

Things to Remember for Senior Year



★ College Applications

- UC's: Open now, applications are accepted October 1- December 1.
<https://apply.universityofcalifornia.edu/my-application/login>
- CSU's: Open October 1, due by December 1 www2.calstate.edu/apply
- Private and out-of-state deadlines vary
 - The Common Application is an undergraduate college admission application that applicants may use to apply to any of more than 800 member colleges and universities. Deadlines vary. Commonapp.org
 - The Coalition Application is an undergraduate college admission application that students can use to apply to over 140 Coalition member colleges and universities. Deadlines vary. MyCoalition.org
 - Community Colleges: Typically you will apply during the semester prior to when you start classes
 - MiraCosta and Palomar applications open October 1

★ SAT and ACT Testing Info

- Many colleges have temporarily changed testing requirements and are now considered test optional.
 - All CSU's and UC's no longer require the SAT or ACT for admission..
 - Private and out-of-state colleges vary so make sure to check requirements!
- If you decide to take the test, take the earliest date possible, some colleges won't accept test scores if taken after December!
- If you are eligible for free or reduced lunch you probably qualify for a fee waiver
- Some helpful free test prep websites are <https://www.khanacademy.org/test-prep/sat> or <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/learning-resources.html>

| SAT Test dates | Registration Deadline | | ACT Test Dates | Registration Deadline |
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| 10/04/25 | 9/19/25 | | 10/18/25 | 9/12/25 |
| 11/08/25 | 10/24/25 | | 12/13/25 | 11/7/25 |
| 12/6/25 | 11/21/25 | | | |

El Camino School Code: 052248

Register at www.collegeboard.org

SAT: \$68

Late Registration: +\$34

Change Fee (to change test center or test date): +\$39

Register at www.act.org

ACT: \$68

ACT w/Writing: \$93

Late Registration: +\$38

Change Fee (to change test center or test date): +\$44

★ ASVAB

- The ASVAB is a test traditionally used as a military entrance exam, but it can also be useful as a career exploration tool. The ASVAB also has a skills/interests component that can show what careers might be best suited for you based on your results.
- If you are interested in joining the military you need to take the ASVAB.
- You can take the ASVAB multiple times, but remember the military accepts your most recent score, not your highest. So only retake it when you are confident that your score will improve.
 - This school year, El Camino is administering the ASVAB October 28, 2025 and March 11, 2026.

★ Financial Aid

- FAFSA or CADAA
 - FAFSA: Free Application for Federal Student Aid calculates how much money you are eligible to receive from the federal government based on family size and annual income. It is also used to determine if you are eligible for CalGrants (state aid) and certain scholarships. www.fafsa.gov
 - CADAA: California Dream Act Application is for undocumented students without a Social Security number who cannot apply for federal aid. You are still eligible for CalGrants and certain scholarships: <https://dream.csac.ca.gov/landing>
 - Things to have handy when applying: Your and your parents' tax returns from last year, most recent bank statements and records of investments (if applicable), Social Security number or alien registration number (not necessary to apply for Dream Act)
 - Opens: **October 1st through March 2nd**
- CalGrants
 - Cal Grant is a financial aid program administered by the California Student Aid Commission
 - You must be a resident of California and attend a qualifying California college
 - If you submit the FAFSA or CADAA, you will be automatically considered for a CalGrant -CADAA applicants may need to file an additional Non-SSN GPA verification form that can be found at www.csac.ca.gov
 - Create an account at <https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov/> to view and claim your award
- CSS Profile
 - CSS Profile is an online application that collects information used by nearly 400 colleges and scholarship programs to award non-federal aid
<https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/?excmpid=vt-00231>
 - Check your colleges' website to see if they require the CSS profile
 - Deadlines vary by institution
- Scholarships
 - Most scholarships open in the Spring but there are some you can start applying for now
 - Link to scholarship list on the El Camino Website on the College & Career Center page
bit.ly/ECHSscholarships
 - There are some scholarship search engine sites that help match you with scholarships relevant to you
 - <https://www.fastweb.com/>, <https://www.goingmerry.com/>, <https://www.raise.me/>

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