

**The Redwood High School  
Counseling Department  
Presents**



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**COLLEGE INFORMATION  
NIGHT FOR JUNIORS &  
THEIR PARENTS**

**An overview of -**

**The University of California  
The California State Universities  
California Community Colleges  
Independent Colleges & Universities**

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# Remember...

- ◆ Beginning February 1, 2011, please call your Redwood counselor to schedule a college/post high school planning conference. We encourage both parents and their students to attend this conference. Appointment times are available between 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. See page 2 for counselor contact information.
- ◆ Read the **Career and College Planning Student Guide** (distributed during 10<sup>th</sup> grade), the PTSA Post and refer to **www.Redwood.org**. The daily bulletin, **The Twig**, and **Junior Splinter** are also available on the website under publications.
- ◆ We are fortunate to have Paula Vantrease, our College and Career Specialist. She is available to students and parents in the College and Career Center, room 111, which also has a wide variety of college materials and resources. You may make appointment with her at 945-3641. Please meet with Ms. Vantrease **after** you meet with your Redwood counselor for your Junior Conference.
- ◆ Attend college representative visits at Redwood in room 111 (College and Career Center). The schedule is posted on **www.redwood.org** under resource center, college/career center, college representatives. Representative visits are also posted outside the Counseling Office, room 103.
- ◆ In the spring, each junior will receive a Tam District **College Application Guide** to help plan and organize the application process.
- ◆ You may attend Financial Aid Night in the Redwood Library on December 2, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. to receive an early overview of the financial aid process and scholarship application.

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# University of California & California State University Redwood High School a-g Certified Course List for 2010-11

Underlined courses denote extra honors credit: A=5, B=4, C=3

**Courses to meet requirements for admission:**

<b>a-HISTORY</b>	
American Government <u>European History (AP)</u> US History 1-2	<u>US History 1-2 (AP)</u> World Cultures and Geography World History 1-2

<b>b-ENGLISH</b>	
<u>Advanced Exposition (H)</u> American Literature 1-2 American Literature 1-2 Sheltered Biography/Autobiography British Literature Contemporary Literature Dramatic Literature English 1-2 English 3-4 <u>English Language Composition (AP)</u> <u>English Literature Composition (AP)</u> Essay Exposition	Humanities Literary Walkabout Non-Fiction 1-2 Novel Oral Rhetoric Poetry Science Fiction Shakespeare Short Story The Immigrant Experience 20 <sup>th</sup> Century Literature World Literature

<b>c-MATHEMATICS</b> (* may only be used for the 'c' requirement)	
* Advanced Algebra 1-2 * Algebra 1-2 * Algebra P3-P4 <u>Calculus AB 1-2 (AP)</u> <u>Calculus BC 1-2 (AP)</u> * Geometry 1-2 * Geometry 1A-2A	* Honors Geometry 1-2 * Honors Advanced Algebra 1-2  <b><i>Honors Pre-Calculus 1-2</i></b> Pre-Calculus 1-2 Statistics 1-2 <u>Statistics 1-2 (AP)</u> Topics in Modern Mathematics

<b>d-LABORATORY SCIENCE</b>	
<u>Biomedical Science 1-2 (H)</u> Chemistry 1-2 <u>Chemistry 1-2 (AP)</u> (may alternate years) <u>Chemistry 1-2 (H)</u> Ecology <u>Environmental Science (AP)</u>	Honors Integrated Science 3-4 Integrated Science 3-4 <u>Physics 1-2 (H)</u> Physics 1-2 Physiology 1-2

<b>e-FOREIGN LANGUAGE</b> (* may only be used for the "e" requirement)	
* French 1-2 French 3-4 French 5-6 French 7-8 * Mandarin 1-2 Mandarin 3-4 Mandarin 5-6 Mandarin 7-8 (* Pending UC approval)	* Spanish 1-2 Spanish 3-4 Spanish 5-6 Spanish 7-8 <u>Spanish 7-8 Honors</u> Spanish 9-10 <u>Spanish Language 1-2 (AP)</u>

**f-VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS – 1 YEAR REQUIRED (\* may only be used for the ‘f’ requirement)**

* Art Explorations/Architectural Design 1 * Art Explorations/Ceramics 1 * Art Explorations/Drawing & Painting 1 * Art Explorations/Graphic Design * Art Explorations/Photography 1 * Art Explorations/Sculpture 1 Architectural Design 2-3 Architectural Design (H) Band – Advanced Band – Intermediate * Beginning Guitar & Bass Ceramics 2-3 Ceramics 4-5 Ceramics 6 * Concert Choir * Drama 1-2 (Beginning) Drama 3-4 (Intermediate)	Drama 5-6 (Advanced Intermediate) Drama 7-8 (Advanced) Drawing & Painting 2-3 Drawing & Painting 4-5 Drawing & Painting 6-7 Honors Theatre Directing Jazz Ensemble Music Performance Workshop 1-2 Photography 2-3 Photography 4-5 Photography 6 Sculpture 2-3 Sculpture 4-5 Stagecraft 1-2 <u>Studio Art 2-D (AP)</u> <u>Studio Art 3-D (AP)</u> <u>Studio Art: Drawing 1-2 (AP)</u>
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**g-ELECTIVE – 1 YEAR REQUIRED**

One year (two semesters), in addition to those required in “a-f” above. All courses listed under a-f above with the exception of courses marked with an asterisk (\*) in Mathematics and VPA; plus the following:

***AP Computer Science A/AB***

Advanced Journalism American Women’s History Architectural Design 4 Artist’s Voice – Ceramics Artist’s Voice – Drawing & Painting Artist’s Voice – Photography Astronomy 1-2 Computer Programming 1-2 Computer Programming 3-4 Contemporary Issues	Economics Economics Sheltered <u>Economics Micro/Macro (AP)</u> Engineering Projects 1-2 Environmental Science 1-2 Graphic Design - Advanced History and Appreciation of Film Integrated Science 1-2 Intermediate Algebra 1-2 Introduction to Engineering Design Philosophy Psychology
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This list reflects the most current information  
available as of 9/3/10.

If you want to look at the current a-g list on the UC site, the  
address is: <http://pathways.ucop.edu/doorways/list>

# Are you eligible for UC?

To be eligible to attend the University of California as a freshman, you must:

- Complete a specific set of 15 college-prep courses (known as the "a-g" courses) with at least a 3.0 GPA
- Take either the SAT Reasoning Test **OR** the ACT with its writing exam **AND** 2 SAT Subject Tests in two different subject areas (e.g., science and literature)

The grades you earn in your "a-g" courses, along with your test scores, are combined in the Eligibility Index, which helps determine your UC eligibility.

To find out whether you are eligible, use the calculator at [www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/scholarshipreq](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/scholarshipreq) or follow these steps:

Test Score Translation Table					
ACT Score	SAT Score	UC Score	ACT Score	SAT Score	UC Score
36	800	100	20	490	48
	790	98		480	47
35	780	97		470	45
	770	95	19	460	43
34	760	93		450	42
	750	92	18	440	40
33	740	90		430	38
	730	88	17	420	37
32	720	87		410	35
	710	85	16	400	33
31	700	83		390	32
	690	82	15	380	30
30	680	80		370	28
	670	78	14	360	27
29	660	77		350	25
	650	75	13	340	23
28	640	73		330	22
	630	72	12	320	20
27	620	70		310	18
	610	68	11	300	17
26	600	67		290	15
	590	65	10	280	13
25	580	63		270	12
	570	62	9	260	10
24	560	60		250	8
	550	58	8	240	7
23	540	57		230	5
	530	55	7	220	3
22	520	53		210	2
	510	52	1-6	200	0
21	500	50			

## 1. Convert your ACT or SAT scores to UC Scores.\*

Use the translation table at left to find the equivalent "UC Score" for each of your ACT or SAT scores. Then fill in one or both of the charts below to calculate your converted total score.

ACT	ACT Score	UC Score
Reading		
Science		
Math		
UC Score Subtotal		
UC Score Subtotal x (.667)		
ROUND UP .5 AND ABOVE		
Eng./Writing		
Converted ACT Total		

SAT	SAT Score	UC Score
Reading		
Math		
Writing		
Converted SAT Total		

1  
2  
3  
(1+2+3)

1  
2  
(1+2)

Enter your highest converted ACT or SAT total  A

## 2. Convert your two highest SAT Subject Test scores to UC Scores.

Use the translation table at left.

Remember, your test scores must be from two different subject areas.

Enter your best SAT Subject Test score  SAT SCORE  UC SCORE B

Enter your second-best SAT Subject Test score  SAT SCORE  UC SCORE C

## 3. Add all three converted scores (A+B+C) to get your UC SCORE TOTAL

## 4. Find your GPA\*\* in the Eligibility Index at left.

If your UC Score Total meets or exceeds the minimum score shown for your GPA range, you meet the Scholarship Requirement for UC eligibility.

\* If you took both the ACT and SAT, or if you took either exam more than once, compute your UC Score for each sitting to ensure you've identified your best result. Note that you cannot mix and match scores from separate test dates.

\*\* UC calculates your preliminary GPA based on the grades earned in the "a-g" courses taken in the 10th and 11th grades.

UC Eligibility Index	
Minimum GPA = 3.0	
CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS	
"A-G" GPA	UC Score Total
3.00 - 3.04	223
3.05 - 3.09	210
3.10 - 3.14	198
3.15 - 3.19	187
3.20 - 3.24	175
3.25 - 3.29	165
3.30 - 3.34	157
3.35 - 3.39	152
3.40 - 3.44	147
3.45 & above	143
NON-CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS	
"A-G" GPA	UC Score Total
3.40 - 3.44	147
3.45 & above	143

Please note: A new index is being developed for applicants to fall 2012 and beyond. It will be posted at [www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions) when it becomes available.

CSU Eligibility Index - California Residents

Eligibility Index Table for Residents of California or  
Graduates of California High Schools

GPA	ACT Score	SAT Score	GPA	ACT Score	SAT Score	GPA	ACT Score	SAT Score
3.0 and above qualifies for any score								
2.99	10	510	2.66	17	780	2.33	23	1040
2.98	10	520	2.65	17	780	2.32	23	1050
2.97	10	530	2.64	17	790	2.31	24	1060
2.96	11	540	2.63	17	800	2.30	24	1060
2.95	11	540	2.62	17	810	2.29	24	1070
2.94	11	550	2.61	18	820	2.28	24	1080
2.93	11	560	2.60	18	820	2.27	24	1090
2.92	11	570	2.59	18	830	2.26	25	1100
2.91	12	580	2.58	18	840	2.25	25	1100
2.90	12	580	2.57	18	850	2.24	25	1110
2.89	12	590	2.56	18	860	2.23	25	1120
2.88	12	600	2.55	19	860	2.22	25	1130
2.87	12	610	2.54	19	870	2.21	26	1140
2.86	13	620	2.53	19	880	2.20	26	1140
2.85	13	620	2.52	19	890	2.19	26	1150
2.84	13	630	2.51	20	900	2.18	26	1160
2.83	13	640	2.50	20	900	2.17	26	1170
2.82	13	650	2.49	20	910	2.16	27	1180
2.81	14	660	2.48	20	920	2.15	27	1180
2.80	14	660	2.47	20	930	2.14	27	1190
2.79	14	670	2.46	21	940	2.13	27	1200
2.78	14	680	2.45	21	940	2.12	27	1210
2.77	14	690	2.44	21	950	2.11	28	1220
2.76	15	700	2.43	21	960	2.10	28	1220
2.75	15	700	2.42	21	970	2.09	28	1230
2.74	15	710	2.41	22	980	2.08	28	1240
2.73	15	720	2.40	22	980	2.07	28	1250
2.72	15	730	2.39	22	990	2.06	29	1260
2.71	16	740	2.38	22	1000	2.05	29	1260
2.70	16	740	2.37	22	1010	2.04	29	1270
2.69	16	750	2.36	23	1020	2.03	29	1280
2.68	16	760	2.35	23	1020	2.02	29	1290
2.67	16	770	2.34	23	1030	2.01	30	1300
						2.00	30	1300

Below 2.0 does not qualify for regular admission  
For admissions purposes, the CSU uses only the SAT scores for mathematics and critical reading.



# California Public Universities Statistics and Facts

## Fall 2010 Admissions

<i>UC Campus</i>	<i>Average GPA</i>	<i>Average SAT Score</i>	<i>Average ACT Score</i>	<i>Admit Rate</i>	<i>Applications Received</i>
Berkeley	4.19	2031	29	21.4%	50,312
Davis	4.02	1902	28	44.9%	43,269
Irvine	4.01	1873	27	45.4%	45,678
Los Angeles	4.37	2030	29	22.6%	57,651
Merced	3.57	1623	23	86.4%	10,594
Riverside	3.63	1660	23	76.6%	24,003
San Diego	4.08	1980	29	38.1%	48,073
Santa Barbara	4.10	1909	27	42.2%	46,700
Santa Cruz	3.77	1790	26	65.0%	27,657

### CSU Campus Notes

There are 16 impacted CSU campuses for Fall, 2011 admissions. Impacted means the campuses receive more applications than they can accommodate. CSU campuses must first accept eligible students in their designated local areas. For the remaining spaces, students are selected by their Eligibility Index Score, so the more impacted a campus is, the higher the Index Score must be for acceptance. For 2010 admissions, San Diego State's admitted index was 3960 and higher. (See below for calculating the Eligibility Index Score.)

The good news is that Marin County students are in the local designated area for both Sonoma State and San Francisco State. Both campuses are impacted, but will guarantee admission for all eligible Marin County students who apply (students must have met the "a-g" course requirements, and have a minimum eligibility index score of 2900.)

Following are the seven current **non-impacted** campuses: Bakersfield, Channel Islands, Dominguez Hills, East Bay, Maritime, Monterey Bay, and Stanislaus.

### Calculating the First-Time Freshman Eligibility Index

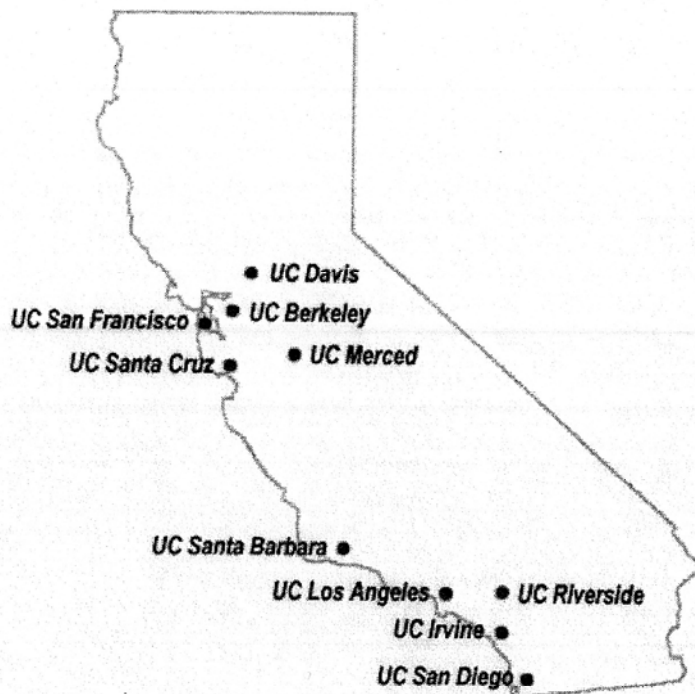
The eligibility index is the combination of your CSU grade point average (10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grades in "a-g" list classes) and your test score on either the SAT without the writing score, or the ACT (also without the optional writing score.)

Following is the calculation formulas:

$(\text{CSU GPA} \times 800) + (\text{SAT Critical Reading} + \text{Math Score}) = \text{Eligibility Index}$

$(\text{CSU GPA} \times 200) + (10 \times \text{ACT Composite Score}) = \text{Eligibility Index}$

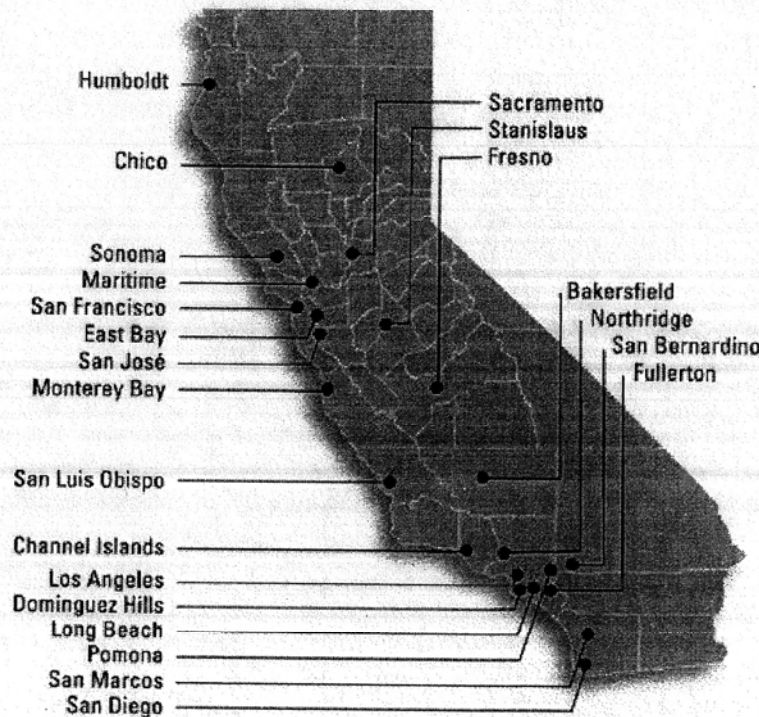
## Map of UC Campus Locations



### Distance from San Francisco:

UC Davis	71 miles (114 km)
UC Berkeley	12 miles (19 km)
UC Merced	135 miles (217 km)
UC Santa Cruz	74 miles (119 km)
UC Santa Barbara	335 miles (539 km)
UCLA	380 miles (612 km)

## Map of CSU Campus Locations



## FAQ'S ABOUT CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

### 1. Are there admissions requirements to get in?

A: No, you just need to be 18 years old, or have graduated high school. Most community colleges will want you to complete their own placement tests in English and Math, though. You can do this sometime in the spring of your senior year. On a side note, if you do not maintain a minimum grade point average (usually around a 2.0), you may be placed on academic probation, which can lead to you having to "sit out" a semester if your grades do not improve.

### 2. What is the cost to attend community college?

A: Currently, the fee is \$26/per unit for California residents. Plus, there are usually some additional fees per campus for such things as the Health Center and student body fees.

### 3. Do Community Colleges have dorms?

A: Yes, a few of them do. Please check on the California Community College website: [www.cccco.edu](http://www.cccco.edu) to find out which ones.

### 4. I plan to attend a community college, then transfer to earn my B.A. degree from a four-year college. How long will this take?

A: In most cases, you must earn a total of 60 transferable units in required subject areas, plus maintain a minimum grade point average required by the college you plan to transfer to. How long this takes is up to you. Some students who take a full-time course load may transfer in two years or less. Other students may not be able to take classes full-time, so it may take longer. The key to transferring is earning the 60 transferable units as required by the college you are targeting for transfer; you don't have to do it in two years.

### 5. I was eligible for a UC and CSU when I graduated from high school; do I still need 60 units to transfer?

A: It depends. In general, UC campuses will only accept students who transfer with junior standing (60 units). There is some variance among CSU campuses, but they generally follow the 60 unit/junior standing as well.

### 6. Will I need to take the SAT or ACT test to transfer, if I do not take it while in high school?

A: For the UC/CSU systems, no, you will not need an SAT or ACT test score, just the appropriate number of units and grade point average. If you are looking at private colleges or out-of-state publics, you will need to check with them for their individual testing policies.

### 7. What is the IGETC?

A: This is an acronym standing for "Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum". It is a series of courses prospective transfer students attending California community colleges may complete to satisfy the lower division general education requirements at both the UC and CSU systems. However, if you intend to transfer into a major that requires extensive lower division preparation, such as engineering or the physical or natural sciences, you should concentrate on completing the many prerequisites for the major that the college screens to determine eligibility for admission. Please meet with a community college counselor to discuss the IGETC further.

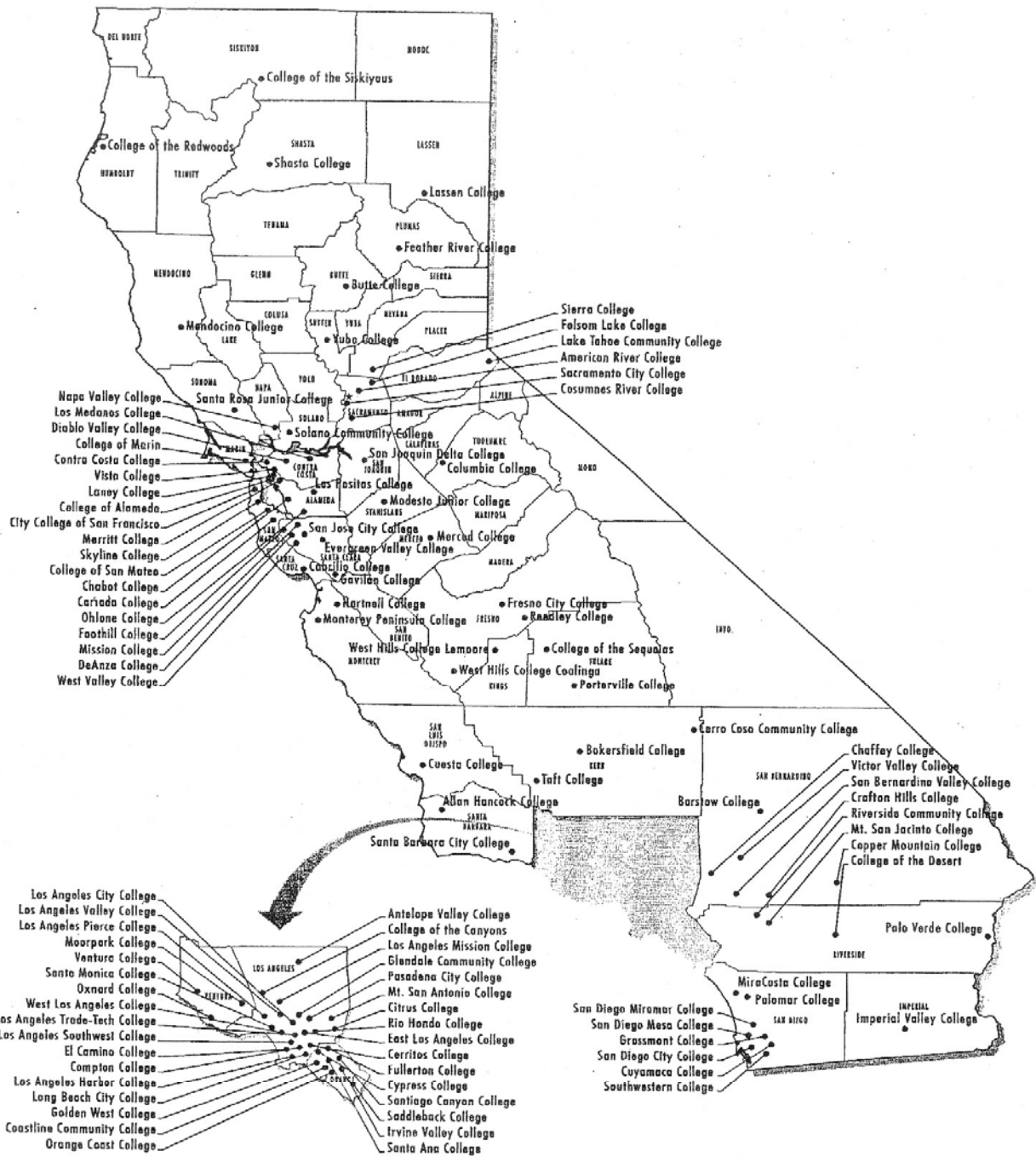
### 8. Is it easier to transfer to a certain UC, if I attend a community college closer to that UC?

A: Most of the UC's have what are known as transfer agreement programs with many community colleges. You can find these outlined on the ASSIST website ([www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org)). However, if you maintain good grades and follow the IGETC program (or whatever is appropriate for your major) you can still transfer to any given UC. When applying to UC's, students from California community colleges have admissions priority over all other prospective transfer students, including those from four-year institutions.

Seven of the UC's nine undergraduate campuses offer guaranteed admissions to California community college students who meet specific requirements, under the Transfer Admission Guarantee program. Students in the TAG program can receive early review of their academic records, early admission notification, and specific guidance on major proportion and general education coursework.

### 9. What if I don't want to transfer, but want to learn a certain skill at a community college?

A: This is the joy of California community colleges – they have a wide range of opportunities for many students. All of them offer what is known as Certificate Programs, where a certain prescribed set of classes are completed, and a certificate is issued to show a prospective employer the training in that area that has been completed. These programs are far-reaching, from automotive technology to culinary arts to court reporting. You can search for various programs at the [www.cccco.edu](http://www.cccco.edu) website. Some students will do both, earn a certificate, AND transfer. The possibilities are endless!



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# Independent Colleges —

**Affordable & Personal**

## AICCU.edu

The Guide is available in searchable format at AICCU.edu. You can search using different criteria, including: school name, location, major, etc.

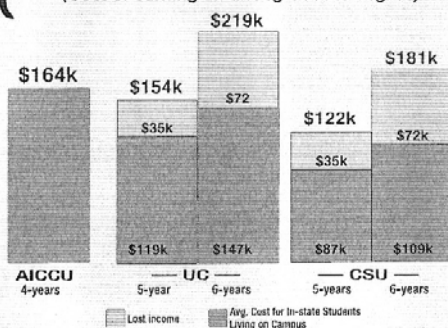
## UCAN-network.org

UCAN is a national network of independent colleges that voluntarily provide consumer friendly information for students and parents in easy-to-understand charts and text. If an independent California school participates, its Guide page will display the UCAN logo.

## CaliforniaColleges.edu

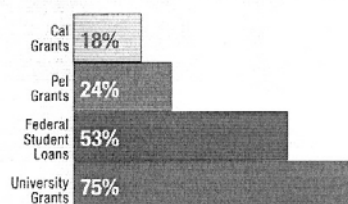
CaliforniaColleges.edu offers information about all of the independent, not-for-profit colleges and universities in California; it includes comparable information about the public systems, too. It offers users a course planner, career exploration tools, and valuable financial aid information.

### Save up to \$100,000 (Cost of earning an undergraduate degree)



### 90% of students get financial aid

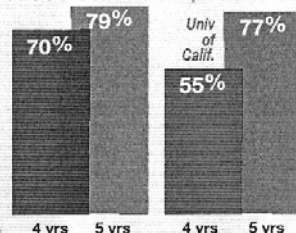
(% of students receiving aid by type)



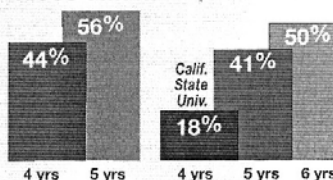
### Graduate in four years

(Percentage of students who graduate in 4 & 5 years)

#### AICCU Schools comparable to UC

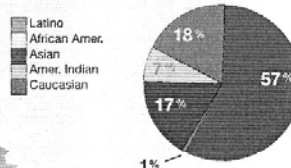


#### AICCU Schools comparable to CSU



### Learn in a diverse community

(Undergrad student diversity)



**Independent college students are individuals—not numbers**

- Every application is personally reviewed
- Classes are smaller—taught by professors not teaching assistants
- Students receive personal attention to help them succeed in college and life

AICCU.edu

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**AICCU** Association of Independent California Colleges & Universities

# Association of Independent California Colleges & Universities

## Locations and Web Addresses

Alliant International Univ. (47)	alliant.edu
American Academy of Dramatic Arts L.A. (36)	aada.org
American Jewish University (35)	ajula.edu
Antioch University Los Angeles (37)	antiochla.edu
Art Center College of Design (23)	artcenter.edu
Azusa Pacific University (24)	apu.edu
Biola University (38)	biola.edu
California Baptist University (33)	calbaptist.edu
California College of the Arts (10)	cca.edu
California Institute of Technology (23)	caltech.edu
California Institute of the Arts (18)	calarts.edu
California Lutheran University (26)	callutheran.edu
Chapman University (40)	chapman.edu
Charles Drew University (37)	cdrewu.edu
Claremont Graduate University (27)	cgu.edu
Claremont McKenna College (27)	claremontmckenna.edu
Cogswell Polytechnical College (14)	cogswell.edu
Concordia University (42)	cui.edu
Dominican University of California (6)	dominican.edu
Fielding Graduate University (20)	fielding.edu
Fresno Pacific University (17)	fresno.edu
Golden Gate University (10)	ggu.edu
Harvey Mudd College (27)	hmc.edu
Holy Names University (9)	hnu.edu

Hope International University (39)	hiu.edu
Humphreys College (5)	humphreys.edu
Keck Graduate Institute (27)	kgi.edu
La Sierra University (33)	lasierra.edu
Laguna College of Art & Design (45)	lagunacollege.edu
Loma Linda University (31)	llu.edu
Loyola Marymount University (37)	lmu.edu
Marymount College (41)	marymountpv.edu
Master's College, The (19)	masters.edu
Menlo College (12)	menlo.edu
Mills College (9)	mills.edu
Monterey Institute of International Studies (16)	miis.edu
Mount St. Mary's College (37)	msmc.la.edu
National University (46)	nu.edu
Notre Dame de Namur University (11)	ndnu.edu
Occidental College (37)	oxy.edu
Otis College of Art and Design (37)	otis.edu
Pacific Graduate School of Psychology (13)	pgsp.edu
Pacific Oaks College (23)	pacificoaks.edu
Pacific Union College (3)	puc.edu
Patten University (9)	patten.edu
Pepperdine University (29)	pepperdine.edu
Phillips Graduate Institute (34)	pgi.edu
Pitzer College (27)	pitzer.edu
Point Loma Nazarene University (47)	pointloma.edu
Pomona College (27)	pomona.edu
Saint Mary's College of Calif. (8)	stmarys-ca.edu
Samuel Merritt College (9)	samuelmerritt.edu
San Diego Christian College (48)	sdcc.edu
San Francisco Conserv. of Music (10)	sfcma.edu
Santa Clara University (15)	scu.edu
Saybrook Graduate School (10)	saybrook.edu
Scripps College (27)	scrippscollege.edu
Simpson University (1)	simpsonuniversity.edu
So. Calif. Univ. of Health Sciences (32)	scuhs.edu
Soka University (44)	soka.edu
Stanford University (13)	stanford.edu
Thomas Aquinas College (21)	thomasaquinas.edu
Touro University - CA (4)	tu.edu
University of La Verne (25)	ulv.edu
University of Redlands (30)	redlands.edu
University of San Diego (47)	sandiego.edu
University of San Francisco (10)	usfca.edu
University of So. California (37)	usc.edu
University of the Pacific (5)	pacific.edu
Vanguard University (43)	vanguard.edu
Western University of Health Sci. (28)	westernu.edu
Westmont College (20)	westmont.edu
Whittier College (32)	whittier.edu
William Jessup University (2)	jessup.edu
Woodbury University (22)	woodbury.edu



**AICCU**.edu  
 UCAN-network.org  
 CaliforniaColleges.edu



# Nuts and Bolts of PRIVATE COLLEGE APPLICATIONS



## OBTAINING APPLICATIONS

The vast majority of colleges prefer, if not require, that applications be sent on-line. You should check to see if your college accepts the Common Application. If they do, this streamlines your process since the application can be easily transmitted to each school you want to attend. Of course, each one will require their own application fee. Go to [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org) for more information.

## READING THE APPLICATION

This is probably THE MOST IMPORTANT INSTRUCTION! Although similar, each application will vary a bit in what they want and the method of completion. Read each one carefully and know what needs to be sent when and if you will need a counselor recommendation (Secondary School Report) and/or teacher recommendations. You can go to [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)>Download Forms>Deadlines and Requirements Grid and you can view an interactive list of all Common App schools, deadlines, and forms required. You may want to set up a chart with headings that list each part of the application, with DUE DATES and check off when completed and sent.

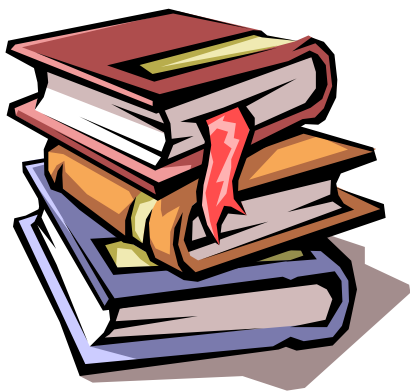
## RECOMMENDATIONS

Most private college applications will want at least a counselor recommendation (Secondary School Report). Many will also want one or two teacher recommendations. **It is vital that you give your counselor/teachers enough time to write a quality recommendation! All information, including a completed Questionnaire, must be submitted to your counselor at least ONE MONTH prior to your first deadline.** Most teachers require one month's notice as well. We have set the date of November 15 as the last date to request any recommendations due in January. If you decide to apply somewhere on the spur of the moment, your teachers and counselor will do their best to complete required forms, but it will not be a comprehensive letter and it may not be completed by the due date. **GET YOUR PART IN ON TIME!**

When you give your counselor/teachers recommendation forms, be sure you have completed your part (identifying information), and signed where required. All counselors will be completing the **Common Application online**, but you will need to ask teachers if they will use the online form or require a paper form. For any non-Common App schools or teachers using the paper form, you will need to **PROVIDE STAMPED (\$.61), ADDRESSED, STANDARD BUSINESS ENVELOPES FOR EACH RECOMMENDATION AND TRANSCRIPTS.**

## TRANSCRIPTS

Most private and many out-of-state public institutions want an official transcript to accompany your application. It can vary in the way that the transcripts are requested. Some schools want them attached to the Secondary School Report; others want them sent directly in their own envelope. You need to know how each school wants to receive your transcript. **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR REQUESTING YOUR TRANSCRIPTS WITH OUR RECORDS CLERK, CHARLENE DELOSA, ON AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FORM.** There is a flat fee of \$10 for all Common Application transcripts. Three free paper transcripts can be sent to non-Common App schools and each additional transcript requested costs \$3.00. You will need to indicate if the transcript should be given to your counselor to be sent with the Secondary School Report or if it should be sent directly to the college.



## **TESTING**

You will need to send your official score reports directly to each college you are applying to. You should request them from the testing company as soon as you decide to apply (they take 3-5 weeks to arrive.) You may go to the respective web sites ([www.act.org](http://www.act.org) or [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)) to request that scores be sent.

## **COMPLETING THE APPLICATION**

By now you can see how complex this application process can be! Just remember to be very thorough in completing all parts of your application. Be sure all information given is current and accurate. Also, be consistent throughout the application in using the same name as your school records.

If you are submitting your application on-line, **BE SURE TO PRINT PROOF** of your submission and the entire application after you hit “submit.” This is a vital step in case anything happens to your submission.

## **MEET THE APPLICATION DEADLINES!**

Late applications won’t be accepted by most institutions.

## **MID-YEAR REPORTS**

Most private colleges require an update after the fall semester of the senior year is completed and the grades have been processed. Sometimes they have a form to be given to your counselor; others just request that a 7<sup>th</sup> Semester transcript be sent. Again, you need to request all transcripts and provide your counselor with the necessary forms/envelopes/postage. If anything significant has occurred since your original application (i.e., awards won, illness affecting your grades, community service performed, etc.) be sure to tell your counselor so that it can be represented on the Mid-Year Report. The Common Application Mid-Year Report is online, but if you have any schools that require a paper form, you must get that to your counselor, along with a stamped, addressed envelope in January.

## **NOTIFICATION**

Depending on the type of application you made, you should be notified no later than late April of your acceptance or denial. If you applied Early Decision or Early Action, you will know sooner. If the college has Rolling Admissions, you could know within four to six weeks of submitting your application, although they may hold it to compare with other applicants. Since your teachers and counselor had a part in this process, **share the outcome with them too! Most schools require you to accept admission by May 1. It is expected that you will send a letter to any schools where you decline admission.**



## **FINAL TRANSCRIPTS**

It is your responsibility to request a FINAL TRANSCRIPT be sent to the school that you have been accepted to and plan to attend in late May or June.

***We realize this can be a stressful time and encourage you to ask for assistance any time you have questions or need support.***





## College Application Checklist

<b>College Name</b>				
<b>Date Application Sent</b>				
<b>Official Transcript Ordered (if required)</b>				
<b>ACT Scores Ordered</b>				
<b>SAT Reasoning Scores Ordered</b>				
<b>SAT Subject Scores Ordered (if required)</b>				
<b>Letters of Recommendation Requested From</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Teachers</li> <li>● Counselor (if required)</li> </ul>				
<b>Date Letters of Recommendation Due to Colleges</b>				
<b>Date Financial Aid Deadlines Met</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● FAFSA</li> <li>● Profile (if required)</li> <li>● School Form (if required)</li> </ul>				
<b>Campus Visit Date</b>				
<b>Date Mid-Year Report Ordered (7<sup>th</sup> semester if required)</b>				
<b>Date Letters of Acceptance/Denial/Wait List Received</b>				
<b>Health, Housing and Other Forms Submitted to Chosen College</b>				
<b>College Notified of Intent to Enroll</b>				
<b>Date Letter Sent to Colleges That You Won't Be Enrolling</b>				
<b>Final Transcript Requested to College of Choice</b>				

# College Comparison Worksheet

<b>College Name</b>			
<b>Location</b> ● Distance from home			
<b>Size</b> ● <i>Enrollment</i> ● <i>Physical Size of Campus</i>			
<b>Environment</b> ● Type of school (2 or 4 years) ● School setting (urban, rural) ● Location and size of nearest city ● Coed, male, female ● Religious affiliation			
<b>Admission Requirements</b> ● Deadline ● Tests required ● Average Test Scores, GPA, rank ● Special requirements ● Notification			
<b>Academics</b> ● Your major offered ● Special requirements ● Accreditation ● Student-faculty ratio ● Typical class size			
<b>College Expenses</b> ● Tuition, room & board ● Estimated total budget ● Application fee, deposits			
<b>Financial Aid</b> ● Deadline ● Required forms ● Percent receiving aid ● Scholarships (merit/need based)			
<b>Housing</b> ● Residence hall requirements ● Availability ● Types & sizes ● Food plan			
<b>Facilities</b> ● Academic ● Recreational			
<b>Activities</b> ● Clubs, organizations ● Greek Life ● Athletics, intramurals			
<b>Campus Visits</b> ● When ● Special opportunities			

## Per Year **ESTIMATED** College Costs

<b>2010 - 2011</b>	<b>Community College</b>	<b>CSU</b>	<b>UC</b>	<b>Private/ Independent</b>
Registration Fees and Tuition*	\$686 - \$802	\$4,810 - \$6,498	\$11,030 - \$15,308	\$25,881 - \$40,384
Books and Supplies	\$1,704	\$1,704	\$1,704	\$1,704
Room and Board	\$3,550 - \$11,556	\$7,041 - \$12,414 on campus housing	\$11,400 - \$14,384 on campus housing	\$8,568 - \$12,350 on campus housing
Transportation	\$1,224	\$1,224	\$1,224	\$1,224
Personal Expenses	\$3,120	\$3,120	\$3,120	\$3,120
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$10,400 - \$18,290</b>	<b>\$17,899 - \$24,960</b>	<b>\$28,478 - \$35,740</b>	<b>\$40,497 - \$58,782</b>

\*Registration fees and tuition are based on full-time enrollment. Fees and tuition are subject to change without advance notice.

\*Non-California Residents: Out-of-state and international students must pay additional out-of-state registration fees.

The above costs are average estimates and may vary campus to campus. Total expenses may be less for students living at home. Financial aid is available to help students cover some of the college costs.

## College Student Financial Aid Programs for Undergraduates

<b>WORK STUDY:</b> Financial assistance earned by a student through employment.		<b>GRANTS:</b> Financial aid that does not have to be repaid.		<b>LOANS:</b> Money loaned to students. Repayment begins after student has left college.	
Federal Work Study	\$1,000 - \$4,500	Pell	\$555 - \$5,550	Perkins	\$3,000 per year maximum
		SEOG	\$100 - \$4,000	Stafford/Federal Direct Loan	\$5,500 - \$7,500 per year
		Cal Grant A	\$4,230 - \$10,302		
		Cal Grant B	\$5,701 - \$11,853		
		Cal Grant C	Vocational programs only		
		EOP Grant	\$100 - \$1,000		
		University Grant	Varies by school		

In order to be considered for **all types** of financial aid students must file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the GPA verification form by March 2nd of their senior year in high school. To continue to receive student aid, students must re-apply every year, observe the March 2nd deadline and maintain satisfactory academic progress toward a degree. Contact the financial aid office of the college where you want to attend for complete information.

At San Francisco State University, about half our students receive financial aid to help cover costs. There are many types of aid available. Call the SFSU Office of Student Financial Aid at 415/338-7000 with questions, or visit [www.sfsu.edu/~finaid](http://www.sfsu.edu/~finaid).

The figures listed above are provided by the Office of Student Financial Aid.

# SAT Versus ACT Chart

## How do the tests compare?

What is the difference between the SAT and ACT? They're both standardized tests and they both factor into the college admissions process. To learn about the differences between the two tests and how they compare, take a look below.

	<b>SAT</b>	<b>ACT</b>
<b>When is it administered?</b>	Seven times per year	Six times per year
<b>What is the test structure?</b>	<b>Ten-section exam:</b> Three Critical Reading, three Math, three Writing, and one Experimental. The Experimental section is masked to look like a regular section.	Four-section exam: English, Math, Reading, and Science Reasoning. An Experimental section is added to tests on certain dates only, and is clearly experimental.
<b>What is the test content?</b>	<b>Math:</b> up to 9 <sup>th</sup> grade basic geometry and Algebra II. <b>Science:</b> none. <b>Reading:</b> sentence completions, short and long critical reading passages, reading comprehension. <b>Writing:</b> an essay, and questions testing grammar, usage, and word choice.	<b>Math:</b> up to trigonometry. <b>Science:</b> charts, experiments. <b>Reading:</b> four passages, one each of Prose Fiction, Social Science, Humanities, and Natural Science. <b>English:</b> stresses grammar.
<b>Is there a penalty for wrong answers?</b>	Yes. A quarter point is subtracted for every wrong answer.	No.
<b>How is the test scored?</b>	200-800 per section, added together for a combined score. A 2400 is the highest possible combined score.	1-36 for each subject, averaged for a composite score. A 36 is the highest possible composite score.
<b>Are all scores sent to schools?</b>	If a student requests a score report be sent to specific colleges, the report will include the scores the student received on every SAT taken, unless "score choice" is selected. We strongly encourage students to <b>NOT</b> use score choice, thus sending all scores.	<b>No.</b> There is a "Score Choice" option. Students can choose which schools will receive their scores AND which scores the schools will see.
<b>Are there other uses for the exams?</b>	Scholarship purposes.	Scholarship purposes. Certain statewide testing programs.
<b>Best time to register?</b>	At least <b>six weeks</b> before the test date	At least <b>four weeks</b> before the test date
<b>Need more information?</b>	<b>Educational Testing Services (ETS)</b> (609) 771-7600 <a href="http://www.ets.org">www.ets.org</a> <b>The College Board</b> <a href="http://www.collegeboard.com">www.collegeboard.com</a>	<b>ACT</b> (319-337-1000 <a href="http://www.ACT.org">www.ACT.org</a>

## ACT – SAT Concordance

The ACT and SAT are different tests that measure similar but distinct constructs. The ACT measures achievement related to high school curricula, while the SAT measures general verbal and quantitative reasoning.

ACT and the College Board have completed a concordance study designed to examine the relationship between scores on the ACT and SAT. These concordance tables do not equate scores, but rather provide a tool for finding comparable scores.

You can find the concordance tables and guidelines for proper use on the ACT website at [www.act.org/aap/concordance](http://www.act.org/aap/concordance).

ACT Composite Score	SAT Score Range Critical Reading + Math	ACT Composite Score	Estimated Relationship SAT Score Range Critical Reading + Math + Writing
36	1600	36	2380-2400
35	1540-1590	35	2290-2370
34	1490-1530	34	2220-2280
33	1440-1480	33	2140-2210
32	1400-1430	32	2080-2130
31	1360-1390	31	2020-2070
30	1330-1350	30	1980-2010
29	1290-1320	29	1920-1970
28	1250-1280	28	1860-1910
27	1210-1240	27	1800-1850
26	1170-1200	26	1740-1790
25	1130-1160	25	1680-1730
24	1090-1120	24	1620-1670
23	1050-1080	23	1560-1610
22	1020-1040	22	1510-1550
21	980-1010	21	1450-1500
20	940-970	20	1390-1440
19	900-930	19	1330-1380
18	860-890	18	1270-1320
17	820-850	17	1210-1260
16	770-810	16	1140-1200
15	720-760	15	1060-1130
14	670-710	14	990-1050
13	620-660	13	910-980
12	560-610	12	820-900
11	510-550	11	750-810

Table information used with permission from ACT, Inc.

# College Testing Calendar

Redwood CEEB/ACT School Code: 051-361

SAT

[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

Saturday Administrations			
Date Given	Test Issued	Registration Deadlines	
		US	US Late
January 22, 2011	SAT & subject tests	December 23, 2010	January 7, 2011
March 12, 2011	SAT only	February 22, 2011	February 25, 2011
May 7, 2011	SAT & subject tests	April 8, 2011	April 22, 2011
June 4, 2011	SAT & subject tests	May 6, 2011	May 20, 2011
◆ ◆ Fall 2011 schedule not yet available ◆ ◆			

ACT

[www.act.student.org](http://www.act.student.org)

Date	Registration Deadline	Late Deadline
February 12, 2011	January 7, 2011	January 21, 2011
April 9, 2011	March 4, 2011	March 18, 2011
June 11, 2011	May 6, 2011	May 20, 2011
◆ ◆ Fall 2011 schedule not yet available ◆ ◆		

# ***It Is All On the Web...***

## **Redwood Counseling Links and Tamalpais School District Counseling Web Site**

[www.redwood.org](http://www.redwood.org)

[www.tamdistrict.org/students/counseling/links.htm](http://www.tamdistrict.org/students/counseling/links.htm)

### **California Colleges**

[www.aiccu.edu](http://www.aiccu.edu) - California private and independent colleges

[www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org) - Community college to UC and CSU transfer information

[www.californiacolleges.edu](http://www.californiacolleges.edu) - Data on all California colleges

[www.calstate.edu](http://www.calstate.edu) - California State University System

[www.cccco.edu](http://www.cccco.edu) - California Community Colleges/Junior Colleges

[www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu) - CSU application and information site

[www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply) - UC campus overview and applications

### **General College Searches/College Application Processes**

[www.princetonreview.com](http://www.princetonreview.com) -

(go to college under explore schools and then complete the questionnaire on COUNSELOR-O-MATIC)

[www.campustours.com](http://www.campustours.com) - College sites with virtual tours and web cams

[www.collegeapps.com](http://www.collegeapps.com) - Comprehensive web site for students applying to college

[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) - College and scholarship search

[www.collegenet.com](http://www.collegenet.com) - Comprehensive web site for students applying to college

[www.collegeview.com](http://www.collegeview.com) - Comprehensive web site for students applying to college

[www.collegexpress.com](http://www.collegexpress.com) - College and scholarship searches

[www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org) - The Common Application

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) - Scholarship search

[www.mymajors.com](http://www.mymajors.com) - Helps students determine majors when undecided

[www.nacacnet.org](http://www.nacacnet.org) - National Association for College Admission Counseling

[www.petersons.com](http://www.petersons.com) - Comprehensive education and college resource

[www.schoolsintheusa.com](http://www.schoolsintheusa.com) - College finder and career exploration

[www.usnews.com](http://www.usnews.com) - College ratings and comparisons (fee for some services)

[www.xap.com](http://www.xap.com) - All purpose college search; SAT Prep; career choices

### **Athletics**

[www.ncaastudent.org](http://www.ncaastudent.org) - The National Collegiate Athletic Association - athletic information

### **Some Gap Year/Job/Career/Military Web Sites**

[www.acinet.org](http://www.acinet.org) - Information on salary and fastest growing occupations by states

[www.bridges.com](http://www.bridges.com) - College and career options (user name/0010077 - password/giants)

[www.careers.org](http://www.careers.org) - Large site with many links to career resources and jobs

[www.careersinthemilitary.com](http://www.careersinthemilitary.com) - Jobs in the military

[www.jobcorps.org](http://www.jobcorps.org) - Free training

[www.conservationcorpsnorthbay.org](http://www.conservationcorpsnorthbay.org) - Training with landscape power tools, work ethics

[www.myfuture.com](http://www.myfuture.com) - Career planning advice

[www.norcallaborers.org/training.htm](http://www.norcallaborers.org/training.htm) - Apprenticeship information

[www.rwm.org](http://www.rwm.org) - National vocational/technical schools

[www.studentjobs.gov](http://www.studentjobs.gov) - Jobs in government, resume and interest inventory

[www.todaysmilitary.com/](http://www.todaysmilitary.com/) - Information on today's military

[www.planetgapyear.com](http://www.planetgapyear.com)

[www.dynamy.org](http://www.dynamy.org)

[www.thinkingbeyondborders.org](http://www.thinkingbeyondborders.org)

[www.outwardbound.org](http://www.outwardbound.org)

[www.wheretherebedragons.com](http://www.wheretherebedragons.com)

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