

EDUCATION AND CAREER PLANNING



A Workshop to Prepare
for College and Careers

OBJECTIVES

Students will:

- Think about education and career goals
- Understand types of colleges and degrees
- Learn about financial aid
- Learn about and explore Internet sites

SKILLS FOR A LIFETIME

- Planning begins while in high school
- Selection of college and career options begins with recognizing your skills and interests
- Teachers, Counselors, Parents and other school staff available to help
- All classes and activities help you build a work foundation

Occupational Outlook Handbook

The OOH can help you find career information on duties, education and training, pay, and outlook for hundreds of occupations.

❖ <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/>

Types of Colleges

Private Trade/Technical Colleges

Trade and technical schools offer programs in business, management, health care, nursing, computer programming, technology, criminal justice, paralegal assistance, dental assisting, engineering, design, trucking and many more.

Types of Colleges

Private Trade/Technical Colleges - continued

- ❖ Profit oriented
- ❖ Short-term training (6 months to 2 years)
- ❖ Receive certificate which **may** help in applying for a job or in taking a state exam

Types of Colleges

Private Trade/Technical Colleges - continued

- ❖ More expensive type of training/preparation*
- ❖ Classes usually do not transfer to community college or university
- ❖ No guarantee of placement

*dependent on institution – Financial Aid Available

Types of Colleges

Private Trade/Technical Colleges – continued

❖ <https://www.accreditedschoolsonline.org/vocational-trade-school/>

Types of Colleges

Public Two-year Community/Technical Colleges

- One or two year job training certificates or licensing programs that lead directly to jobs
- Associate's of Arts (AA) or Science (AS) degrees
- Transfer option to a 4-year university
(guaranteed admission - TAG)

Types of Colleges

Public Two-year Community/Technical Colleges - continued

- Part- or full-time attendance
- Lower tuition cost and fees (\$46 per unit)
- Admission requirements (High School Diploma or GED)
- **Apply** in spring semester of senior year

Transfer Agreement Guarantee (TAG)

- Guaranteed Admission
 - UC and State universities
 - Other in- and out-of-state universities
- Sign a contract with Community College Counselor
(between Community College and Chosen University)

Transfer Agreement Guarantee (TAG) – continued

- Finish Freshmen and Sophomore prerequisite requirements (Math, English, Foreign Language, etc.)
- Less expensive option
- Financial Aid available

Types of Colleges

Public Two-year Community/Technical Colleges – continued

❖ <https://www.sdccd.edu/>

❖ <https://www.sdccd.edu/students/fees.aspx>

Types of Colleges

4-year Colleges and Universities

- Occupations requiring more advanced training
- Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) or Bachelor of Science (B.S.) – undergraduate degree

Types of Colleges

4-year Colleges and Universities - continued

- Core Subjects/ General Education Requirements
(Math, English, etc.) & major/minor courses
- **Apply** in the fall of senior year before November 30
(for California Schools)

Types of Colleges

4-year Colleges and Universities - continued

- Public (taxpayer) and private (tuition & donations)
- Groups of schools:
Service Academies; Ivy League; Big Ten
(eligibility based on preparation/qualifications)
- Higher tuition costs – Financial Aid Available

Types of Colleges

4-year Colleges and Universities — continued

- ❖ <https://www2.calstate.edu/>
- ❖ <http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu>
- ❖ <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search>

Selecting a College

(Including Community College and Trade Schools)

- ASK QUESTIONS
- Don't just rely on what others tell you
- Do research
- Visit colleges; meet with admissions
- Attend college presentations
- Decide based on career and personal goals
- Don't wait until the last minute

Selecting a College

(Including Community College and Trade Schools)

Comparing College Results

- General - Location, environment, school type, housing
- Admissions – Testing requirements (if any): SAT/ACT score(s) , G.P.A. , etc.
- Financials – Tuition, fees and other financial criteria
- Student Body – Enrollment & demographics
- Academics – Class size, student/faculty ratio, majors
- Campus Life – Sororities/Fraternities, sports and activities

College Presentations

- Chat with admissions officers
- Learn about colleges and career opportunities
- Cross compare colleges
- Explore college majors/programs of interest
- Learn about campus life
- Learn about admission requirements and application process

College Applications

The following link allows you to access:

- California State University Application
- California Community Colleges Application
- University of California
- Common Application

❖ <http://www.californiacolleges.edu>

Financial Aid

LOANS

WORK-STUDY

GRANTS

SCHOLARSHIPS

Financial Aid

GOVERNMENT

COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

PRIVATE SOURCES

Financial Aid

- Available to all types of students
 - Community College
 - 4-year Universities
- Nearly one-half of students receive aid
- **Generally** based on economic need
- U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident (*Federal and State Aid*)
- AB540 Eligible (*California State Aid only*)

Financial Aid

U.S. Citizens and Permanent Residents:

Requires completion of:

Free Application for Federal Student Aid
(**FAFSA**) –March of Senior Year

(If applying for California Schools also need to
complete a G.P.A. Verification form for Cal
Grant)

Financial Aid

AB540 Eligible Students:

❖ <https://www.csac.ca.gov/california-dream-act>

Requires completion of CA DREAM ACT
Application (CADAA) –March of Senior Year

(If applying for California Schools also need to
complete a G.P.A. Verification form for Cal
Grant)

Financial Aid

Grants and Scholarships

- Do not have to be repaid
- Often GPA requirement or area of study
- *Need-based* – individual/family economic need
- *Merit-based* – ability or talent
- Depends on college cost and family ability to pay
- Cal Grants for students who meet academic requirements

Financial Aid

Loans

- Available to students and parents
- Many types; offered through financial institutions
- Must be repaid; usually begins after leaving college
- Lower interest rate
- Failure to repay can ruin credit

Financial Aid

Work-Study Programs

- Part of financial aid package
- Jobs usually on campus
- Money earned to pay tuition and other fees

Cal Grants

- Guaranteed money for students who qualify
- Does not have to be repaid
- Three types: Cal Grant A, B and C
 - Cal Grant A – Min. 3.0 GPA
 - Cal Grant B – 2.0 GPA
 - Cal Grant C – tuition, fees and training costs for occupational or vocational training programs other than community college
- ❖ <https://www.csac.ca.gov/financial-aid-programs>

Cal Grants - continued

- Complete FAFSA (US Citizen or Permanent Resident)
 - Apply in senior year before March 2
<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>
- Complete CA Dream Act (AB540 Eligible)
 - Apply in senior year before March 2
<https://dream.csac.ca.gov/>

Keeping College Costs Down

- Service in AmeriCorps (community service)
- International Baccalaureate (IB) or Advanced Placement (AP) exams
 - Earn college credit
- Career Technical high school classes articulated to Community College
- Begin at Community College then transfer
- Work part-time
- Apply to military academies
- ROTC Scholarship

Internet Sites

CHOOSING A CAREER

<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/>

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/explore-careers>

FINANCIAL AID (Federal and State Gov't.)

<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov> (*US Citizen or Permanent Resident*)

<https://dream.csac.ca.gov/> (*AB 540 Eligible*)

<http://www.csac.ca.gov> (*CA GPA Verification for Cal Grant*)

Internet Sites

CHOOSING A COLLEGE (For Students)

<https://www.accreditedschoolsonline.org/vocational-trade-school/> (Trade/Technical School)

<https://www.sdccd.edu/> (San Diego Community College)

<http://www.californiacolleges.edu>

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-started>

Internet Sites

CHOOSING A COLLEGE (For Students) – con/td.

<http://www.ncaa.org/student-athletes/future>

<http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/>

<https://www2.calstate.edu/apply>

Internet Sites

ACT & SAT (Prep & Testing)

<http://www.act.org>

<https://www.collegeboard.org/>

Internet Sites

FINDING SCHOLARSHIPS

<http://www.fastweb.com>

COLLEGES AND THEIR RANKINGS

<http://www.usnews.com/usnews/edu/eduhome.htm>

Education Planning Timeline

- Whether applying to:
 - ✓ Trade School
 - ✓ Community College
 - ✓ 4-year university
- Step-by-step process
- Beginning in the sophomore year
- Avoid waiting until the last minute