



# Your Future! Plan ahead make High School Count!

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### Take Control of Your Future!

Do you want more knowledge, more job opportunities, and a lot more money? College is for you! The world is changing everyday and it is harder to find well paying jobs if you do not have a college degree... so if you want the freedom to choose a good career and earn a high salary, then you should start preparing for college while you are still in middle school.

### Be Prepared

Right now is the best time to prepare for college. During the next four years, you need to take the right courses, including Algebra in the 8th grade, to help you get into the college that best suits your needs. The chart below lists the courses that are required for freshman admission to the California State University, the University of California, and many independent colleges and universities. This pattern of courses is the same as recommended for community colleges. Talk to your counselors and teachers and use this chart to plan ahead and track your progress!

## High School Planning Chart

This Planning Chart Belongs to: \_\_\_\_\_

Mark an "X" in the year when you expect to take each course.

Requirements (A-G Courses)	Years Required	Mark an "X" in the year when you expect to take each course.					
		7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
<b>A. History/Social Science</b> U.S. History, U.S. Government, Civics, World History Cultures, and Geography	<b>2</b> Years. One year U.S. History or 1/2 year U.S. History and 1/2 year of U.S. Civics or American Government. CSU requires one additional year of Social Science. UC requires one year of World History, Cultures, and Geography.						
<b>B. English</b>	<b>4</b> Years of college preparatory English composition and literature.						
<b>C. Mathematics</b> Algebra, Geometry, Intermediate Algebra, or Higher Level Mathematics	<b>3</b> Years. Four years recommended. Algebra in the 8th grade recommended.						
<b>D. Laboratory Science</b>	<b>2</b> Years. CSU requires one year of Biological Science and one year of Physical Science. UC recommends three years with at least two of the following: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, or other approved college preparatory laboratory science.						
<b>E. Language Other Than English</b> (Foreign Language)	<b>2</b> Years. UC recommends three years. American Sign Language is acceptable.						
<b>F. Visual and Performing Arts</b> Dance Drama/Theater Music Visual Art	<b>1</b> Year.						
<b>G. College Preparatory Electives</b>	<b>1</b> Year of academic courses in any of the above A-F areas and other approved alternative electives.						

# California Educational Systems at a Glance

System	California Community Colleges (CCC)	California State University (CSU)	University of California (UC)	Independent Colleges and Universities
Number of Campuses	109	23	10	76
College Entrance Test	None Required	ACT or SAT I required for students with grade point averages under 3.00*	ACT or SAT I and three SAT II exams**	ACT or SAT: (Check with college or university of your choice)
Degrees Offered	Associate degrees and vocational certificates	Bachelor's and Master's	Bachelor's, Master's, Doctoral, and professional degrees	Associate's, Bachelor's, Master's, Doctoral, and professional degrees
Student Fees/Tuition (subject to change)	\$26 per unit	Approximately \$2,900 per year	Approximately \$5,100 per year	Average \$19,500 (Before financial aid)
Financial Aid	You can afford to go to College! Financial aid is available from colleges and universities, State and Federal governments, businesses, and other organizations. All qualified students will receive a Cal Grant, which is "free" money that covers full student fees and/or living expenses at California Community Colleges, California State Universities, and University of California. Maximum Cal Grants at independent colleges and universities are \$9,708; the average financial aid package at these institutions is \$18,900.			
*Applicants who are not required to submit test scores are encouraged to take standardized admission tests for advising and for placement in appropriate courses.		**The number of SAT II exams may be changed for freshmen entering the UC in 2006 and beyond.		

## California Colleges and Universities

### California Community Colleges (CCC)

- Admit all students who are 18 years old or a high school graduate
- Enroll high school students under special arrangement to earn college or high school credits
- Encourage many students to attend for two years and then transfer to a college or university for a Bachelor's Degree
- Have low fees and offer financial aid
- Offer a wide variety of opportunities to enhance your future and enrich your life
- For more information, visit the website [www.cccco.edu](http://www.cccco.edu)

### California State University (CSU)

- Each campus has its own personality, academic focus, and strengths
- Each campus has its own special geographic features and traditions
- CSU offers quality education in the liberal arts and sciences and specialized training for a variety of career fields
- On-campus housing is available on most campuses
- For more information, visit the website [www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu) or [www.calstate.edu](http://www.calstate.edu)

### University of California (UC)

- Each campus has its own personality, academic focus, and strengths
- Offers various advanced degrees, including medicine and law
- UC has many nationally ranked academic and athletic programs
- On-campus housing is available on all campuses
- For more information, visit the website [www.ucop.edu](http://www.ucop.edu)

### Independent California Colleges and Universities

- Eighty not-for-profit, fully accredited private colleges offer over 350 different degrees
- Average Financial Aid package is almost \$19,000, and 90% of all students receive some form of financial aid
- Each school is different, offering students the opportunity to choose the type of educational environment that best suits their needs
- More information is available at [www.aiccumentor.edu](http://www.aiccumentor.edu)

### Specialized Schools and Colleges

- Most students 18 years of age or older are eligible for admission
- Courses or programs offered are specialized (as fashion design or automotive technologies) for direct entrance into careers



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