10 Essential Tips & Tools for Junior Year: Class of 2027

PGHS Counseling 10 September 2025

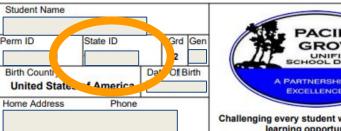
Objective

Answer the following question:

"I heard that Junior year is the most important year of high school. What should I be doing to prepare myself for after high school graduation?"



Review Your Transcript



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- Transcripts are a summary of a student's academic record, including courses taken, grades, honors, and degrees.
- The student SSID or State ID number is listed in the top left corner.
- Transcripts do not include extracurricular activities, clubs, or sports.
- All students should review their transcript to ensure it is correct.
- Students will need to access unofficial and official high school transcripts for years to come.

Times You May Need to Request a Transcript

- Job applications
- Volunteer opportunities
- Internship applications
- Car insurance
- College applications
- Scholarship applications
- Placement in Dual Enrollment coursework

Parchment Accounts

- PGHS uses Parchment.com, a secure online transcript service, to allow students to order official and unofficial transcripts electronically.
- All PGHS students should create a **Parchment Account** to give them access to their transcripts while in high school and after graduation.
 - When creating your Parchment account, use a personal email address, **not your PGUSD email**.
 - Parchment <u>does not allow duplicate parent and student accounts</u>.
- See Mrs. Biondi, the PGHS Registrar in A-Wing, for individualized instructions on how to create your Parchment account.
 - Students must use a **personalized code** when registering for Parchment in order to print free copies of their transcripts. *If you created your account without the code, Mrs. Biondi will provide or send you instructions on how to reset your account.*
 - Ensure you click the "I authorize a copy of my credentials to be stored in my Parchment account." box. This will allow you to access unofficial/self-view transcripts at any time.



Develop a Plan to Complete Your Community Service Hours

48 Hours of Community Service are required for PGHS graduation.

For questions, information about where you can complete community service, or to submit earned community service hours, contact Mr. Kent Leatham at kleatham@pgusd.org or visit him in the PGHS College and Career Center.

Value of Community Service

- Opportunity to expand your worldview, develop skills, and have a positive impact on the community.
- Develop skills by working in new environments with people from different backgrounds and expertise.
- Reinforce or introduce potential career options.
- Obtain work-related skills and build good references for employers.
 - Enhances student resumes.
- Strengthen college applications by showing involvement in the community and/or demonstrated interest in a potential career field.
- Build networking relationships for the future.

Community Service Information

- Community Service Guidelines
- Community Service Guidelines for Transfer Students
- Community Service Opportunities
- Community Service Verification Form ★

All students at Pacific Grove High School are required to complete <u>at least 48 hours</u> of community service in order to graduate.

- 12 hours must be completed by the start of Sophomore year.
- o 24 hours must be completed by the start of Junior year.
- o 36 hours must be completed by the start of Senior year.

Please see the Community Service Guidelines and Opportunities documents linked above for complete service requirements, restrictions, and recommendations.

Questions? Please reach out to Mr. Leatham (kleatham@pgusd.org), our College and Career Tech.



Consider Taking a Dual Enrollment Course

Advantages of Dual Enrollment (DE)

- A Dual Enrollment (DE) course is a community college course in which you earn both high school and college credit for the same course.
- Students can build confidence taking tuition-free college level coursework while still in high school.
- Students enrolled in UC/CSU transferable community college courses of 3 semester units or more, will receive college credit at the UC/CSU if they earn a C or higher in the course.
- UC transferable college courses that fall within the A-G subject areas, including those completed through <u>dual enrollment</u>, will earn an extra point in the UC freshman admission GPA calculation (within the maximum honors points limitations), if completed with a letter grade of C or better.
- The UC/CSU calculate GPA based on courses taken from the summer after 9th grade until the **summer after 11th grade**.
 - GPA requirement | UC Admissions * Link
 - GPA Calculator | CSU

 Link
 - Use your <u>Californiacolleges.edu</u> (Link) account to review your current UC or CSU recalculated GPA.

PGHS CCAP Dual Enrollment Courses

MPC CCAP Transferable Courses

- English 1A/English 1B
 - PGHS Senior English option
 - Students who enroll in English 1A and English 1B will earn two semesters worth of transferable college level English while meeting the fourth required year of English for PGHS graduation.
- Psychology 1/Psychology 3
- Sociology 1/Sociology 11
- Engineering 2: Engr. Design Graphics
- Introduction to Public Speaking
- Career & Life Planning

Culinary Arts Hospitality Pathway

- Hospitality 20: Catering
- Hospitality 23: Culinary Foundations
- Hospitality 77: Yeasted and Non-Yeasted Breads
- Hospitality 78: Basic Baking Techniques
- Hospitality 81: Pies and Tarts
- Hospitality 82: Cakes, Tortes, and Decorating Techniques
- Hospitality 83: French Pastries and Restaurant-style Desserts





- MPC General Dual Enrollment courses are taught at the Main MPC Campus in Monterey, at the Education Center in Marina, or online.
- Summer session is a popular time for PGHS students to take MPC Dual Enrollment classes.
 - High school students are limited to no more than
 7 semester units during the summer session.
 - Registration for summer courses fill quickly, so students are advised to register early in the registration window.
- Traditional Dual Enrollment Monterey Peninsula
 College

 Traditional Dual Enrollment Monterey Peninsula
- Students enrolling in MPC General Dual Enrollment courses will work directly with MPC regarding any paperwork or enrollment issues.

Jackie Stratton, MPC Dual Enrollment Counselor

For questions or more information about Dual Enrollment opportunities, meet with Ms. Stratton in the PGHS Library on Thursdays. Contact Mr. Kent Leatham at kleatham@pgusd.org or visit him in the PGHS College and Career Center to make an appointment with Ms. Stratton.

Responsibilities of Dual Enrollment

- Dual enrollment curriculum whether taught at PGHS as a CCAP class or at MPC is college level work. Therefore, students need to be prepared to commit the additional time and effort to the courses.
- MPC Dual Enrollment courses are <u>college</u> courses so the grades are recorded on the student's permanent <u>college transcript</u>.
- Students are **required to report** all Dual Enrolled coursework taken during high school on their college applications.
- Students will need to be self-sufficient and responsible for their grades.
 - MPC privacy rules <u>do not</u> allow Dual Enrollment course grades to be shared with parents/guardians regardless of the student's age.
- Students enrolled in MPC Dual Enrollment classes follow the MPC timelines and policies to include add and drop dates.

Submit Your MPC Transcript To PGHS

- To include your community college coursework on your PGHS transcript, you must submit an unofficial copy of your MPC transcript to the PGHS Registrar after you finish the class.
 - Do not overlook this important step.
- To add an MPC class to your PGHS transcript, email your unofficial MPC transcript to the PGHS Registrar, Mrs. Johanna Biondi: jbiondi@pgusd.org
 - Ensure your name, the course title, and the final grade are all visible on the unofficial transcript.
 - After Senior students commit to their selected college in May of their 12th grade,
 they will be required to submit official MPC transcripts as well as official PGHS transcripts to their college.



Explore Career and Major Options

Career Exploration

Now is a great time to start thinking about careers:

- Are you considering a field in the trades: Carpenter, Electrician, Plumber, HVAC?
 - Explore apprenticeships: <u>Find an apprenticeship program</u> (State of CA webpage)
- Are you interested in other professional careers?
 - Explore summer internships
 - Internship applications are often due in the early Fall for the next summer
 - Research what degree you need to earn for identified careers
- Wonder what a day in the life of an Interior Designer is like? Or Accountant? Or Attorney?
 - O Consider planning an Informational Interview or Job Shadow
- See Mr. Kent Leatham in the Career & College Center to explore options: <u>kleatham@pgusd.org</u>







Explore all California Colleges. edu has to offer

- Academic Plans
- College Search Tools
- Major Search Tools
- Career Search Tools
- College and Career Assessment Tools
 - Interest Profiler
 - Work Values
 - Intelligences
 - Personality
 - Skills
- Financial Aid
- Launch feature to the California Community Colleges, UCs, and CSU applications

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Major, and Career Data Sources.



Library Science and Administration.



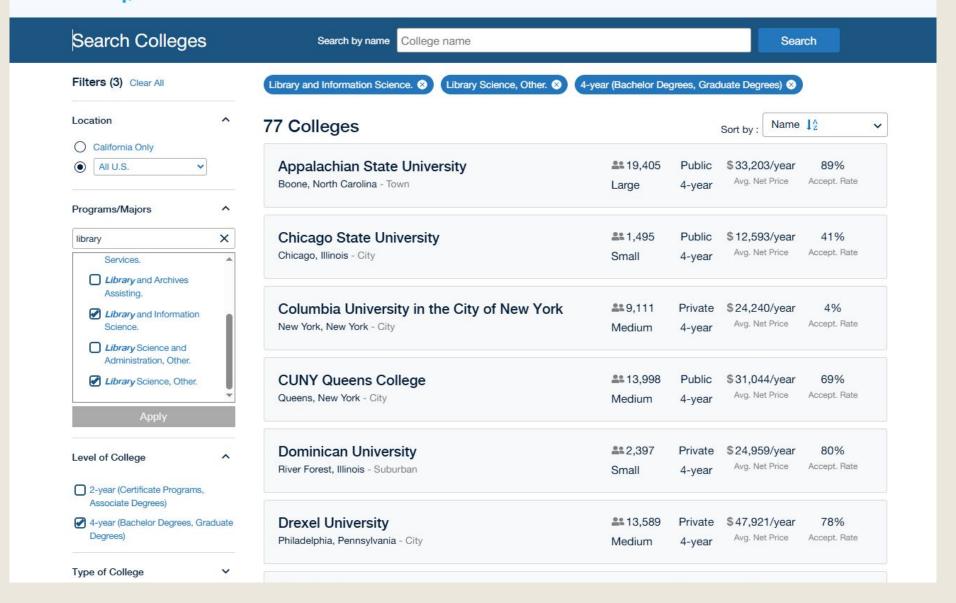
Enter two or more letters to begin looking up programs and majors.

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Majors	Description	Find Colleges Offering this Majors
Library and Information Science	A program that focuses on the knowledge and skills required to develop, organize, store, retrieve, administer, and facilitate the use of local, remote, and networked collections of information in print, audiovisual, and electronic formats and that prepares individuals for professional service as librarians and information consultants.	<u>View Colleges</u>
Children and Youth Library Services	A program that prepares individuals to provide library and information services and programming for children and young adults. Includes instruction in information needs of children and young adults, resources and services for children and young adults, literature for youth, storytelling, multi-ethnic materials, library management, and information technology for librarians.	View Colleges
Archives/Archival Administration	A program that prepares individuals to identify, manage, preserve, and make available records with long-term value for documentation, legal, research, and other purposes. Includes instruction in appraisal and collection development, information and records management, archival preservation, access systems, management of electronic records, archival outreach, and legal and ethical issues.	<u>View Colleges</u>
Library Science and Administration, Other	Any instructional program in library science and administration not listed above.	View Colleges

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Work Values Assessment

Learn essential information to implement the Work Values career assessment with your students.

What is Work Values, where is it located, and what will the results provide?

Click the tutorial below for more information on how to use the Work Values Assessment.



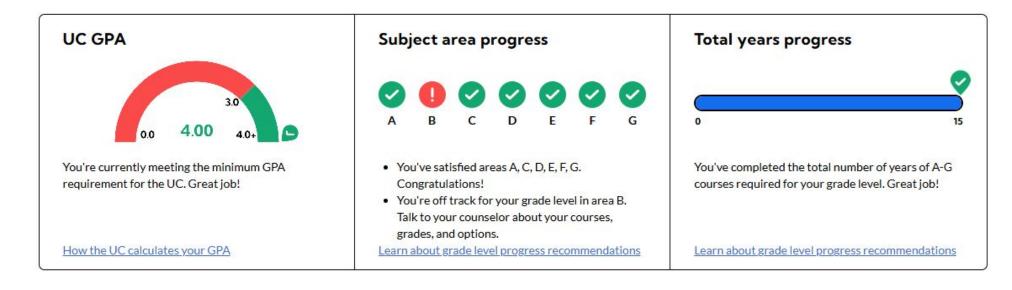
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▶ Try 쉐 Your status can't be determined based only on your verified A-G courses. Review the <u>courses that are not verified as A-G</u> with your counselor to determine if they contribute to your eligibility for UC admission.

How to meet UC Eligibility Requirements

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Courses that are verified as A-G

Track your A-G progress based on courses verified against the high school A-G Course List





Courses that are not verified as A-G

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These courses are not verified as A-G. See the code definitions below to learn why.

Talk to your counselor

You're on track and also have courses marked by your district as A-G that are not verified. Review these courses with your counselor to determine if they count towards A-G requirements.

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Courses that are not A-G

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Talk to your counselor

These courses were reported by your school as not meeting an A-G subject area. Courses that aren't A-G don't count toward your UC eligibility.

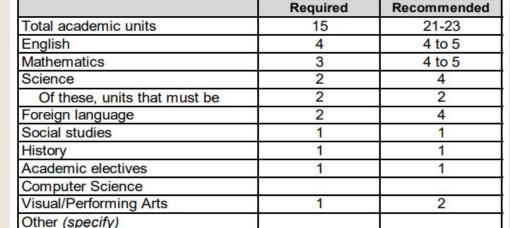
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Keep College Options Ōpen

UC/CSU A-G Eligibility

- Continue to meet A-G requirements for 4-year college eligibility with the high school classes you choose, even if you plan to attend a community college or other options after high school.
 - Maintaining rigor in your schedule helps build your academic skills and allows you to change your mind in your senior year if you want to apply to a 4-year college for freshman admission.
- One of the criteria the UC uses to evaluate applications is the, "Quality of a student's senior-year program, as measured by the type and number of academic courses in any A-G subject area in progress or planned."
- Research preferred schools' Common Data Set report for guidance on coursework to include in your senior schedule.
 - <u>CalPoly SLO Common Data Set 2023</u> ★Link





Start Your College List

College List

Junior year is the perfect time to start or continue researching colleges you would like to apply to in your senior year.

- Research colleges that offer majors in the field of study you would like to pursue.
- Explore both primary and <u>alternate major options</u> at each campus as more colleges are offering admissions for alternate majors.
- 'Heart Your Colleges' ◆ on Californiacolleges.edu to maximize your college search list.
- Attend the *Finding the Right College Fit* Presentation on November 4, 2025, from 6:30-7:30 PM in the PGHS Library.
- Attend the *Exploring College Options* Presentation on March 19, 2026, from 6:30-7:30 PM in the PGHS Library.



Check Admission Requirements For Your Colleges

Admissions Requirements

- The UC, CSU, and California Community College campuses do not require or consider SAT/ACT test scores for admission. The UC/CSU is test blind for admissions. Other colleges may have testing requirements.
- Testing dates fill very quickly, so students are encouraged to register well in advance of their preferred testing dates.

To register for the SAT or ACT tests:

SAT: SAT Test Center Search

ACT: ACT Registration | ACT Testing Dates | The ACT Test

■ Academic requirements vary for private colleges and public colleges outside of CA.

Example: The U of Arizona requires 3 years of a lab science, but the UC/CSU campuses only require 2 years. *Make sure you are meeting the requirements of the colleges you are planning to apply to.*



Attend College Rep Talks at PGHS

College Rep

- Mr. Leatham schedules visits with representatives from colleges throughout the United States. Stop by the College and Career Center to see which colleges are visiting and sign up!
- Attending Rep Visits shows demonstrated interest in the college.
- See our upcoming visits:PGHS College Rep. Visit Calendar

College Fairs

- The PGHS College and Career Fair is October 29, 2025 from 10:00-12:30 PM in the PGHS Library.
- The Carmel High School College Fair is open to all Peninsula high school students.
 - October 28, 2025, 6:00-8:00 PM, Gym

Service & Career Fair

■ The PGHS Service and Career Fair is February 11, 2026 from 4:00-7:00 PM in the PGHS Student Union.



Plan To Visit College Campuses

Campus Visits

- Schedule campus tours
 - Plan ahead as peak times, such as school vacations and breaks fill quickly
- Attend College Fall Preview/Open House events
- Do campus self-guided tours
- Go the campus website and do virtual tours
- All types of college visits show demonstrated interest
- Day in the Life at College XYZ Videos
 - Review videos produced by college staff as well.
 - Search for specific student organizations or club reviews that can give an insider's perspective.
 - Actively engage with university channels for recent and relevant updates about events.
 - Remember that all videos are edited and so the content is only giving you a limited view.



Scholarships & Financial Aid

Financial Aid

- The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) can not be started until senior year.
 - FAFSA plans to open on October 1 again this year
 - The primary FAFSA window closes on the first few days of March each year.
- As juniors, some scholarships are available, although a majority are available for 12th grade students.
- Search online for possible junior year options.
- Check the PGHS Scholarship calendar frequently: PGHS Scholarship Calendar



Looking Ahead...

Upcoming 11th Grade Events and Presentations

Event		Date	
Junior Review	Individual Student meetings	October/November/December 2025	
College Visits		All Year! PGHS Colleg	<u>re Rep. Visit Calendar</u>
Carmel College Fair		October 28, 2025, 6:0	00-8:00 PM, Carmel HS, Gym
PGHS College Fair		October 29, 2025, 10	0:00-12:30 PM, PGHS Library
Finding the Right College Fit	Evening presentation	November 4, 2025, 6	:30-7:30 PM, PGHS Library
PGHS Service & Career Fair		February 11, 2026, 4	:00-7:00 PM, Student Union
Exploring College Options	Evening presentation	March 19, 2026, 6:30	0-7:00 PM, PGHS Library
Ins & Outs of Applying Outside of the UC/CSUs	Evening presentation	April 22, 2026, 6:30-7	7:30 PM, PGHS Library

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS