

# HELPFUL HINTS Class of 2021

- ❖ Check the CHS Website at <https://coronahs.cnusd.k12.ca.us/>
- ❖ **California Colleges.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**

### ***2020***

August 1	UC Application opens
October 1	First day to submit CSU application
October 1	Some community college applications are open
October 1	Filing period opens for applicants to submit FAFSA & California Dream Act. Cal Grant GPA Verification Form is uploaded by the district. You do not need to complete the paper form.
October 7 for UC)	Registration DEADLINE for November 7 SAT Test (must take writing portion
October 12	Virtual financial aid presentation
October 10	ACT Test Date
November 1	First Day to submit UC application
November 6 portion for UC)	Registration DEADLINE for December 12 ACT Test (must take writing
November 2	SAT Test/Subject Exam Test Date
November 5	Registration DEADLINE for December 5 SAT & December 12 ACT (must take writing portion for UC)
December 5	SAT Test/Subject Exam Test Date
December 12	ACT Test Date

### ***2021***

February 6	Local scholarship packets are due
March 1	Notification of fall 2020 admission decisions begins and continues through March 31

- March 2 DEADLINE for applicants to submit FAFSA & Dream Act. Cal Grant GPA Verification Form is uploaded by the district. You do not need to complete the paper form.
- May 1 Student Intent to Register (SIR) DEADLINE

### **SAT/ACT INFORMATION**

- ❖ Check online to see your school's testing requirements
- ❖ Take both the SAT & ACT and schools will take your highest test score (UC must be at one sitting/CSU will mix sittings)
- ❖ Sign up at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) and [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
- ❖ Sign up for the Writing portion on the SAT & ACT if you are applying to a UC
- ❖ Enter the code 3594 on the SAT to have your scores released to any CSU
- ❖ Send your ACT scores to at least one CSU campus & they will be released to all CSU campuses
- ❖ Send your ACT/SAT test scores to at least one UC campus & they will be released to all campuses
- ❖ Do not choose "score choice" on the SAT exam or your scores will not be released
- ❖ Enter your planned test date on your college application – DO NOT WAIT FOR TEST SCORES TO SUBMIT A COLLEGE APPLICATION
- ❖ Complete all testing by the December test date, but check each college for dates.
- ❖ Email Ms. Kelly Smith [kjsmith@cnusd.k12.ca.us](mailto:kjsmith@cnusd.k12.ca.us) for 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 send any letters of recommendation
- ❖ DO NOT wait until November 30<sup>th</sup> to send your application
- ❖ Use a current functioning **personal** email address
- ❖ Print your applications once they are complete
- ❖ Check that you have completed at least 15 credits of coursework by the end of your senior year
- ❖ 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
- ❖ Go online to [www.collegeweeklive.com](http://www.collegeweeklive.com) to take the virtual campus tours and continue to check this website for more virtual tours

### **UC APPLICATION**

- ❖ Apply online at [www.admissions.universityofcalifornia.edu](http://www.admissions.universityofcalifornia.edu)
- ❖ Go online NOW to begin your application – applications are already up and running

- ❖ Send your application beginning November 1<sup>st</sup> through November 30<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ Write down your UC application ID # (7 digits). Add test scores with this # after you have submitted if needed. You can also add additional campuses through November with this #.
- ❖ Complete one application and check the campuses to which you are applying
- ❖ Be aware that ***each*** campus to which you apply is a cost of \$70
- ❖ 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
- ❖ Do not calculate your GPA for the UC application. Make sure you meet the 3.00 GPA minimum.
- ❖ 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)

### **CSU APPLICATION**

- ❖ Apply online at [www.calstateapply.edu](http://www.calstateapply.edu) beginning October 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2.00GPA minimum
- ❖ No essay or activities are required on this application
- ❖ Only need to complete one application
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Write down your confirmation number at the end of the application or print the page
- ❖ Call (800) GOTO XAP if you have questions regarding your online application (this is not for admission questions)
- ❖ The EOP application is included within the application
- ❖ Submit payment – there is a 10 minute time out on this screen

## **PRIVATE/OUT OF STATE**

- ❖ Check the school's website for application instructions
- ❖ Complete the common application at [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org) if requested
- ❖ Check if the school requires a counselor/teacher recommendation
- ❖ Complete the "Letter of Recommendation – Brag Sheet" if needed, found on the CHS website under the 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Program
- ❖ 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 on December 6th
- ❖ 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 7<sup>th</sup>

## **HELPFUL WEB SITES**

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

[www.californiacolleges.edu](http://www.californiacolleges.edu) California Colleges Web Pages (Access CSU 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)

<https://home.cccapply.org/apply> California Community College Applications

[www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org) NCAA Information

[www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) ACT Registration

[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) SAT registration

[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) Financial Aid Application & Information

[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 2019 admissions, you will want to look at the SAT averages for the schools you will apply to. There are great resources like [the 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

