



Important Events for Senior Students and Parents

- **SPSV 'Out-of-State' Mini College Fair:** Tuesday September 4th, during lunch in the library. Open to all students.
- **SPSV Annual College Night:** Thursday, September 6th, 2018: 6-8PM (Gym and Cafeteria)
- **MANDATORY Senior College Application and Essay Workshop:** Wednesday October 10th, 9AM - 12PM
- **Cash 4 College, FAFSA Financial Aid Information Night:** Tuesday, Oct 23rd: 6-8pm (Library) Filing period for FAFSA and Cal Grant Verification Form opens Oct 1, 2018 through March 2, 2019. *More information provided below*
- **Individual Counseling Appointments:** with College Counselor, Aug-Dec
- **Weekly College Rep Visits to SPSV-** September through March. All visit dates/times are available in the Counseling Center and through daily announcements in PowerSchool.
- **Personal College Application Assistance:** available every day during break, lunch and individual drop in's

College Entrance Test Dates: All schools accept scores from SAT or ACT exams. Students are encouraged to take exams more than once. 1st time during Junior year and again during Senior year through December.

SAT (register at www.collegeboard.org)

Test dates: Aug 25, Oct 6, Nov 3, and Dec 1, 2018 / Mar 9, May 4, Jun 1 2019

SAT Subject Test are not required for UC's however, some campuses recommend that freshman applicants interested in competitive majors take the tests to demonstrate subject proficiency.

Please check each school's requirement before applying.

ACT (register at www.actstudent.org)

Test dates: Sept 8, Oct 27, and Dec 8, 2018 / Feb 9, Apr 13, June 8, Jul 13 2019

Application Deadlines:

University of California: Applications are available online Aug 1st; Application submission Nov. 1-Nov 30, 2018. Late applications are rarely accepted

(www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply)

California State University: The Fall 2019 application will be available on October 1, 2018. Application submission Oct. 1 - Nov 30, 2018. (www2.calstate.edu/apply)

Private/Independent Colleges and Universities: Varies by School. Applications are available online now! Most private colleges and universities use the Common Application. Early Action and Early Decision dates: Nov 1st or Nov 15th. Regular decision Dec. 1, Jan. 1, Jan. 15, Feb. 1 or even later; check individual college's website for exact deadline. (www.commonapp.org)

Financial Aid:

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid, more commonly known as the FAFSA, is available for the 2018-2019 school year beginning October 1. Filling out the FAFSA is required to access any of the billions of dollars that get handed out each year in college grants, loans, and work study awards.

The application opens October 1st, 2018 - March 2, 2019:

CSS/Financial Aid/PROFILE: Additional application required for many private colleges and universities (*register at <http://student.collegeboard.org/css-financial-aid-profile>*). Check with individual school to see if this is required.

College Application Timeline: 12th Grade

FALL

- **Narrow your list of colleges to between five and 10.** Meet with a counselor about your college choices.
- **Take the SAT or ACT one more time:** Many seniors retake the SAT/ACT in the fall. Last date for testing is Dec.
- **Be sure** to have your entrance exam test scores sent to the colleges you're applying to. There is a cost to send scores.
- **Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA):** To apply for most financial aid, you'll need to complete the FAFSA. Oct. 1 is the first day you can file the FAFSA.
- **Complete the CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE®:** PROFILE is an online application used by certain colleges and scholarship programs to determine eligibility for their aid dollars.
- **Prepare** early decision/early action or rolling admission applications as soon as possible. Colleges may require test scores and applications between Nov. 1 and Nov. 15 for early decision admission.
- **Ask a counselor or teacher for recommendations** if you need them. Give each teacher or counselor an outline (Brag Sheet) of your academic record and your extracurricular activities. For each recommendation, please allow 3 weeks notice before the due date.
- **Write first drafts** and ask teachers and others to read them if you're submitting essays. If you're applying for early decision, finish the essays for that application now.
- **Complete** at least two college application by Thanksgiving.
- **Request Transcripts** to be sent to colleges. Applications through Common will be completed by Mrs. Smith. Please contact Mrs. Delgado -Registrar, to request hard copies to be sent to all other schools.
- **Keep a Record** of all Usernames and Passwords created for applications.

WINTER

- **Complete All Applications** by the deadlines provided.
- **Keep copies** as you finish and send your applications and essays.
- **Have your high school send a transcript** – it is sent separately by mail to colleges if you apply online to colleges.
- **Apply for Scholarships**

SPRING

- **Keep active in school.** If you are waitlisted, the college will want to know what you have accomplished between the time you applied and the time you learned of its decision.
- **Visit your final college before accepting.** You should receive acceptance letters and financial aid offers by mid-April. Notify your counselor of your choice.
- **Inform every college** of your acceptance or rejection of the offer of admission and/or financial aid by May 1. Colleges cannot require your deposit or your commitment to attend before May 1. Talk to your counselor or adviser if you have questions.
- **Send your deposit** to one college only.
- **Waitlisted by a college?** If you intend to enroll if you are accepted, tell the admission director your intent and ask how to strengthen your application. Need financial aid? Ask whether funds will be available if you're accepted.

- **Make an appointment with a college admission counselor** to resolve any admission or financial aid problems.
- **Notify your high school** to send a final transcript to your college.
- **Review your financial aid awards:** Not all financial aid awards are the same, so it's important to choose the aid package that's best for you and your family. Be sure to note what you have to do to continue receiving financial aid from year to year, and how your aid might change in future years.

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