

# HELPFUL HINTS Class of 2024

- ❖ Check the [CHS Website](#)
- ❖ [Important Senior Information Newsletter](#)
- ❖ [CaliforniaColleges.edu](#) can meet all of your college, university, career and financial aid information needs. Please show your parents this website.

## **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AND DEADLINES**

- August 1** UC Application opens
- October 1** CSU Application opens
- October 1** Some Community College applications open
- October 1** First Day to submit UC application
- October 11** College application workshops
- December** Financial Aid applications open
- February 8** Local scholarship packets are due
- March 1** Notification of fall 2024 admission decisions begins and continues through March 31
- March 2** DEADLINE for applicants to submit FAFSA & Dream Act.
- May 1** Student Intent to Register (SIR) DEADLINE

## **SAT/ACT INFORMATION**

- ❖ UC and Cal State schools are no longer accepting SAT/ACT for admission.
- ❖ If you are applying to an out of state or a private university, check online to see your school's testing requirements.
- ❖ If you are taking the test it is a good idea to complete all testing by the December test date, but check each college for date.
- ❖ Email Mrs. Ana Aceves [aceves@cnusd.k12.ca.us](mailto:aceves@cnusd.k12.ca.us) test fee waivers.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

- ❖ Apply BROADLY and be aware of DEADLINES
- ❖ Check that your desired major is offered at the campus to which you apply
- ❖ Use your SSID number, located in the upper left corner of your transcript
- ❖ Write down your user name and password – keep a spreadsheet of unique passwords and usernames for each portal
- ❖ Report only “a-g” approved coursework
- ❖ DO NOT wait until November 30<sup>th</sup> to send your application
- ❖ Use a current **personal** email address; you will not have access to your CNUSD email after graduation.
- ❖ DO NOT CHANGE YOUR SCHEDULE SECOND SEMESTER! You must notify all college admission offices if you do
- ❖ Check your first semester grades. If you earn lower than a “C” in any college prep coursework you must **NOTIFY** all college admission offices
- ❖ Go online to check for specific campus preview days
- ❖ Listen to announcements for college visitations to our Career Center

## UC APPLICATION

- ❖ Apply online at [CaliforniaColleges.edu](http://CaliforniaColleges.edu)
- ❖ Be aware that **each** campus to which you apply is \$80
- ❖ Go online NOW to begin your application – applications are already up and running
- ❖ Send your application beginning October 1st through November 30<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ Write down your UC application username and password and keep in a safe place.
- ❖ Complete one application and check the campuses to which you are applying. Each campus will cost \$80 to apply to.
- ❖ Investigate the [different colleges at UC San Diego](#)
- ❖ List additional **pertinent non “a-g” approved coursework** if you feel it pertains to your major/activities
- ❖ List coursework in which you are currently enrolled and choose **“In Progress”** for the grade. Choose **“Planned”** for the second semester grade.
- ❖ Write your **Insight Questions** in a word document, correct all grammar and punctuation and then copy and paste into the application. Be aware of word limits.
- ❖ Make sure you meet the 3.00 GPA minimum (Grades 10-11 used in approved A-G courses)
- ❖ Report all “a-g” coursework even if you have repeated for a higher grade
  - ❖ DO NOT use acronyms to describe clubs, etc., for example, do not write CSC for the Community Service Club – spell it out
- ❖ Enter your parent’s income to see if you qualify for a fee waiver. You cannot change this amount after you have entered. You may use a maximum of 4 fee waivers.
- ❖ Make sure you research the various scholarships offered at the UC and apply for all those for which you are eligible (max amount is 16)
- ❖ Some schools may require a supplemental application for specific majors (they will inform you through email if this is needed)
- ❖ Save as you work – there is a time out after 30 minutes
- ❖ Review application and don’t forget to submit
- ❖ Call (800) 207-1710 if you have online application questions (this is not for admission questions)
- ❖ Email: [ucinfo@applyucsupport.net](mailto:ucinfo@applyucsupport.net)
- ❖ [UC application video](#)

## CSU APPLICATION

- ❖ Apply online at [CaliforniaColleges.edu](http://CaliforniaColleges.edu) beginning October 1st through November 30<sup>th</sup>
  - ❖ Be aware that **each** campus to which you apply is \$70
  - ❖ Disable pop-up blockers
  - ❖ Enter all “a-g” coursework grades
  - ❖ Report only the highest grade of a repeat course (it must be the exact title, for example, if you took Biology 1A Honors and repeated Biology 1A you must list both grades)
  - ❖ Enter your science courses in either Life or Physical Science area
  - ❖ List coursework in which you are currently enrolled and choose **“In Progress”** for the grade. Choose **“Planned”** for the second semester grade.
  - ❖ You do not need to calculate your GPA. The application does it for you. Make sure you meet the 2.00 GPA minimum
  - ❖ Enter your parent’s income to see if you qualify for a fee waiver. You cannot change this amount after you have entered. You may use a maximum of 4 fee waivers.
  - ❖ If you need help, see your School Counselor or visit the [CSU help center](#) or call (857) 304-2087
  - ❖ The EOP application is included within the application
  - ❖ Submit payment – there is a 10 minute time out on this screen
- [Cal State Apply: Application Video](#)

## **PRIVATE/OUT OF STATE**

- ❖ Check the school's website for application instructions
- ❖ If requested, complete the common application at [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)
- ❖ Check if the school requires a counselor/teacher recommendation
- ❖ Complete the "[Letter of Recommendation – Brag Sheet](#)"
- ❖ Allow your counselor/teacher a two week notice

## **NCAA**

- ❖ Register with the NCAA eligibility center at [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org) or [www.naia.org](http://www.naia.org) if you are interested in participating in a collegiate sport as soon as possible
- ❖ Discuss your athletic/academic goals with your counselor/coach to see if you are athletically eligible

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

- ❖ Listen closely to the scholarship presentation in your senior class scheduled in December
- ❖ Pay attention to announcements for regional and national scholarship information
- ❖ Visit J-1 to research various scholarships.
- ❖ Local scholarships, which are your best chance of winning, are due February

## **HELPFUL WEBSITES**

<https://coronahs.cnusd.k12.ca.us> Corona High School

[www.californiacolleges.edu](http://www.californiacolleges.edu) (Access to CSU/UC/Community College/Financial Aid Application Information)

[www.ucop.edu/pathways](http://www.ucop.edu/pathways) University of California

<https://hs-articulation.ucop.edu> Corona H.S A-G Course List (top right of page, click on course list)

[www.todaysmilitary.com](http://www.todaysmilitary.com) Military Information

## **WHAT'S A GOOD SAT SCORE?**

What is a good SAT score? If you are trying to figure out your SAT score goal for 2023 admissions, you will want to look at the SAT averages for the schools you will apply to. There are great resources like College Board where you can search for averages at a wide variety of colleges.

The SAT is based on a 1600-point scale, with 2 sections—Math and Evidence-Based Reading and Writing—scored between 200 and 800. There is also an optional essay, which is evaluated separately. There is no penalty for wrong answers, so your raw score is the sum of the number of questions you answer correctly. Raw scores are converted to scaled scores, which are used to determine percentile ranks. The percentile indicates how well you did compared to other test takers. For example, if you score in the 72nd percentile, you did better than 72% of test takers.

What does this mean for you? Here is what you need to know about your SAT score:

## **SAT SCORE RANGES**

### **Best Scores**

*These scores will put you in the top 10% of all test takers:*

EVIDENCE BASED READING & WRITING: 670-800

MATH: 680-800

### **Competitive Scores**

*These scores will put you in a highly competitive place in admissions (top 25% of all test takers)*

EVIDENCE-BASED READING AND WRITING: 610-660

MATH: 600 – 680

### **Above Average Scores**

*These scores put you ahead of the pack (50%+), but won't be as advantageous when applying to highly competitive programs*

EVIDENCE BASED READING AND WRITING: 540-600

MATH: 530-590

### **Below Average Scores**

*These scores may be enough to get into a wide variety of college programs, but will be below average compared to the testing population*

EVIDENCE READING AND WRITING: 530 or lower

MATH: 520 or lower