

TO: Seniors
FROM: College Counselors
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RE: College Updates

Over the last few weeks we have attended the College Board, UC and Cal State College Counselor Conferences. We would like to share some very important information that we learned.

SAT scores and Score Choice: www.collegeboard.com

- Scores are delivered to the additional colleges and programs requested approximately four weeks after we process your request. Please remember that an additional week may be needed for the score recipients to process your scores, once they receive them.
- If you decide to use Score Choice, only those scores from the test dates you choose will be sent. If you decide not to use Score Choice, all available scores will be sent, including those from previous test administrations. You cannot separate scores for the critical reading, mathematics, or writing sections.

Applications: Please review the application before you hit the submit button. Submit your application near the beginning of the application period. College furlough days and staff reductions will affect your ability to speak with or e-mail someone regarding a question or concern you might have about your application.

- Incomplete applications will not be considered. The UC system said they might send one e-mail to ask for additional information or clarification, but that would be it. The Cal State system said some campuses would put incomplete applications in a “hold” mode and not process them.
- Please print a hard copy for your records and double check that you have answered all of the questions completely. Remember that you need to send an application and pay an application fee for **each** campus you apply to.
- Please remember to list your senior year classes on the application. For those classes you are currently taking first semester, list in the grade column – In progress, for those classes you are scheduled to take second semester – Planned.
- Provide an e-mail address that you will check often. Colleges will most likely only send **ONE** e-mail to request something from you. They are also concerned that a “cute” e-mail address may end up being filtered or marked as spam. Your name or initial and name is preferred by the colleges.

Cal State Application Information: www.csumentor.edu

- If you took Algebra 1 in 8th grade, please list that on your Cal State application as an 8th grade math class and put “Pass” for your grade in each semester.
- If you started with a higher level language class , i.e. Spanish 2 instead of Spanish 1 in 9th grade, you should also list Spanish 1 as an 8th grade class with a grade of “Pass”. This will tell the colleges that you met a proficiency to start at the higher level class.
- If you have retaken a course to make up a grade of D – if you take the **EXACT same class**, then you do not have to list the D grade you can leave that column blank. **However**, if you took a summer school review class, adult education or on line class to make up the D, then you do have to list all grades received in that class. **If you fall into this situation, please come see one of the college counselors to verify which category you fall into.**
- You should consider applying to your local Cal State as part of your application plan. They may or may not be your first choice, but you have a better chance of being accepted to your local Cal State than one out of the area.
- If you need technical support while completing your Cal State application, you can call or e-mail for assistance: 1-800-468-6927 or support@csumentor.edu