

Los Angeles Unified School District
DISTRICT C SCHOOLS
COLLEGE INFORMATION

IMPORTANT DATES for SENIORS
2002-2003

SAT I & SAT II TESTS

These dates are for students applying to enter college in fall, 2003. They are accepted by both UC and CSU. Students can take the SAT I **or** SAT II in October, November, or December. For the SAT II tests, students may take 1, 2, or 3 tests in one day. If "score choice" was selected for the SAT II tests before this school year, the student must remember to release his or her scores or they will not be received by colleges. See the College Counselor if you have questions about this - it is extremely important and could cost a student an acceptance! The student needs to be sure to have test scores sent to each college he or she is applying to directly by the testing company – ETS (for the SAT tests) or ACT.

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
October 12	<i>The student can do a 'walk on' and take a check to pay at the door. Be there by 7:30am.</i>	
November 2	September 27	October 9
December 7	November 1	November 13

ACT TEST (This can replace the SAT I if the score is relatively higher.)

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
October 26	September 20	October 4
December 14	November 8	November 21

UC/CSU APPLICATIONS

The application period for both of these systems is November 1-30. UC applications are available in the College Office at each school and on the internet at www.ucop.edu/pathways. A few CSU campuses will accept applications later than November 30 but not the more popular ones (Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, San Diego State, Sonoma State, Humboldt State, and sometimes CSUN). **To be safe, apply by November 30!** Applications are available in the College Office at each school and on the internet at www.csumentor.edu. The CSU applications, only if done online, can begin in October. Cal Poly San Luis Obispo does not accept paper applications. Students must apply online or call and order a floppy disk.

The online applications will be easier to complete and will present better than a hand written application. On the UC Pathways website are all related university documents such as catalogs of each campus and the Introduction to the University as well as direct connection to each campus' web site and email address. On the CSU website there is a campus search program where students can respond to questions and learn which campuses fit them best.

APPLICATIONS TO OTHER COLLEGES

If students are applying to private or out of state colleges they must call or write to them directly or access their web sites to request applications. Most colleges now have their applications on their websites so students can either send them electronically or complete them on the computer, print them, and then mail them to the colleges. Many private colleges accept the Common Application (www.commonapp.org).

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION/SECONDARY SCHOOL REPORTS - PRIVATE COLLEGES

If a student is applying to a private college or one that requires a letter of recommendation, he or she **must** follow the procedure required by the College Office at his or her school. It is important to leave enough time for teachers or the College Counselor to write the letter of recommendation.

FINANCIAL AID

Most colleges require that students submit the FAFSA form if they are applying for financial aid. There is no cost for this form. The filing period is January 1 - March 2, 2003. Applications will be available in the College Offices in December or online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Be careful of similar websites that have a fee. **THE FAFSA IS FREE.**

If the student is applying to a private college, he or she will also need the CSS Profile (profileonline.collegeboard.com). The student should ask each college if it requires the Profile. It **does** cost money to submit this form. The amount includes a registration fee and depends on how many colleges the student has the information sent to. It is strongly recommended that students submit this Profile early since a customized financial aid form (depending on the colleges designated) must then be created and sent to the student. These forms are available in the College Offices now.