

Franklin High School Counseling Department
Senior Planning Sheet

Private Colleges

Franklin HS Code: 050824



- Explore private colleges and universities via their websites. Visit www.aiccu.edu for links to private colleges **in California**.
- Make sure to check undergraduate admissions requirements, including testing requirements. The SAT or ACT may be test-optional or not required.
- Review application requirements for colleges and universities of interest; many private colleges use the Common Application for admissions.
- Launch Common Application at www.CaliforniaColleges.edu

If needed, register for the SAT tests at: www.collegeboard.com or the ACT at www.actstudent.org

Be sure to pick 4 colleges to send your scores to before testing for FREE

<u>SAT</u> :	October 4 th , 2025	Register by: September 19 th , 2025
	November 8 th , 2025	Register by: October 24 th , 2025
	December 6 th , 2025	Register by: November 21 st , 2025
<u>ACT</u> :	October 18 th , 2025	Register by: September 12 th , 2025
	December 13 th , 2025	Register by: November 8 th , 2025

- Complete the College Board's **CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE** if your intended college requires it. After completing the application, the College Board sends the PROFILE to your chosen colleges and scholarship programs. See website for more information: <http://student.collegeboard.org/css-financial-aid-profile>

Out of State Colleges & Universities

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- Explore out-of-state colleges and universities via their websites. Be sure to check out colleges that are a part of the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) for non-resident tuition savings. <https://www.wiche.edu/tuition-savings/wue/>
- Make sure to check undergraduate admissions requirements.
- Check the testing requirements for admission.

If needed, register for the SAT tests at: www.collegeboard.com or the ACT at www.actstudent.org

Historically Black Colleges & Universities

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- Explore Historically Black Colleges: <http://www.eduinonline.com>.
Review application requirements of colleges and universities of interest; many private HBCU colleges use the Common Application for admissions.
- Check the testing requirements for admission.

If needed, register for the **SAT** tests at: www.collegeboard.com or the **ACT** at www.actstudent.org

- The Common Black College Application allows students to apply to any number of 66 HBCUs at the same time for only \$20. <https://commonblackcollegeapp.com/>

***Plan to attend the EGUSD U-CAN HBCU Fair on (Saturday) September 20th
at Monterey Trail High School***

***Plan to attend the EGUSD College & Career Fair on October 8th at Laguna
Creek High School***



Private College Application Process

ACADEMIC CRITERIA-

- Curriculum available at Franklin (Our School's profile)
- Standardized test scores (Check if your college/university of interest is requiring SAT/ACT)
- Remember you need your counselor to do a counselor portion of your application.
 - Make sure you have sent them an invite and a letter of recommendation data sheet.
 - With at least 2 weeks notice
 - You also need at least 2 teachers (usually academic) from different subjects to do a teacher recommendation.
 - Make sure you sent them an invite and a letter of recommendation datasheet.
 - With at least 2 weeks notice

COMMON APPLICATION PERSONAL STATEMENT/APPLICATION/ESSAY (PICK ONE)

1. Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful that they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.

2. The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?

3. Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?

4. Reflect on something that someone has done for you that has made you happy or thankful in a surprising way. How has this gratitude affected or motivated you?

5. Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.

6. Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?

7. Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you've already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design.

INTERVIEW TIPS/FIRST IMPRESSIONS ARE IMPORTANT

- Be on time.
- Be prepared with questions about the college/major/ the interviewer's experience...

**NOTE: Not all private colleges use the Common Application.
Check your college of interest for their application process.**