Juniors: Preparing for Graduation and College Applications

2021 Spring Presentation
HS Graduation Requirements

- English – 4 years
- Math – 3 years (Integrated Math 3)
- Science – 3 years (Including Biology and either Physics or Chemistry)
- Social Science – 3 years (World History/AP Euro; 11-US; 12-Gov/Econ)
- PE – 2 years and Fitness Gram
- Foreign Language – (Level 3-4 or higher of a language)
- Fine Art – 1 year
- Remaining 44 credits must be earned by completing electives.
- 2.0+ GPA
a-g Requirements
Applying to 4 year Colleges

- A – History/Social Science: 2 Years
- B – English: 4 Years
- C – Math: 3 Years - 4 Recommended
  (UC/CSU: Require Integrated Math 2 or Geometry)
- D – Lab Science: 2 Years - 3 Recommended
- E – Foreign Language: 2 Years - 3 Recommended
- F – VAPA (Fine Art): 2 Semesters
- G – College Prep Elective: 1 Year

*Colleges do not accept grades of a D or F.
College Selection: Resources

- **College Planning on LJHS website**
  - LJHS Website → Counseling tab → College Admission Information

- **Naviance**
  - College Tab (Searches/Research)

- **College Board** (www.collegeboard.org)
  - College Match

- **LJHS eNews** (sign up for weekly emails, also goes out via Naviance)

- **www.ljhscollegeinfo.com** - Great Resource!
College Selection: Where do I start?

Ask yourself what type of school you want based on:

- Cost
- Location
- School size
- Selectivity
- Public/Private
- Programs
It’s Not About the Sweatshirt!

- What makes a great college?
  - Rank?
  - Selectivity?
  - Popularity?
  - Location?

*Remember*....

- **Fit is far more important than rank!**
  - Does it have your major? Do I fit into the culture of the school? Does it have what I want from a college (athletics, extracurriculars, tutoring, accessibility to professors, internship opportunities, etc.)?
College Selection: The Strategy

- **Reach Schools**
  - Dream 0-30% chance of acceptance

- **Match Schools**
  - Realistic 50-80% chance of acceptance

- **Safety Schools**
  - 100% chance of acceptance

Think about two to three in each category…
Admitted Freshman Profile

To see if a school is a Reach, Match, Safety- Check the Admitted Freshman Profile of the college

- https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/campuses-majors/freshman-admit-data.html

- Google: “Admitted Freshman Profile” of your desired school 😊
Community Colleges

- In every area across California!
- Transfer to a 4 year is generally easier.
  - Promise Scholarship: 2 years free!
- Affordable, many local ones are free!
- Conveniently located, small class sizes.
- Associates degrees, select Bachelors degrees, and certifications offered.
- Transfer requirements:
  - Private – some after 1 year
  - Public – must have completed 60 units (approx. 2 yrs)
Admission based **only on**:

- Weighted GPA: grades 10-11
  (They still look at all courses taken 9-12)
- No SAT/ACT for fall 2022
- Min. GPA 2.0
- Supplemental Factors (in place of SAT/ACT)
- Honors Programs Available!

*Many benefits including small class size- 35! (Regular class:100+)

**No letters of recommendation!**

**Transcript is sent after you graduate!**
Supplemental Factors: (May be used in place of SAT/ACT)

Your experiences and special circumstances such as:

- first generation to attend college
- foster youth
- extra-curricular activities
- leadership positions
- work experience
- work related to major
- approved campus partnerships
- high school educational programs.
University of California System (UC)
Application Open Aug 1 – Submit Nov. 1 - 30th
www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions

Admission based on:
- Weighted GPA: grades 10-11 only
  (They still look at all courses taken 9-12.)
- SAT/ACT - Not Required for 2022
- Extracurricular Activities
- 4 Short Personal Insight Questions
- Minimum GPA 3.0

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University of California System (UC)

SAT/ACT - Not Required

- Test Optional/Test Free - You may still submit your scores and campuses may use them for course placement.
- The essay is NOT used anymore.

Campuses will have the option to use ACT/SAT test scores in selection consideration if applicants choose to submit them, and will develop appropriate policies and procedures to implement the Board’s decision.

https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/press-room/university-california-board-regents-approves-changes-standardized-testing-requirement
Private & Out of State Universities

- Admission requirements vary by institution, but most follow similar UC/CSU guidelines in terms of subject requirements and test requirements.
- Check individual campus websites to determine admission requirements!
  - GPA: grades 9-12\textsuperscript{th} (Fall semester of 12th grade)
  - SAT & ACT (Many do NOT use them, BUT check college’s requirements)
  - Essay/Personal Statement
  - Letters of Recommendation (teachers and counselor)
  - Extracurricular Activities

- **Deadlines vary greatly; be sure to adhere to each school’s policies!!**
College Entrance Exams - Many colleges are not requiring them due to COVID

- SAT Subject Tests - no longer offered after June.
  - Only the UK and Canadian colleges want them.

Want to see if your college requires these?

Permanent and temporarily waived schools are listed here: [http://www.fairtest.org/university/optional](http://www.fairtest.org/university/optional)
College Application Deadline Choices

- **Early Decision** - Binding
  - Only ONE college allowed, and it should be your 1st choice.

- **Early Action** – Non-Binding
  - May apply to more than one school

  EARLY: More competitive- usually top % of applicants
  Essays should be done over summer!
  Due dates start in OCTOBER

- **Regular Decision** (January)

- **Rolling** – Can apply anytime, notified several weeks after applying
Essays – Personal Statement

- **UC** - 4 personal insight questions (choose 4 out of 8 prompts)
- **Common Application** – 1 essay, plus supplements
- **Private Schools** - check website
- **Out of State Schools** - check website
- **Start over the summer!!!!**
- **Revise, revise, revise!**
Letters of Recommendation- for Private and Out of State Colleges

- 2 teachers and 1 counselor

- Communicate DIRECTLY with teacher/counselor. Email is the best way to contact them.

- **Counselor Recommendation needs:**
  - Student & Parent Input Questions (Naviance: About Me, Surveys)
  - Resume
  - Essays

- **Teacher Recommendation:**
  - Transcript, Resume, and whatever else they request from you.
Counselor Recommendation: Student Input & Parent Input Questions

**My Surveys**

Filter by

Not started

- **Goals vs Dreams**
  - NOT STARTED

- **Parent Input -- Counselor Recommend**
  - NOT STARTED

- **Student Input -- Counselor Recommend**
  - NOT STARTED

- **SDUSD Senior Survey: Class of 2020**
  - NOT STARTED
Naviance- Creating Your College List!

As you are researching potential colleges, you can click on the heart to add the school to your list in:

- **Colleges I am Thinking About:**
  - Add all schools here first!

- **Colleges Applying To:** This is your for sure list
  - Specify Type of Application Using
  - Specify: Early or Regular application

(These questions will determine the deadlines and when LJHS submits your school documents! Very important!)
Naviance: How LJHS sends your transcripts/recommendations

LJHS uses Naviance to send your documents (transcripts/recommendations) to colleges.

Before we can send them, you must do this in the fall:
1. Enter all of the schools you are applying to in the “Colleges Applying To” tab
2. Sign the FERPA waiver if using the Common Application.
FERPA- What is this?

FERPA regulates the privacy of student education records. For letters of recommendation, you will be asked to waive your right to read them.

- Waiving your right lets colleges know that you do not intend to read your recommendations, which helps reassure colleges that the letters are candid and truthful.
- Recommenders may decline to write a letter for you if you do not waive your rights.

Common Application- requires a FERPA waiver to be signed. You must complete this step before LJHS can send your transcripts.
College Rep Visits in Fall

- You can meet with college admission reps every fall!
- Learn about the college, new majors, ask questions.
- This is the same person who will review your application.

- Sign up in Naviance (limited to 5)– under College Visits on the home page!
  Info on how to sign up will be shared in the fall.
Virtual College Visits - NOW!

- Most colleges offer Virtual Tours of their campus!!
- Check out our 3 favorite sites to visit colleges you are interested in!
  - https://www.youniversitytv.com/
  - https://www.youvisit.com/
  - https://www.campusexplorer.com/
The “To Do List” this Spring…

- Create a list of potential schools (Safety, Match, Reach)
  - Naviance - Add to “colleges I’m thinking about”

- Make an Appointment with your Counselor- send us an email to set up a virtual appointment!

- Complete your Resume and Student Input Questions on Naviance (in the ‘About Me’ section, under Surveys)

- Ask teachers for letters of recommendation
Need more help to create your college list? Not sure where to start?

Check out this presentation on how to research careers, college majors and colleges:

- “Creating Your College List” from Linda Dowley: https://www.ljhscollegeinfo.com/creating-your-college-list
Career Exploration

- Naviance - Career Tab
- US Department of Labor
Naviance

1) “About Me” tab
   □ “My Account” - update email address
   □ “Home” - resume
   □ “Surveys Not Started” - input questions

2) “Career” tab (tools for research)

3) “Colleges” tab
   □ Search and research tools (i.e. scattergrams)
   □ Add to “colleges I’m thinking about”
To-Do List This Summer

- Create a list of potential schools (Safety, Match, Reach)
- Complete your Resume
- Update your Student Input
- Get involved!
  Leadership, volunteer, paid work, or hobbies.
Junior Checklist and helpful links/tutorials/appointment link for counselors:

Questions?

Counselors: April Apt. Links are on Resource Sheet!

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