

“Choose Your Path”

*Preparing 12th Graders for
Life After High School
Bonita High School*



Your Options

- Community College (116)
- “4-year” College/University
 - California State Universities (23)
 - University of California (9/undergrad)
 - Private/Independent (86) or Out-of-State Schools
- Vocational or Trade School
- Military
- Work





Helpful Hints for Wherever You Go

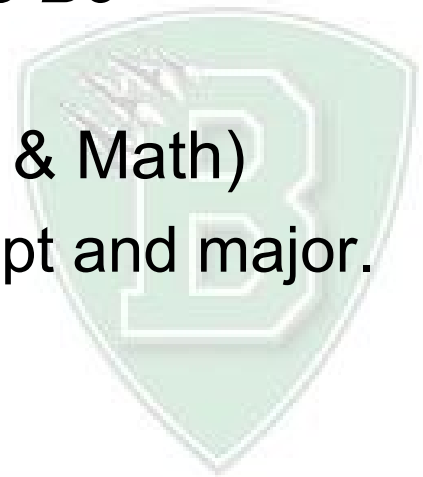
- Apply broadly: safety, target, reach
- Pay attention to deadlines
- Check your email/college portal often
- Keep social networking sites appropriate
- Create personal email for applications
- Your CA Student State ID Number is listed on the bottom left side of transcript



California Community Colleges



- Different options at a Community College:
 - Vocational/certificate programs
 - AA/AS Degree / “A Degree with a Guarantee”
 - Transfer Major to 4-year College (*after 60 transferable credits are complete*)
- Mt SAC & Citrus College Workshops (*To Be Determined*)
- Community College Placement (English & Math)
 - Based on previous grades on transcript and major.



The Cal States



- Apply from October 1st - November 30th on www2.calstate.edu/apply
- Report **all** your grades from your transcript for A-G courses including middle school Integ Math 1 & 2.
- \$70 per campus (*report accurate financial info— You could qualify for 4 fee waivers*)
- Apply for EOP (*Educ. Opportunity Program*), especially if you are prompted to do so before you submit.
- List a 1st choice major and alternate if applicable.

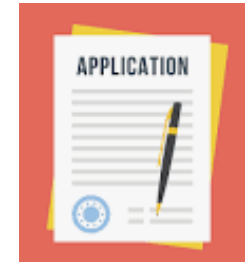
The UC Schools



- Apply at apply.universityofcalifornia.edu
- Application available to work on now: submit from October 1st- November 30th (*no exceptions*)
- \$70 per campus application; fee waiver within online application (*maximum of four*)
- Report ***all*** A-G grades; list your top activities, leadership, & service with detailed descriptions. Non A-G classes are listed in activities section.
- UC Personal Insight Questions
- Select a 1st choice major **and** alternate major if applicable.



College Application Assistance



- The BHS Counselors will send Aeries notifications regularly during college application season with helpful resources and reminders about workshops.
- **CSU Application Workshops:** Tues, 10/18 and Thurs, 10/20 from 3:30-5pm in the Library.
- **UC Application Workshops:** Tues, 10/25 and Thurs, 10/27 from 3:30-5pm in the Library.

Standardized Tests

UC & CSU

- CSU and UC Schools are **not** utilizing tests this year and will not use scores for admission or scholarship purposes.
- Please reach out to your counselor if you need assistance or have questions.
- Some CSU's may still use SAT/ACT/AP/SBAC scores for placement purposes (Math & English).



Independent/Private or Out - of - State Colleges

- Deadlines & requirements vary by school- visit each school's website
- Application Variations:
 - Common Application
 - www.commonapp.org
 - Be mindful of “Supplemental Essays”
 - Teacher & counselor recommendations required
 - SendEDU or School-specific applications
 - *Other* transcript requests:
 - www.bonitahigh.net under “Transcripts” for Parchment access (*need to create account*)



Brag Sheets



- Please complete & submit “brag sheets” to teachers/counselors a minimum of two weeks before the due date and no later than December 1st.
- UC & Cal States do not generally need a letter of recommendation (*UC Berkeley or any special programs will notify you if they want one*)
- Many scholarships and private schools require a letter of recommendation.
- Brag Sheet is available on school’s website and included in your handouts.



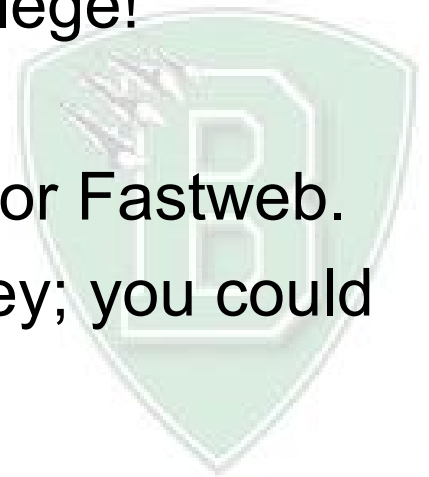
SAT & ACT for Private & Out - of - State Schools

- Testing policies will vary with each private & out-of-state college and university.
- Some colleges may still require SAT or ACT; many colleges are now “test optional”.
- Please check on the testing requirements for each campus to be certain.
- Pay attention to testing deadlines for each campus.



Scholarships & Financial Aid

- Submit the FAFSA after October 1st but before March 2nd – Don't delay!
- Check Counseling Dept. & Career Center updates via Aeries Communication and Daily Bulletin.
- Apply for Educational Benefit Program (the former Free/Reduced Lunch Program) if you think you could qualify- it could have perks for college!
- Look for institutional aid!
- Create a scholarship profile on Cappex or Fastweb.
- Indicate community service on the survey; you could be eligible for local scholarships. 😊



Stay Focused and Finish Strong

- Senioritis is real!
- Don't procrastinate. Be accountable.
- Follow through with college correspondence. Watch for last minute deadlines in your email and student portals.
- Remember – colleges can rescind their acceptance letters.
- **Questions?** Your counselor will be meeting with you to individually review your Senior Survey.

- Best Wishes from the BHS Counseling Team ☺

