and universities in California
- 3,000+ in US (including public schools)
- All vary in admission requirements and application deadlines
- Application requirements: official transcript, official test scores, essays, activities & honors, recommendation letters, interview, portfolio/audition
- May use <u>Common Application</u>, their own website, or <u>Coalition</u> <u>Application</u>
- <u>Early Admission Plans</u>: Early Decision vs. Early Action vs. Restrictive Early Action (more info click <u>HERE</u>)
- National Candidates Reply Date: May 1

Out of State Institutions

- 3,000+ colleges and universities in US (including private schools)
- Many operate on <u>rolling admissions plan</u> (check Naviance for a list of popular schools)
- Many offer non-selective or slightly selective admissions with non-impacted majors
- Many have low out-of-state tuition
- <u>Western Undergraduate Exchange</u> (<u>WUE</u>): tuition discount for California students
- Don't forget about Honors programs/colleges at public schools; rigorous academics in large, research universities

Timelines

Spring

- Official SAT/ACT testing
 - All Juniors will take the official SAT March 27, 2019
- Attend College Monday Workshops-Mondays @ lunch!
- Search for college in <u>Naviance Family</u>
 <u>Connection</u> with SuperMatch college
 search, start building your college list. This
 list should include at least 2-3 "definite"
 schools and 2-3 "target" schools and can
 include 2-3 "reach" schools.
- Make an appointment with the College Counselor to discuss your college options.
- Consider participating in the SAT or ACT Workshops at BHHS

Summer

- College essay + application boot camp @ BHHS
- College list in Naviance
- Brag sheet Request Letters
- Prepare/organize apps + essays
- Attend college application workshops in the Fall!

Timelines

Fall 2019

- Attend application workshops
- Prioritize applications
- Check in with recommenders
- Apply online through application portfolios
- Request transcripts, official test scores and anything else needed (portfolio, supplemental materials)

- Connect with admission counselors on campus
- Attend Senior Kick Off to College Night & College Fair
- Take advantage of resources on campus!

Application Timelines

- Early Action
- Early Decision, Restrictive Early Action
- Regular Decision
- Rolling Admissions

Use this resource to learn more about various admission policies and more from the <u>National</u> <u>Association for College Admission Counseling</u>

Choose an admission plan that makes sense for YOU!

How to Explore

- College Rep Visits
- www.collegexpress.com
- Naviance Supermatch College Search
- Fiske Guide
- Bigfuture College Search
- Attend <u>NACAC College Fair</u> in the Spring
- Attend <u>Colleges that Change Lives</u> over summer

