

OPIS Senior Meeting College Application Process

SENIORS please note -

1. If you currently attend OPIS you will be applying to college as an OPIS student - regardless of taking a course or courses at OPHS.
2. Please do not contact the OPHS counseling office for transcript request, counseling support, or college advice - you are an OPIS student and Mr. Rogers is available for all counseling needs. In addition, **OPIS does not use Naviance in the same manner as OPHS for college applications (OPIS does not submit transcripts through Naviance)**- please ask Mr. Rogers if you have any questions - he will be more than happy to discuss during the senior meeting.
3. If an OPIS Senior applies to a university in the fall, as an OPIS student, and then transfers to OPHS or a High School outside of OPUSD - it is the student's responsibility to contact any university that they applied to, with an update on current school of attendance and change to courses enrolled in.
4. OPIS seniors who attend all four years of high school within OPUSD (ie. attended OPHS or OPIS during their four years of high school) will only need to request a final transcript from the school they graduate from in May (ie. OPIS or OPHS), not both.
5. OPIS seniors who have attended any schools outside of OPUSD (including: other high schools or community colleges) will need to request transcript submissions directly from those high schools or community colleges at the time of a university requesting official transcripts.
6. Please contact Mrs. Burstein with any transcript request jburstein@opusd.org
7. OPIS class size = 45
OPIS CEEB # = 053876

1.) Application Periods

CSU: Application Period begins October 1; <http://www2.calstate.edu>

- Most CSU Campuses will use the November 30th UC deadline
- SAT/ACT and SAT Subject Tests have been discontinued and are no longer recommended for any campuses or majors.
- Personal statement and recommendation letters not required
 - **Campus Virtual Tours** - We have gathered all of the CSU campus virtual tour links in one place for students. Student can find these links on the Cal State Apply main site under Explore Campuses. The direct link is: <https://www2.calstate.edu/apply/choosing-a-campus>

UC: Start your application NOW and submit application between November 1-30; <https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu>

- **ACT w/writing, SAT, or SAT w/essay –**
UC no longer considers SAT or ACT test scores when making admissions decisions or awarding scholarships. If students choose to submit test scores as part of their application, they may be used as an alternative method of fulfilling minimum requirements for eligibility or for course placement after enrollment. SAT Subject Tests have been discontinued and are no longer recommended for any campuses or majors.
- **Personal Statement required**
- **Recommendation letters NOT required**
- [UC Campus Virtual Tours](#)

UC application resources and help center

The UC application for fall 2024 opened August 1. The filing period is October 1–November 30.

UC encourages students to spend ample time on their application, developing each section to reflect the accomplishments, challenges, opportunities and talents of each student within their own family, school and community context. Visit the [counselor resource library](#) for information to support you as you assist students in this process.

Freshman

- [Presenting yourself on the UC application](#)
- [PIQ worksheet \(English\)](#)
- [PIQ worksheet \(Spanish\)](#)

As your students work on their [UC application](#), they can utilize the built-in help and support throughout each section. Applicants can view answers to their commonly asked questions on each page by clicking 'Help' in the top navigation bar or by clicking on the blue 'i' icons seen throughout the application. Students needing further assistance can contact the UC application help center via phone or email. The center is available Monday–Friday, 10 a.m.–6 p.m. (Pacific Time). Visit the [UC application login page](#) for more information.

- ucinfo@applyucsupport.net
- (800) 207-1710 (within the U.S.)
- (925) 298-6856 (outside the U.S.)

Private Universities: Varying Application Deadlines: Typically, from December 1-January 15th Check specific Universities for extended deadlines

The following requirements vary per Private University...please check individual University requirements.

- SAT or ACT requirements
- SAT subject requirements
- Personal statement requirements
- Recommendation Letter requirements

Look for Early Admissions, Early Action, and Priority Action deadlines

“The Common Application” : <http://www.commonapp.org>

Common Application:

- -If a private college has two applications PLEASE choose the common application
- -How it works- you must complete the entire education section and add at least one school and then you can waive your **FERPA rights**
- -I WAIVE MY RIGHTS - Please do not select “I do not” Teachers and counselors **will NOT** complete the school section or write you a letter of recommendation unless you **WAIVE your rights**
- ***If you are going to request an OPHS teacher as a recommender you will need to print out a paper version and hand deliver it to the OPHS teacher (include a self-addressed envelope with postage). OPHS CAN'T and WILL NOT use the online or Naviance system to write your recommendation.**
- You invite and assign recommenders under the Recommenders and FERPA page without an email address. When you assign them, the PDF forms are available under their name. You can provide this PDF to your recommenders who will then fill out and send your recommendation to the admission office of the schools you are applying directly.

2.) Community Colleges: Begin Application process in Fall Semester; Do not wait until May 2023

Moorpark: <http://www.moorparkcollege.edu/apply>

Pierce: <http://piercecollege.edu/admissions/>

Santa Monica: <http://www.smc.edu/>

College of the Canyons: <http://www.canyons.edu/>

3.) SAT or SAT w/essay- Test must be taken by December 2023

Check <http://www.collegeboard.com> for test dates

4.) ACT- Test must be taken by December 2023

Check <http://www.actstudent.or> for test dates

5.) Financial Aid- FAFSA you may file the application online beginning October 1, 2023.

Priority deadline is March 2024.

CAL GRANT verification - submitted electronically by OPIS

[Federal Student Aid: Home](#)



[Federal Student Aid \(.gov\)](#)

<https://studentaid.gov>

6.) How do I know what my college needs from me?

- a. Your job is to check each college website (first time freshman) to see who needs a transcript.
- b. Send test scores after you have applied but follow the score reporting instructions for UC's and CSU's. For Non-UC's check to see if you have a "combined" or "super-score" that would benefit you if you sent score reports from more than one test sitting

7.) Teacher and Counselor Recommendations (for common app. Schools)

- a. Email Mr. Rogers to request a copy of the OPIS Senior "brag sheet"
- b. Complete and return
 - PRINT two copies- one for your OPIS teacher and one for Mr. Rogers
- c. **Deadline for requesting a teacher and or counselor recommendation is November 13th, 2023.**

8.) TEST SCORES

- Self report test scores to colleges in the application
- Send scores to schools that request it through the ACT and SAT website
- UC and CSU- send test scores to one campus- they will share with the other campuses

9.) PARTICULARS

- Use your social security #
- Name must be legal name and all names should match
- Tell colleges if you drop or change a class (during fall or spring of your senior year). You must tell them.
- Check your email and college portals

10.) OPHS College and Career Center - available to OPIS students - resources available -

For the most up-to-date information, students may visit the College Information tab on the OPHS website then the College & Career Center Bulletin and Rep

Visits pages. The bulletin page contains links to the weekly College & Career Center e-newsletter, workshops, and college application information.

Scholarship Information

www.fastweb.com

www.csac.ca.gov

www.scholarships.com

www.finaid.org

<https://www.petersons.com>

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/resources>

www.raise.me

<http://www.fundyourfuture.org>

<http://www.hsf.net/>

<https://icanaffordcollege.com>

<http://hispanicheritage.org>

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org>

<https://opportunity.collegeboard.org/>

<https://www.discover.com/student-loans/college-planning/scholarships>

SallieMae scholarship search engine - gives students access to over 5,000,000 scholarship opportunities

<https://www.salliemae.com/college-planning/tools/scholarship-search/?Inkid=SM-BTDLanding-body-findscholarships>

Career information

OPIS students can check out the following pages on the OPHS website (College Information Tab to College & Career Center, Career Chats, and Career/Job Resources)

Private Scholarships — DOs and Don'ts

Private scholarships are helpful resources that can reduce the financial burden on a family. However, they do require some work on the student's part. Here are some tips to share with your students as they search and apply for outside scholarships:

DO:

1. **Start Early** — The earlier the better. Students can begin searching early and should definitely apply complete and submit applications prior to the listed deadlines, which will vary.
 2. **Letters of Recommendation** — These can definitely make a difference in an applicant's scholarship application. This also plays into the recommendation above; students want to start early in getting these to allow the writer adequate time to provide a stellar recommendation within the timeframe needed to apply for the scholarship.
 3. **Apply Often** — The more scholarships students apply for the better their odds are of securing an award.
 4. **Apply for Large and Small Awards** — Many students focus on those large scholarship amounts, but they should also apply for as many smaller awards for which they meet the qualifications.
 5. **Be Aware of Deadlines** — Students should be organized and track scholarship requirements and deadlines.
 6. **Scholarship Administrator Contact** — Most scholarships announcements/applications will provide information on who is funding the scholarship along with a dedicated contact if there are questions about the scholarship.
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1. **Don't Get Discouraged** — Much like the college application process, scholarship awarding is competitive and students should not let a denial discourage them.
 2. **Don't Avoid Essay Requirements** — Even if a student is not a strong writer, they should tackle scholarships that require essays. Beyond providing additional practice, this also broadens the types of scholarships for which they can compete.
 3. **Don't Pay Fees** — Scholarships that require fees to apply to are more than likely a scam. Students should steer clear of these.
 4. **Don't Fall for the Too Good To Be True** — Students may run into scholarships that guarantee an award or that inform them they are winners before they have applied. If it sounds too good to be true, it IS too good to be true. These click bait style tactics typically lead to scholarship and financial aid scams.

Reporting Community College courses/credits in your CSU application

College-Dual Enrollment Coursework Guidance Dual Enrollment or College Coursework
Many students in California expand their coursework beyond high school and take college coursework before graduating from high school.

Below provides some additional information on how courses are used in admission and how they should be reported within the CSU Application. What is considered a college course?

The CSU considers a college course, any course that will be reported on a college transcript. This is regardless of where the course is taught and if it is used for high school credit. A college course taught on the high school campus by an approved high school faculty member is still considered a college course.

How do students report dual enrollment/college courses for CSU admissions? Dual enrollment/college courses must be reported on the CSU application (Cal State Apply) as college courses. They should be reported under the appropriate college and cannot be reported on the application as high school coursework.

Once the college coursework is entered the student will need to match them to the appropriate “a-g” subject area.

Why is it important that students report college courses under the college? The Cal State Apply application is programmed to automatically provide students a full year of credit and one honors point for college coursework.

If students do not report college courses correctly, they will not be provided the full year of credit or honors point. How should high schools report dual enrollment courses?

Students who are offered admission to the CSU will be required to submit an official college transcript for all college coursework completed, including any courses taken through dual enrollment.

The high school decides what to include on the high school transcript. However, even if dual enrollment courses are reported on the high school transcript, students are still required to submit an official college transcript for their college coursework.