

WELCOME CLASS OF 2018 PARENTS!

Gunn Counselors Present:
The College Search



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Thank you PiE & PTSA

Wellness Center

Located across the BatCave from the Main Office, the Wellness Center is a confidential space where students can discuss a variety of issues from depression, grief, self-esteem, family life and stress to dating violence, sexual identity, and health needs.

Students can also use this space to decompress AND it is a device FREE zone!

Gunn Wellness Programs

- Living Skills
- Sources of Strength
- ROCK
- Yoga (during flex and after school)
- YES!
- Camp Unity
- Titan Unity
- TitanConnect
- ACS/Community Partners

Graduation Requirements

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students are required to have 220 semester credits for graduation. Ten credits are granted for successfully completing a course that meets each day for a school year; five credits are granted for a semester course.

Subject Requirements (A-G)	PAUSD Graduation Requirements	University of California (UC)/ Cal State University (CSU)
Social Studies (A)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ World History (10) ▪ US Government (5) ▪ Contemporary World History (5) ▪ US History (10) ▪ Economics (5) ▪ Social Studies Elective (5) 40 Credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ World History (10) ▪ US History (10) 20 Credits
English (B)	40 Credits	40 Credits
Math (C)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Algebra ▪ Geometry ▪ Algebra 2 (class of 2018) 30 Credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Through Algebra 2 30 credits (40 credits recommended)
Science (D)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Biology (10) ▪ Physical Science (10) 20 Credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lab Science (Physical and Life Science) 20 credits (30 credits recommended)
World Language (E)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Two years in the same language 20 credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Two years in the same language 20 credits (30 credits recommended)
Visual/Performing Arts (F)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Same field 10 credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Same field 10 credits
Electives (G)	25 credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ College prep electives 10 credits
Physical Education	20 credits	0 credits required
Career Technical Ed. (CTE)	10 credits	0 credits required
Living Skills	5 credits	0 credits required
TOTAL	220 CREDITS	N/A

2016-2017 Approved A-G Courses for University of California and California State University

For a live list of approved courses: <https://hs-articulation.ucop.edu>

2016-2017 NCAA Approved Courses

For a list of NCAA approved courses, please visit the NCAA Eligibility Center at: <https://web1.ncaa.org/hsportal/exec/hsAction>
The NCAA High School Code and the CEEB code are both 052347. You can use either box to find Gunn High School.

Calendar For College Planning

Handout 1

FALL

- Attend the PAUSD College Fair on Oct. 10th
- Schedule an appointment for you and your family with Mrs. Kirsch
- Take the PSAT/NMSQT on Oct. 19th
- Schedule campus visits or virtually tour campuses online

WINTER

- Start taking the SAT/ACT (through June)
- Start researching college costs and financial aid options

Calendar For College Planning

SPRING

- Scheduling and looking at Senior year classes with counselor
- Prep for AP and/or SAT II exams (if registered)
- Attend Summer Opportunity Night Jan 25th
- Plan for summer jobs, community service, and/or internships
- Request for 1-2 Teacher Recommenders

SUMMER

- Continue campus visits
- Begin Recommendation Request Form
- Start thinking about Common App essay ideas

Naviance & The College Process

What is Family Connection?

Family Connection is a web-based resource for students and parents that encourages and supports post high school career and college planning. It links counselors with students and parents to improve course, college, and career planning.

- provides a powerful link between school and home
- customized to save your personal profile
- secure website that supports planning and advising at Gunn

How can you use it?

CAREER PLANNING

- Learning Styles Inventory
- Interest Inventory
- Personality Inventory
- Resume building
- Course, college, and career planning

COLLEGE PLANNING

- College selection research
- College Major Exploration
- College Profile Exploration
- Scholarship/Financial Aid Resources

College Exploration: The Right Fit is Key

The Right Fit is key...



Traditional 4-year?

Two year?

Vocational?

GAP year?

The Right Fit is key...



Campus Life?

The Right Fit is key...



Where?

(location, location, location)

The Right Fit is key...



Specialized Program?

(pre-med, pre-law, engineering, dual majors...)

The Right Fit is key...



Is the price right?

(Consider all of your financial options)

The Right Fit is key...



Social Life?

(clubs, sports, greek life, religious, LGBTQQ)

The 4 Major College Pathways

Community College System

California State University (CSU)

University of California (UC)

Private Universities & Out of State Colleges

Why Community College is an excellent option for your student

- Offers an **affordable** and **accessible** education (\$31 per unit; annual tuition ~\$5000 vs. ~\$30,000 at UC)
- Great place to explore possible majors and career routes
- Guaranteed transfer to many 4 year colleges – Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) agreements with UC's and CSU's.
- Certificate and AA/AS degree offered in many direct entry career fields in high demand and growing career fields such as nursing, dental hygiene & automotive technology.
- Over 109 community colleges statewide to choose from

California Public Institutions (CSU)

CSU

- Largest public state university system in California.
- 23 campuses spread throughout the state.
- Second most affordable college option after Community College system in California.
- Course content more practical-based.
- Prepares a wide range of bachelor's degree options and many graduate programs.

California Public Institutions (UC)

UC

- Small and large public research institutions.
- 9 undergraduate campuses throughout California.
- Third most affordable college option in California after Community Colleges and CSU.
- Course content mostly theoretical and analytical.
- Prepares many students to enter graduate school after earning bachelor's degree.

Private Universities & Out-of-State Colleges

- There are over 3,000 private and out-of-state four year colleges nationwide.
- Private colleges vary in size, often remaining smaller and more intimate than than public colleges.
- The prices vary across each institution but financial aid options are available.
- Class size are intimate, the student:teacher ratio is usually low and personalized accessibility for professorial support is high.

College Entrance Examinations

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*Check with your college(s) for specific testing requirements

1. ACT - American College Testing Program
2. PSAT/NMSQT - Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Qualifying Test
3. SAT Reasoning Test
4. SAT Subject Tests (Not mandatory for every school)
5. TOEFL - Test of English as a Foreign Language (ELL only)
6. AP - Advanced Placement Program (Not mandatory to submit scores)

ACT/SAT is it an And or an Or?

SAT or ACT? Do you know which test is right for your student?

Colleges accept both tests equally, so the choice is up to your student! Here's what you need to know to compare the exams.

The logo for the ACT exam, featuring the letters "ACT" in a large, bold, black serif font. A thick, red, curved underline is positioned beneath the letters.

SAT vs. ACT

SAT

Test Structure:

Math (Arithmetic, Algebra 1 & II, Geometry, Trigonometry, and Data analysis)
Reading (5 passages)
Writing and Language
Essay (Optional; The essay will test your comprehension of a source text)

Length:

3 hours (without essay)
3 hours, 50 minutes (with essay)

Scored:

Scored on a scale of 400–1600

ACT

Test Structure:

Math (Arithmetic, Algebra 1 & II, Geometry & Trigonometry)
Reading (4 passages)
English
Science
Essay (Optional; The essay will test how well you evaluate and analyze complex issues)

Length:

2 hours, 55 minutes (without essay)
3 hours, 40 minutes (with essay)

Scored:

Scored on a scale of 1-36

Paying for College

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FAFSA: www.fafsa.gov

Changes in process

Older tax documents will be accepted

Asset protection will plunge

Schools will lose a data point, Scholarships.com, Naviance Scholarships

A screenshot of the Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) website homepage. The page features a blue header with the FAFSA logo and navigation icons. Below the header is a main banner with the text "Get help paying for college" and "Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)". The page is divided into sections for "New to the FAFSA?" (with a "Start A New FAFSA" button) and "Returning User?" (with a "Login" button). There are also sections for "Deadlines", "Announcements", "School Code Search", and "Thinking About College?". The footer contains links for "FOIA", "Privacy", "Security", "Notice", and "Winterhouse.gov | USA.gov | ED.gov".

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- Add a school
- View your Student Aid Report (SAR), and more...

Login

Deadlines
Information about your deadlines.

School Code Search
Find your college's school code. Also find detailed information about your college.

FAFSA Filing Options
Learn about the other options for filing your FAFSA.

Announcements

- The new 2016-2017 FAFSA is here! To begin your application, click Start A New FAFSA.
- The 2016-2017 IRS Data Retrieval Tool will be available on Feb. 7, 2016.

Thinking About College?

Use FAFSAcaster to see how federal student aid can help you pay for college!

Check out how Federal Student Aid can put you on a path to success. [View Videos on YouTube](#) or [Download the Accessible Videos](#)

Site Last Updated: Sunday, December 27, 2015

Due to scheduled site maintenance, FAFSA on the Web will be unavailable every Sunday from 3 a.m. to 11 a.m. (Eastern Time). We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

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Naviance Scholarships

Local Scholarships

National Scholarships

State Financial Aid

Federal Financial Aid



Suggested Reads

“Where You Go Is NOT Who You’ll Be”, Frank Bruni

“Excellent Sheep: The MisEducation of American Elite”, W. Deresiewicz

“Admissions Matters”, Sally Springer, et al

“How to Raise an Adult”, Julie Lythcott-Haims

“Colleges that Change Lives”, Loren Pope

“The Insider’s Guide to Colleges”, Yale Daily News

“Grit”, Angela Duckworth



I've learned that
people will forget
what you said,
people will forget
what you did,
but people will
never forget how
you made them feel.

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Maya Angelou