# Tesoro High School Senior Information Night

# Objectives:

1. Graduation Status
2. College Admission Process
3. Financial Aid & Scholarships
4. Senior Activities & Graduation Details

# Earning Your Diploma

**To Earn Your Diploma You Must:**

- Complete a minimum of 220 credits, including the following subject requirements:

- Must pass English

- Must pass Government and Economics

- Must pass any subject requirements that have not yet been fulfilled

**If a student does not complete the above requirements**

- Will need to attend summer school to complete requirements

- Will not receive their diploma until requirements are complete

- Will not participate in the graduation commencement ceremony

# Graduation Status

| CREDIT SUMMARY | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Subject Area | Credit Req'd | Compl | Needed |
| American Govern | 5.00 | - | 5.00 |
| Biological Science | 10.00 | 10.00 | - |
| Physical Science | 10.00 | 10.00 | - |
| English | 40.00 | 30.00 | 10.00 |
| Economics | 5.00 | - | 5.00 |
| World History/Geo | 10.00 | 10.00 | - |
| US History | 10.00 | 10.00 | - |
| VAPA/WL/CTE | 10.00 | 10.00 | - |
| Mathematics | 20.00 | 20.00 | - |
| Algebra | 10.00 | 10.00 | - |
| Physical Education | 20.00 | 20.00 | - |
| Health | 5.00 | 5.00 | - |
| Electives | 65.00 | 60.00 | 5.00 |
| * TOTALS * | 220.00 | 195.00 | 25.00 |

- Transcript information is located in the parent portal

- Student should be at 170 credits or more

- This information can be found in the Parent Portal

# College Information

# Community College

**Benefits for attending a Community College**

- Transfer programs to impacted Four Year Universities
  - Transfer Agreement Guarantee (TAG) program - guaranteed transfer to select UC campuses after two years
  - Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) program - guaranteed transfer to a CSU campus
- Associates Degree (AA) or Certificate Programs
- With the Promise Program, the first two years could include free tuition and books

**Apply to Community College**

- Saddleback College (http://www.saddleback.edu)
- Irvine Valley College (http://www.ivc.edu)
- Orange Coast College (http://www.orangecoastcollege.edu )

# Saddleback College

## Counseling 100

- Spring class offered to seniors (not required)
  - Prep for Saddleback College
  - Promise Program Information
  - Freshmen Advantage Enrollment

- Students receive both college and high school credit for the course.

- Meets once per week and counts as one of your 5 classes.

- See your School Counselor for more information.

# Saddleback College

## College Promise Program

- Saddleback College promises to pay for the first two years of college for eligible full-time students or up to three years for eligible part-time students. Registration fees, support for book costs, health fee, and student involvement fees are included!
- Information will be shared in early October.
- Dedicated Saddleback Counselor on campus once per week
  - Wednesdays from 8:30-1:30

# Saddleback College

## Freshman Advantage

**This program offers new freshman the opportunity to:**

- Complete the pre-registration process early

- Apply early

- Gain priority registration

# UC Applications

Launch UC Application in CaliforniaColleges.edu

- Application Filing Window: Oct. 1 - Dec. 1

- **No Letters of Recommendation accepted**

- Application fee is $80.00 per campus.

- Tesoro CEEB Code 053-149

- One application for all nine campuses.

- Students do **not** request transcripts for UC until after acceptance

# LAUNCH YOUR APP FROM CALIFORNIA COLLEGES

ONCE YOU ARE IN CALIFORNIA COLLEGES, CLICK ON COLLEGE, THEN UNDER **"LAUNCH FROM CALIFORNIACOLLEGES.EDU"** CLICK ON THE APPLICATION YOU WILL BE WORKING ON.

**REPEAT THIS FOR:**
UC, CSU, COMMON APP & COMMUNITY COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

**NOTE:** Only the CSU & UC will automatically upload your transcript

**APPLY TO COLLEGE**

Learn about College Applications
College Application Checklist

**Launch from CaliforniaColleges.edu**

California Community Colleges Application
California State University Application
University of California Application

**Other Applications**

Common Application
Common Black College Application

# UC Acceptance

## Not Just GPA

- Minimum GPA required - 3.0 (UC weight standards)

- ELC - Top 9% of graduating class guaranteed acceptance into a UC school. Not always your first choice.

- **13 Factors are reviewed to determine acceptance** of applicants. Not all factors are within your control. Geography, Personal Hardship, Unique Circumstance

# UC Personal Insight Questions

**Extremely important at competitive UC campuses**

- Respond to 4 of the 8 questions/prompts.

- Each response is limited to a of 350 words maximum.

- All questions have equal value.

- Students should select questions that are most relevant to them, to describe who you are, what matters to you, and what you will share with the UC.

# Applying to a CSU?

Launch CSU Application in CaliforniaColleges.edu

- Application filing window: **Oct 1 - Dec. 1**

- Application fee is $70.00 per campus.

- Tesoro CEEB Code 053-149

- One application for all 23 campuses.

- **NO Letters of Recommendation** or College Essay required

- Students do **not** request transcripts for CSU until after acceptance

# Applying to a Private/Independent University?

Tesoro High School <span style="color:red">CEEB Code 053-149</span>

- Application Deadlines for private & out of state universities vary by institution.

- Over 1,000 colleges use CommonApp. For those not on the common app, go to university website to complete application.

- Complete application by specified deadlines; Often need to submit transcripts, scholarship info and financial aid with application.

- If required, contact College Board or ACT to have your SAT, AP, or ACT test scores sent to the campuses to which you've applied.

# Common App

- Generic application where you complete one application online for all colleges that are members.
- Check network to see if the private/independent universities you are applying to are members.

Launch Common Application in CaliforniaColleges.edu

- When you create a profile on the common application, invite your School Counselor to complete their portion of the application.

- Have any questions please ask your School Counselor.

# Official/Unofficial Transcripts

**Unofficial Transcripts**
- Available via Student/Parent Portal
  - You will need a copy of your unofficial transcript to complete your application to CSU, UC, and private universities

**Official Transcripts**
- Private/Independent Universities may require an official transcript as part of the application process. Available via **Parchment.com**
- Once you are accepted to and commit to a university (CSU, UC, or private) and graduate you will be prompted to send them your Official Final Transcript.
  - Official transcripts are only available via **PARCHMENT.**

# Futureology College Application Workshops (Free Support!)

## College App & Essay Support

- **Drop-ins during lunch**
- **Titan Time - every Friday**
- **Students can drop in with any application questions or work on applications.**

**Schedule a 30 minute appointment to receive application/essay support and feedback @ www.cusd-futureology.org**

**Keep an eye out for Tutorial Workshops**
**Financial Aid 101**
**College Essays**
**How to Create a College List**
**Community College 101**

Angela Gatlin

**THS College & Career Counseling Appointment 11th & 12th**

🕐 30 min

*For THS Students Only*
Appointments available for Grades 11th & 12th
Fall 2025.

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**SENIOR COLLEGE AND CAREER**

WEDNESDAY WEBINAR AUGUST 27, 2025 5:30PM

**ORIENTATION**

REGISTER HERE

Join our Futureology team for the latest information on:
- Important college timelines
- College application prep
- Testing requirements
- Planning resources
- Fall support services

Get your questions answered and feel confident about what's next!
**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**

www.cusd-futureology.org

**THS COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER**
**FALL WORKSHOPS**

**GET SUPPORT WITH COLLEGE/CAREER PLANNING!**
COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER DURING TUTORIAL

▶ **TITAN TIME (SIGN UP ON ENRICHING STUDENTS)**

**College Admission Basics** - September 11th
**Building a College List** - September 25th
**College Essays 101** - October 2nd
**Exploring Majors**- October 21st
**UC Application Overview** - October 30th
**CSU Application Overview** - November 6th
**Financial Aid 101** - November 11th
**Community College 101** - November 20th

▶ **FALL COLLEGE VISITS - ALL GRADES WELCOME!**
Wednesdays during Titan Time & lunch (sign up on Enriching Students)
Thursdays during lunch
Fridays during lunch

▶ **FRIDAYS - SENIOR APPLICATION SUPPORT (TITAN TIME)**
Sign up on Enriching Students on Friday's for support with applications & essay review!

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Questions? Mrs. Gatlin
algatlin@capousd.org

# Letter of Recommendation

- Need a LOR from your School Counselor
  - Go to the Guidance tab and select "Guidance Quick Links"
    - "Letter of Recommendation Request"
      - at the bottom of the page
    - Nov or Dec application deadline - Request due by 10/10/25
    - Jan or later application deadline - Request due by 11/7/25

- Need a LOR from a teacher
  - Select a teacher that you feel knows you the best and can speak to who you are as a student.
  - Contact the teacher as early as possible.
  - Be sure to THANK them. Teachers write the letters on their own time.

# Financial Aid

## www.tesorohighschool.com/financial.aid

**FAFSA -** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) or CADAA
- In CA all students are expected to complete a financial aid application, regardless of income level, as it is required for many merit based scholarships.

https://fafsa.ed.gov
- Window to apply opens October 1st
- The sooner you submit your application better your chance for receiving aid.
- Must create a FSA account before you can apply.
- There is a student and a parent portion of the application.
  - Information from the **2024 Tax year** is needed.

# Scholarships

- As we receive scholarship information we post it on Guidance page of the school website under "College".

- Students are responsible for applying to scholarships on their own.

- Adhere to deadlines and follow instructions for completing scholarship applications.

- Local scholarships (through PTSA, city organizations, employers) often have smaller pools.

- Apply to as many as you can. There are always scholarships that go unclaimed!

- Beware of scholarship scams - Don't pay someone who says they can get you a scholarship

# College Testing

ACT - Visit ACT.org to find local testing centers and to register.

SAT - Visit Collegeboard.org to find local testing centers and to register.
- Tesoro hosting SAT School day on <mark>Monday October 6th 2025</mark>.
- Register now.

Register EARLY! Spots fill up fast.

UC/CSU Do Not Use!

*Testing is optional for most schools but required for some.
 Please check individual school policies. https://fairtest.org/test-optional-list/

# Are Senior Classes Important?

## YES!!!

- Your acceptance could be rescinded if:
  - You do not receive a "C" or better in all classes.
  - You drop a class that you reported as in progress on your application. Call your university before you drop or level in a class.

- End of the year awards that are determined using the 12 week progress report:
  - Scholar of Scholars
  - Valedictorian (GPA 4.0 +)
  - Academic Distinction (GPA 3.5 - 3.99)

# Tesoro FAST Campaign

**F**uture **A**ccomplishments **S**tart **T**ODAY!

- Students will attend one workshop of their choice
  - October 9th or 10th
  - Application Support for UC's, Cal States, and the Common App.
  - Financial Aid: How to pay for College.
  - Saddleback College: Application, Promise Program, Freshmen Advantage.
  - Career/Technical Education Programs

# Senior Activities

- **Jostens** for cap/gown/graduation products 949-874-7464

- **Senior portraits** - Nov. 8th deadline  949-699-0199
  - Offered on campus for yearbook photo only on November 18th
  - Call South Coast Photographic for an official Senior Portrait sitting.

- **Graduation**
  - June 4, 2026
  - Titan Stadium @ 4:00pm - 5:30pm (tentative)

- **Grad night**
  - Parent Sponsored Event Tesorogradnight@gmail.com

**Check ASB calendar for other upcoming senior events**

# Parent Checklist - Class of 2026

- ❏ Check your student's credits & graduationstatus in the Parent Portal
- ❏ Help your student finalize their college lis (UC, CSU, Private, Community)
- ❏ Mark deadlines: UC/CSU apps (Dec 1st), FAFSA/CADAA (opens Oct 1), Scholarship applications
- ❏ Remind your student to request transcripts & letters of recommendation early.
- ❏ Attend Senior Parent Workshops & Financial Ad Nights
- ❏ Stay updated on Senior Activities (portraits, cap & gown, graduation)