

El Camino Real High School
College Office

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School Code **053801**

College & University Bound Student
Senior Timeline 2010–2011

Components of applying to college:

- SAT/ACT/ SAT Subject /AP Exams
- Financial Aid/Fee Waivers/Expenses
- College Applications and Requirements

Tip: Keep track of dates!

WARNING: Senioritis is bad for your academic health! Even after you are accepted, colleges can deny you during the summer.

Workshops will be held during 5th Period

Exams

	SAT (Reasoning)	ACT	SAT Subject	AP Exam
When to take the exam?	No later than Dec. 2010			May 2-13, 2011
Payment(Additional charges for "Late" & "Standby" registration, only for SAT's and ACT)	\$45.00	Plus writing: \$48.00 No writing: \$33.00	Basic Fee: \$20 Language Tests w/ Listening: added \$20 Added exams to basic fee: \$9 per test	Due March 2011
Qualify for Fee Waivers	12th grade students on the lunch program during fall semester. 11th grade students on the lunch program during spring semester.			TBA
Number of Fee Waivers you are eligible for	2	2	2	TBA
Register at:	www.collegeboard.com	www.act.org	www.collegeboard.com	

Universities Require

	California Community Colleges	California State University System (CSU)	University of California (UC)
	-Must be 18 years or older (concurrent enrollment available for current high school seniors) -If eligible, apply for " Honors Program " <u>early</u> / AP scores are accepted.	Must complete A-G requirements/ College Prep Courses	UC approved A-G courses
Exams	No SAT's or ACT required	SAT or ACT	- SAT Plus Writing or ACT Plus Writing -SAT Subject Tests in TWO different subject areas (history/social social studies, literature, science, language other than English, math)
GPA		Minimum score based on Eligibility Index for students with 2.99 GPA or lower . GPA's below 2.00 do not qualify for regular admission.	3.0 GPA or higher ONLY
Letters of Recommendation		<u>NO!!!!</u>	<u>NO!!!!</u>
Miscellaneous		Be sure to make housing arrangements	Don't forget to make housing arrangements

How can I request a letter of recommendation from my teacher/counselor for private colleges?

Requests by **Friday, October 22, 2010.**

Requests will be denied if you do not give teachers/counselor at least a **two week notice** before your application is due.

Students must submit a "brag" sheet to teachers/counselor. Download "brag" sheet forms from the ECR website. Click on link to the College Office.

Applying to Private Colleges:

Check with college website, since these schools have different requirements.
 Over 350 colleges accept the common application. Apply online at www.commonapp.org
 Independent California colleges - Apply online at www.aicumentor.org
 Historically Black Colleges - Apply online at www.eduinonline.com
 Up to four college application fee waivers are available to lunch program students

Applying for Financial Aid (January 1, 2011 - March 2, 2011 for FAFSA & CAL Grant GPA Verification Form. Check with college for CSS Profile deadline):

- FAFSA form (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)**
Go online at www.fafsa.ed.gov Request a pin # asap for you and one of your parents.
- CAL GRANT GPA Verification Form** (Signed by Mrs. McCoy or Mrs. Bieber ONLY)
CAL GRANTS are based on 2.0 & above GPA's
- CSS Profile** is a financial aid form that some of private universities require.
Go online at www.collegeboard.com/profile

Scholarships:

Look online at ECR website and click on "College Office". Visit www.fastweb.com and search scholarships at specific colleges. Read monthly ECR Senior College Clips.

If I change my spring semester program, do I need to report it to the colleges I applied to?

YES! You must report changes in your spring semester program to all colleges. You must also report any D or Fails you receive. You will jeopardize your acceptance if you do not disclose changes in your schedule or D's and Fails
 Be sure to state why the changes were made in **WRITING**.

Sept/Oct/Nov	Dec/Jan/Feb	March/April	May/June
Research California Community Colleges, CSU, UC, and Private Colleges	Apply for Financial Aid	AP Exams Payments are due March 2011	AP Exams taken May 2-13, 2011
Begin applications, essays, brag sheets, and letters of recommendation	Financial Aid Applications due: Jan. 1, 2011 - March 2, 2011	CSU's and UC's begin to send out acceptance letters	Financial Aid Award letters received-grants, work study, loans
Exams no later than Dec. 2010	Report changes to your spring semester program and any D's or Fails	Register and take College Placement Exams (EPT & ELM for CSU's and AWPE for UC's) (unless you are <u>exempt</u> by AP or SAT/ACT scores)	<u>Statement of Intent to Register</u> due by May 1 (Commit to attend a college) Although you may have received an acceptance letter, colleges may retract their acceptance if you do not meet all their requirements during spring semester of senior year.
CSU Submit: Oct. 1 thru Nov. 30		Be sure to provide all required documents and submit your official test scores to colleges	CSU, UC, & private college bound students - Order your transcripts before you graduate.
UC Opens: Oct. 1 UC Submit: Nov. 1-30		Confirm housing arrangements/ Check your Financial Aid Status	
Check websites of Private Colleges for deadlines			
Apply thru the Common Application for some Private Colleges			
Request for Letters of Recommendation must be made by Oct. 22, 2010			