



Dos Pueblos High School

SENIOR YEAR “PREP FOR COLLEGE” TIMELINE

Summer before Senior Year

- ☐ Make up D or F grades on your transcript.
- ☐ SBCC Summer Session begins June 9th (classes range from 6 to 10 weeks long).
- ☐ Activate your [SCOIR](#) account. Watch [this video](#) to learn how to register your account.
 - Go to [SCOIR](#) and log in with your school email or the SCOIR app on your iPad.
- ☐ Continue your college research. Read guidebooks, visit websites, talk to current students, and visit college campuses. Read about admission and application requirements.
- ☐ Make a list of colleges you want to apply to in SCOIR. This list should include at least 2-3 “likely” schools, 4-5 “target” schools, and 2-3 “reach” schools.
- ☐ Organize yourself with a file folder/binder or Google Drive. Write down all application deadlines and requirements.
- ☐ Make a list of all essay and short answer topics for each college. Brainstorm ideas for all essays.
 - [Common App Essay Prompts](#)
 - [UC Personal Insight Questions](#)
- ☐ Student athletes planning to play in college must register with [NCAA Eligibility Center](#) (if they haven't done so already during Junior year).
- ☐ Register to take the [SAT](#) and/or [ACT](#) exams in the fall, if needed.
- ☐ Request admission or alumni interviews for schools that require it.
- ☐ Work on the ‘Brag Sheet’ in [SCOIR](#), under “surveys”
- ☐ Look into scholarships. It is never too early to search for [scholarships](#).
- ☐ Pay attention to emails & StudentSquare messages!

August

- ☐ Use a personal email when applying to college or Financial Aid. DO NOT use your District email.
- ☐ Start the Common Application at www.commonapp.org.
- ☐ Start the UC application at www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply, available on August 1 but cannot submit until October.
- ☐ Check your email & Student Square regularly for information from the Counseling Office/College & Career Center on deadlines, college visits, college workshops, and required procedures.
- ☐ Check SCOIR for upcoming college visits and sign to meet with the college reps.
- ☐ If the college you are interested in is not visiting DPHS, check the college website for scheduled visits or receptions in the Santa Barbara or Ventura area.
- ☐ Make an [appointment](#) with your counselor to discuss your college choices.
- ☐ Finalize your college list; reduce your list to 8-12 schools. This list should include at least 2-3 “likely” schools and 4-5 “target” schools and can include 2-3 “reach” schools.
- ☐ Contact each teacher that you want a letter of recommendation from. Follow their instructions and deadlines.
- ☐ Work on your ‘Brag Sheet’ if you are applying Early Decision, Early Action, Restrictive Early Action, or Rolling Admissions.
- ☐ Continue to edit and finish writing your college essays. [Common Application essay prompts](#), [UC Personal Insight Questions](#)

September

- ☐ If you haven't yet, schedule a meeting with your counselor to finalize your college list.

- ❑ Check SCOIR for upcoming college visits and sign up to meet with the college reps.
- ❑ Complete the 'Brag Sheet' in SCOIR if you are applying Early Decision, Early Action, Restrictive Early Action, or Rolling Admissions.
- ❑ Continue writing/editing your college essays.
- ❑ Work hard in your classes- first semester grades count! If you are applying early, keep in mind that many colleges request Quarter grades.
- ❑ Attend College Application/Essay Workshops
- ❑ Request for your test scores to be sent directly from the testing agency to the colleges or universities you are applying (For SAT: www.collegeboard.org and ACT: www.actstudent.org).
- ❑ Check the [College & Career Center website](#) for scholarships, and start applying.

October

- ❑ Brag Sheets should be completed by **October 1** for Early Decision, Early Action/Restrictive Early Action, and rolling admissions.
- ❑ Complete all ED/EA/REA applications and submit by deadlines.
- ❑ Start your [CSU application](#) - available on October 1.
- ❑ Continue to work on other applications and essays, including the [UC](#) & [CSU](#) applications.
- ❑ Retake [SAT](#) or [ACT](#) exams if needed; register for December SAT or ACT if needed.
- ❑ Attend College Application/Essay Workshops
- ❑ Start the [FAFSA](#) or [Dream Act](#) on October 1. Submitting earlier is better.
- ❑ Complete the 'Brag Sheet' in SCOIR for Regular Decision applications.
- ❑ Register for [CSS Profile](#) (financial aid form for private schools) on www.collegeboard.org for schools that require it.

November

- ❑ Brag Sheet for Counselors should be submitted by **November 1** to your counselor for Regular Decision applications. Provide your teachers with materials they requested.
- ❑ Continue to work on college applications (especially [UC](#) and [CSU](#) applications!) and essays.
- ❑ Consider applying to [SB Scholarship Foundation](#) Honors or Art Scholarship - November 15 deadline.
- ❑ Finalize your college list
- ❑ Submit [UC](#) and [CSU](#) applications by **November 30**. NO EXCEPTIONS to this deadline.

December

- ❑ Many schools have **December 1** deadlines for scholarship consideration. If you miss this deadline, you will not be considered for merit scholarships.
- ❑ Complete ALL other college applications.
- ❑ Work on [FAFSA](#) or [Dream Act](#) and [CSS Profile](#)
- ❑ Don't forget to send your official [SAT](#) or [ACT](#) scores to the colleges and universities!!! Request for your test scores to be sent directly from the testing agency to the colleges or universities you are applying. (For SAT: www.collegeboard.org and ACT: www.actstudent.org).
- ❑ Update your college list in SCOIR as needed and notify your counselor of changes to the list.
- ❑ If you got admitted as Early Decision, notify other colleges and withdraw all other applications
- ❑ Study for your finals and do well! Your Senior year grades **DO** matter.
- ❑ Write a thank you note to your teachers and counselor who wrote you a recommendation letter

January

- ❑ Complete and submit your [FAFSA](#) (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) or [Dream Act](#) no later than March 2 (check with individual colleges).
- ❑ Notify all colleges in writing if you have a change in your Senior year class schedule.
- ❑ Respond to all requests for additional information from your colleges.

- ❑ Consider applying to [SB Scholarship Foundation](#) - January 15 deadline.
- ❑ Research [scholarship](#) opportunities.

February

- ❑ Check with colleges by calling, emailing, or on their website, to make sure that your application has been completed and all required documents were received.
- ❑ Complete all [financial aid](#) forms. Many colleges have financial aid application deadlines in February.
- ❑ Continue your scholarship search.
- ❑ **Apply to SBCC if needed**

March

- ❑ [FAFSA](#) or [Dream Act](#) **DUE MARCH 2**
- ❑ Carefully review the [Student Aid Report](#) (SAR) and make revisions as necessary.
- ❑ Check personal email/college portals regularly for college notifications and admission decisions.
- ❑ Visit schools that you are admitted to and are considering attending.
- ❑ Stay in touch with the financial aid offices to better understand your financial aid packages.
- ❑ Update SCOIR with admissions decisions.
- ❑ Continue your scholarship search.

April

- ❑ Visit schools that you are admitted to and considering attending. Attend Open Houses and local receptions for admitted students.
- ❑ Compare [financial aid](#) packages. Contact financial aid offices if you have questions about your aid package.
- ❑ Make your decision on which school you will attend.
- ❑ If you are [waitlisted](#) and wish to pursue admission to that institution, follow their instructions. Talk to your counselor if you have questions.

May

- ❑ Notify your **ONE** school of choice by **May 1** and pay the commitment deposit fee. Let all other colleges know that you will not be attending their schools.
- ❑ Celebrate with your classmates for National College Decision Day
- ❑ Submit housing forms as early as possible to ensure your choice of residence hall and pay the deposit.
- ❑ Take AP exams and study for finals.
- ❑ Continue attending classes and doing well; you **must** maintain your academic profile. Colleges DO look at your final senior grades because admission offers are conditional pending your continued academic performance through the end of your senior year. Meaning, college acceptances can be rescinded!

June

- ❑ Order your final high school transcript on [Parchment](#) to be sent to the school you will be attending.
- ❑ Student athletes must request a final transcript to be sent to the college as well as the [NCAA Eligibility Center](#).
- ❑ If you have taken classes at a college or community college, request that these transcripts be sent to your college in order to receive credit for the classes.
- ❑ Request that [AP scores](#) be sent to the college you will enroll in so that you can receive college credit.
- ❑ Attend Freshman Orientation, take appropriate placement exams and register for Fall classes.
- ❑ Make sure to thank everyone who helped you this year. Send thank you notes to your teachers, counselors, family members, and scholarship donors.

- Have a great summer and look forward to the amazing adventure that awaits you!