

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What are an AA/AS degree and a BA/BS degree?

- *An AA/AS is an Associates degree and generally takes two years to complete at a community college.*
- *A BA/BS is a Bachelor's degree and typically takes about four years to complete at a 4-year college or university.*

2. What is the minimum GPA needed to go to a 4-year college right after high school?

- *To go to a California State University (CSU), a student must have at least a 2.00 GPA in all college prep classes.*
- *To go to a University of California (UC), a student must have at least a 3.00 GPA in all college prep classes.*
- *To go to a private or independent college, minimum GPAs vary.*

3. What college admission tests are required to go to college?

- *CSU's require either the SAT or ACT.*
- *UC's require either the SAT or ACT +Writing and 2 SAT Subject Tests from different subject areas (not including Math Level 1).*

4. When should I take the SAT/SAT subject tests and/or ACT +Writing?

- *The SAT and/or ACT +Writing should be taken first in the spring of your junior year and then again in the fall of your senior year.*
- *The SAT Subject Tests should be taken as soon as you finish the course you will be tested in.*
- *You cannot take the SAT Subject Tests and the SAT Reasoning Test during the same test administration; but you may take up to three SAT Subject Tests on a single test date.*

5. How do I send SAT/ACT scores to colleges?

- *As part of the registration process, you can select four colleges to receive your scores.*
- *SAT prompts you to select colleges to receive your scores after you have paid the registration fee.*
- *You can add, change or delete colleges to receive your scores up to five to nine days after you test.*
- *For the SAT, there is one code, 3594, to send your scores to all 23 CSU campuses.*

6. Will Roseville High School sign me up to take the SAT and/or ACT?

- *No.*

7. Do I have to take the SAT or ACT to go to a community college?

- *No.*

8. What if my family cannot afford the fees to take the SAT or ACT or to apply to college?

- *There are fee waivers you can apply for when registering to take the SAT or ACT and when you apply to college. Please visit the Career Center for information and to obtain fee waiver.*

9. What if I earned a "D" in one of my college prep courses, do I need to retake the course?

- *If you plan to go directly to a 4-year college after high school, you need to retake the grading period in which you earned a "D". PE, Health and some electives do not apply to this rule. Meet with your Counselor for clarification.*
- *If you plan to attend a community college after high school, you do not need to retake the class, but you would be better prepared for college level work if you did.*

10. How many colleges should I apply to?

- *An average number of colleges to apply to are three to six. You could have one or two dream colleges, one or two moderate colleges, and you should always have one or two safe colleges.*

11. Should I apply for financial aid? And when do I do that?

- *YES, everyone should apply for financial aid regardless of GPA or family income level. Much of financial aid goes unawarded because students do not apply. Financial aid is given for different reasons and can be used at all different types of colleges: 4-year, community and career technical. **Students will apply for financial aid in January of their senior year of high school.***