

CLASS OF 2021 TIMELINE



JOHN MUIR HIGH SCHOOL
Early College Magnet

SUMMER

- Register for SAT and/or ACT.
(For Fall admission, scores after December are not accepted)
- Create college application accounts (CSU, UC, Common App, HBCUs) and launch them through California Colleges.
- Research colleges and their requirements

AUGUST

- UC applications open August 1st
 - [Apply here](#)
- **SAT test, 8/29**
- Research scholarship opportunities
 - [FastWeb](#)
 - U.S. Department of Labor's FREE [scholarship search tool](#)

SEPTEMBER

- Familiarize yourself with California Colleges
- Brainstorm for personal statement questions
- **ACT test, 9/12**, late registration by 8/28
- **SAT test, 9/26**, late registration by 9/15
- Compile essays, letters of recommendation, brag sheet, list of awards, and transcripts for scholarship and college applications

OCTOBER

- CSU Application opens, [apply here!](#)
- FAFSA / DREAM ACT opens **October 1st**
- **SAT Test, 10/3**, register by 9/3
- **ACT Test, 10/24**, register by 9/18
- Start working on personal statements for colleges that require them

NOVEMBER

- **SAT Test, 11/7**, register by 10/8
- Work on refining your personal statement (not all colleges require this)
- UC application **due November 30**
- Apply to scholarships/make a list of scholarships you will be applying to

DECEMBER-FEBRUARY

- CSU application due **December 4**.
- PCC application opens December 1st, [apply here](#).
 - check other community colleges for application deadlines
- **SAT Test, 12/5**, register by 11/5
- **ACT Test, 12/12**, register by 11/6
- Check your email for information from colleges about "Next Steps"
- Continue submitting college applications for privates/out-of-states if you've chosen to apply

JANUARY- MARCH

- Submit test scores and other required documents
- Create and submit your CSS/Financial Aid Profile for any private/independent colleges
- Priority deadline for FAFSA/DREAM Act is **March 2nd**
- Continue applying for scholarships

APRIL

- Continue checking your email for information from the colleges you applied to
- Continue applying for scholarships (see Dr. Gonzalez for opportunities)

MAY

- Submit Intent to Register to the college you will be attending in the fall by **May 1st** (for most colleges)
- Prepare for AP Tests



STEPS ON APPLYING FOR COLLEGE



Register for the SATs/ACTs

JULY - NOVEMBER

Although the UC's are not requiring the SAT/ACT, other public/private universities still have the tests as a requirement to apply and attend their school. For fall admission to colleges, you must have taken the ACT and/or SAT by December.



Applications and submitting

AUGUST - NOVEMBER

The UC application opens August 1st and is due November 30. The CSU application opens on October 1st and is due December 4. Due dates for other colleges/universities vary and require individual research.



Sending Test Scores and Transcripts

DECEMBER - JANUARY

Different schools may have different deadlines to submit your SAT/ACT scores and other documents. Make sure to check what those dates are. Most schools DO NOT accept test scores that were taken after December. Some schools may require you to send first semester senior grades.



Research financial aid

OCTOBER - MARCH

The FAFSA/Dream Act application opens October 1st and is due March 2nd. During this time you're advised to begin filling out and filing the application as well as research other financial aid and scholarships opportunities.



Evaluate and decide

MARCH - JUNE

Continue checking your email for information from the colleges you applied to. Review and compare Financial Aid Award Letters and continue applying for scholarships. Check with Dr. Gonzalez for new scholarship opportunities. Submit Intent to Register to the college you will be attending in the fall by May 1st (for most schools). Meet with your school counselor to finalize post-secondary plans and check your transcript.