

Senior Grade Level Meeting

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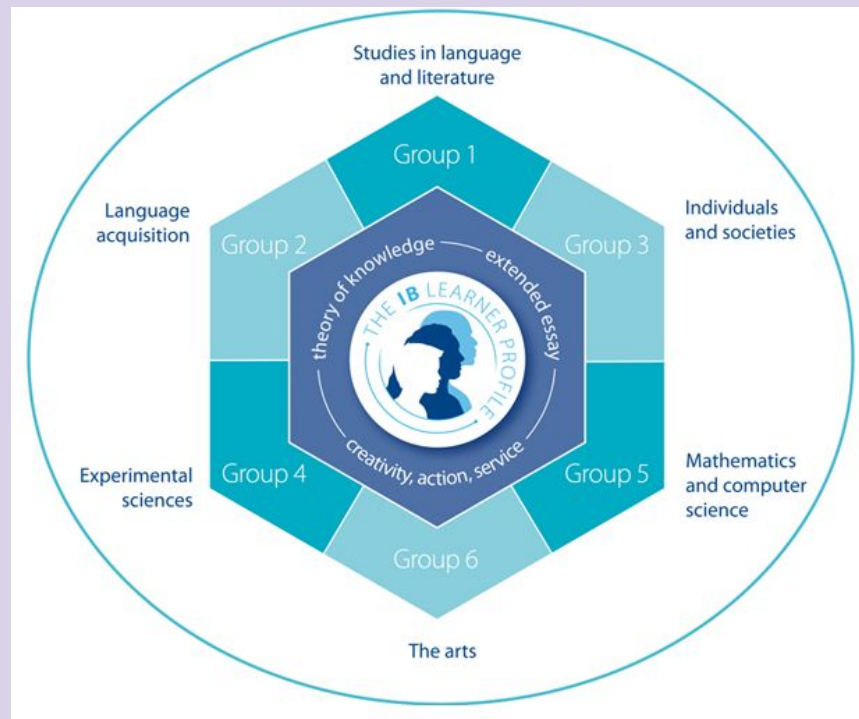
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Q & A will follow our presentation
on IB and College

There will also be a meeting
immediately following this one for
Spanish Speaking
Parents/Guardians.

Please hold your questions until the
end. Please write down any question
you have throughout the
presentation for the Q & A session

Senior IB Information Meeting September 2nd , 2020



Contacting IB Office

Lisa McCahon: IB Coordinator

- IB Coordinator
- lmccahon@seq.org
- Click [HERE](#) to set up a 15 or 30 minute appointment

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- Click [HERE](#) to set up a 15 or 30 minute appointment

IB Office Drop In Office Hours:

- McCahon: Monday 3:00-3:40 pm
Zoom Link: click [HERE](#) for the link to join the Office Hours
Zoom Meeting ID: 935 5593 4545
- Galvan: Thursday 3:00 - 3:40 pm
Zoom Link: Click [HERE](#) for the link to join Office Hours
Zoom Meeting ID: 968 5971 8588

IB Scores

The final IB score is made up of:

1. Internal Assessments (IAs)

- IAs are carried out by the IB teacher throughout the entire course (1 or 2 years)
- IA assignments vary by course
- Ex: IB English includes oral commentary, further oral activity, Written Task 1 & Written Task 2

2. May Exams

- Exams vary by course
- Ex: HL Eng= Paper 1 & 2 vs. HL Hist= Paper 1, 2 & 3

How will COVID Impact 2021 IB Exams

- Some assessment components have been removed, amended or will have mitigation changes.
 - Click [HERE](#) to see
- What we know from May 2020
 - Students will receive a final official IB score
 - IA's are very important
 - Colleges maintained the same IB credit/ course advancement policies
- We don't know what will happen yet. We will plan for May 2021 exams and communicate any changes as we learn them

IB Internal Assessment (IAs) Late Work Policy



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- IAs are due when they are due. No exceptions!
- IAs include oral assessments.
- If any IA is not turned in on the due date, they cannot be submitted to the IB organization and students will have an incomplete assessment for that subject area

IB Exam Scores

- IB scores on a scale of 1 – 7
- 4-7 = passing scores
- N score= A student is missing an exam component (From May or IA). Non passing
- The candidate has not been found guilty of malpractice by IB
 - If malpractice occurs the consequences as stated in the Sequoia Union High School Integrity Policy and the IB Academic Honesty Pledge & Policy document will be carried out. Students are bound to the IB Organization's Academic Honesty Policy

IB Academic Honesty

The IB expects Diploma Programme candidates to exercise academic honesty in all of their work, which includes acknowledging any sources used within an assignment.

The IB *General Regulations: Diploma Programme* defines malpractice as behaviour that results in, or may result in, the candidate or any other candidate gaining an unfair advantage in one or more assessment components.

ASK FOR ADVICE

As a Diploma Programme candidate you are responsible for ensuring that all of the work you submit is authentic and that any sources used are appropriately acknowledged. If you have any doubts please ask for advice.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- IB students are principled and act with integrity and honesty.
- IB students should be content creators not content imitators.
- If you engage in any form of malpractice you may not be eligible for a grade in the subject concerned.
- Do it right, remember to cite!
Credit where credit is due!

EXAMPLES OF MALPRACTICE

- **Plagiarism** - the representation of the ideas or work of another person as your own.
- **Collusion** - supporting malpractice by another candidate, as in allowing your work to be copied or submitted for assessment by another candidate.
- **Duplication of work** - the presentation of the same work for different assessment components and/or IB diploma requirements.
- **Misconduct during an examination**, including the possession of unauthorized material.
- **Disclosing information** to another candidate, or **receiving information** from another candidate, about the content of an examination paper within 24 hours after the examination.

HOW TO AVOID PLAGIARISM

- Credit all the sources you use, even if you have paraphrased or summarized.
- Clearly distinguish between your work and the source being used (using quotation marks, indentation or a similar method).
 - Use a style of referencing that is appropriate for the subject.



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The IB takes academic honesty very seriously!

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IB Exam Information

- **The final assessment for all honors courses is sitting for the course exam**
- We will be registering students, through virtual meetings, for their exams during September and October, completed by October 31, 2020.
- IB exam letters with fees will be mailed in September and October
- IB does not offer any make-up or alternate exam dates.
 - If you have a cold, sore throat etc. and choose not to attend the exam, you are choosing to forfeit your score.

NOVEMBER 1, 2020...

IS AN IMPORTANT DEADLINE!! AFTER THAT DATE, STUDENTS ENROLLED IN IB COURSES THAT WILL TEST IN MAY 2021 WILL REMAIN IN THOSE COURSES UNTIL THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR. NO EXCEPTIONS.

IB Exam Costs

\$119 subject fee for each exam

# Exams in May 2020	Exam Fees
6	\$714
5	\$595
4	\$476
3	\$357
2	\$238
1	\$119

IB Exam Costs

- CAS fee for Diploma Course student (Certificate/ non-Diploma) = \$10.00
- EE fee for Diploma Course student (Certificate/ non-Diploma) = \$91.00
- TOK fee for Diploma Course student (Certificate/ non-Diploma) = \$46.00

*Diploma Candidates do not pay separate CAS, EE, TOK fees.

IB Exam Costs (cont'd)

- **Payment is due no later than November 15th**
- **Payment by:**
 - **Checks:**
 - Checks made out to Sequoia High School
 - Put IB exam and student's name on memo line
 - Mail to:
Sequoia High School IB Office
Attention Magda Galvan
1201 Brewster Ave.
RWC, CA 94131
 - **Cash:**
 - Try to avoid this during Distance Learning
 - If necessary, bring all payments to IB Office Room #130
 - **Credit Card**
 - IB exams fees will automatically be added to IC under fees tab labeled IB fees. IC charges a processing fee.
- If your family has special financial circumstances, please contact us so we can make alternate arrangements for payment. We can set up payment plans.
- Students on free or reduced lunch this school year qualify for a reduced price. Sign up for FRL now to qualify!

IB Testing Accommodations

Per IB policy guidelines:

- Extended deadlines for 504 students do not apply to IB IA's (including orals). 504 students are encouraged to meet with their teachers at the time the IA is assigned and map out their IA plan to reduce stress.
- If students will need testing accommodations for IB exams (based on a spec ed I.E.P. or 504 Plan), parents/guardians must submit this request and documentation required by the IB organization to the IB Office no later than October 25th. Please note:
 1. A psychological/ psycho-educational/ medical report is required from a licensed professional including the diagnosis and test/ techniques used and must be undertaken no earlier than the 10th grade.
 2. Testing accommodations must be turned into IB from the IB Office six months prior to the May exam session (Nov 1st for a May exam).
 3. Final decisions regarding testing accommodation are made by the Assessments Office at IB.
- Click [HERE](#) for instructions on how to apply

Diploma Award Regulations

Reasons a student would not be awarded the Diploma:

1. CAS requirements have not been met.
2. Candidate's total points are fewer than 24.
3. An N has been given for theory of knowledge, extended essay or for a contributing subject.
4. A grade E has been awarded for one or both of theory of knowledge and the extended essay.
5. There is a grade 1 awarded in a subject/level.
6. Grade 2 has been awarded three or more times (HL or SL).
7. Grade 3 or below has been awarded four or more times (HL or SL).
8. Candidate has gained fewer than 12 points on HL subjects (for candidates who register for four HL subjects, the three highest grades count).
9. Candidate has gained fewer than 9 points on SL subjects (candidates who register for two SL subjects must gain at least 5 points at SL).

Important Dates

- October 15th – Updated CAS portfolio, journals, logs due. Update all activities. CAS interview to follow
- November 1st – Last Day for students to drop any IB courses that test in May 2021
- November 1st – Deadline for IB exam registration.
- April 1st– Final deadline to turn in CAS hours
- April 15th – Final CAS portfolios due on ManageBac with final reflective essay and all activities closed out.
- April 30th – May 21st – IB Exams

Post Test Timeline

- Exam results released to students on July 6th*
- Exam scores released to colleges electronically on July 15th.
- Diplomas and certificates are available in IB Office at the end of August.

***Students should use the instruction sheet given during IB testing to access their results. They are given a password and pin to access their results online. If the instruction sheet with this information is lost, students will have to wait until the first working day in August, to access their results**

Why IB?

- Helps students get into college- adds value on their college applications
- May lead to possible college credits: saves \$
- May lead to possible advanced course placement
- **MOST IMPORTANTLY:** Prepares students with skills to be successful in college
- Develops critical thinking, writing, communication, research and self-management skills.
- Develops an appreciation of other cultures and perspectives. International Mindedness

Video: The Value of an IB education With Stanford University's Deborah Von Bargen



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gS4BUi3Exog&list=PLWBNztdOp2pznut3UFMmu-uj9LXsMxj&index=1>

IB Exams & University Expectations

- Colleges expect students to sit for all parts of the IB exam in May (even if their institution does not grant college credits for that IB course).
- Sitting for an IB exam means putting forth your best effort on all sections.
- If you put down an IB course on your college application and indicate you are planning to take the corresponding IB exam in May, it adds value to your application.
- Colleges expect to receive IB scores in July for all IB exams you indicated on your application
- If they do not receive an IB exam score for an exam you stated you would take, they can rescind your admissions

List IB Exams on College Apps

- List all IB exams you will be taking in May 2021 as a “Planned Exam”
 - Refer to website for dates/ exam names etc.
- List any IB exam you took in 11th grade with your earned score
 - IB Physics, IB ESS, IB Business Management, IB ITGS
- Adds value to your college application

Video: How Should Students Discuss Their IB Courses in Their University Applications



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g0E_YMuBTHk&list=PLWBNztdOp2pznut3UFMmu-ugj9LXsMxi&index=1

College Credits

- A score of 4 or higher may receive college credit just like a score of 3 or higher on an AP exam, depending on the college and the department.
 - Colleges get to decide policy (what score must be obtained, if granted credits & what subject credits, how it articulates)
- Varies by university. Even varies within a college system (example: each UC may vary) and by major
- <http://ibo.org/en/university-admission/recognition-of-the-ib-diploma-by-countries-and-universities/>
 - Best resource is checking each specific university-most accurate information from university itself
- Ex of IB friendly: Oregon State, University of Nebraska (scholarship)

Oregon State IB Policy

International Baccalaureate Articulation Table (effective Summer 2015)

International Baccalaureate Course	Standard Level Exam Score of 5, 6, 7	OSU Recommended Course Equivalent	Higher Level Exam Score of 5, 6, 7	OSU Recommended Course Equivalent
The Arts:	Quarter Credits		Quarter Credits	
Dance	3	ELEC LDT	6	ELEC LDT
Film	3	FILM 110	6	FILM 110, 125
Music	3	MUS 101	6	MUS 101, 108
Theatre Arts	3	TA 250	3	TA 250
Visual Arts	4	ART 101	8	ART 101, 115
Experimental Sciences:				
Biology	4	BI 211	12	BI 211, 212, 213
Chemistry	5	CH 231, 261	15	CH 231, 232, 233, 261, 262, 263
Environmental Systems and Societies	4	GEO 202		
Physics	5	PH 201	15	PH 201, 202

College Credits

- “It’s not how much college you get out of, it’s what you get out of college.”

~Cliff Sjogren University of Michigan

- Remember, the purpose of IB is more about:
 - What type of thinker, writer, researcher, global citizen, community member and person you become.
 - How prepared you are for university so you reach success in college and beyond
 - “IB students see success well beyond academics. They are very well prepared to make the most of what the university has to offer. They are more confident to do research, deal with large volumes of academic content, present, and think critically.....They are more likely to go on student exchange, do internships etc. and take advantage of stuff beyond their credits and classroom courses and that is a huge part of learning in higher ed.”

~University of British Columbia representative at the IB Higher Ed Symposium 2013

Odds & Ends

- Check the IB webpage on the Sequoia website for updates
 - The May 2021 IB Exam Calendar will be updated with exam dates/ start time/ ESTIMATED end times
 - All students are dismissed together only after ALL exam materials have been collected (may be after posted end time)
 - Need to put down a planned IB test on a college app?
Check the UC/CSU/CA College Application Guide
- IB Senior Ceremony Wednesday, May 26th, 2021 at 5:30 pm
 - All Senior IB students and families invited

Final Thoughts...

In this last year of IB, here are a few suggestions for the academic and personal well-being of your student:

- Please don't plan trips when school is in session. Students are preparing for IB exams all along the way and missing chunks of class may put your student at a testing disadvantage.
- Begin to let go if you haven't already. Students should be completing their own CAS logs, applying to colleges for themselves and getting used to the independence that will be theirs in just a few months.
- The day they begin college, privacy laws will prohibit you from getting any information without their permission, even if you are paying for college and they're not yet 18. Help ease them into independence now so it won't be such a shock to their system. It will make for a smoother transition into college.

Final Thoughts....College Admissions

“I’ll admit, I cried A LOT on Friday when I got my Stanford decision (I cried, my mom and I cried together, then I cried again). I didn’t realize how much I wanted it until that point. However, I got over it. Two things helped me do so besides friends and family. First, I remember that I always did things for myself, not for a college. I never did an activity because it would get me into college, but rather I did the things I loved and really focused my time and energy into them. I have made lasting friendships, grown a lot personally, and made an impact in other people’s lives. I can’t image how I would feel if I had molded my high school life for an elite college and not gotten in. I would have nothing to have true pride about, which would make the rejection 100 times worse. Because of this, I don’t regret any of my decisions in high school in terms of time spent.”

~Sequoia 2014 IB Diploma Graduate attending UC Berkeley with a Regents Scholarship

Welcome Senior Parent College Information Night September 2, 2020

Teresa Ignaitis, Seniors Last Name A-L,
All HCA and Study Skills Students

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Nancy Rocha, Seniors Last Name M-Z,
All DAA and EL Students

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Parent Pressure

- Students want to please parents and during this stressful period it is important to be mindful of the following:
 - Telling others where your child is applying – “Mele is applying to Stanford”
 - Making you child apply to a school he/she really doesn’t want to go and/or apply
- Suggestions About College Conversations
 - Choose a weekly time to discuss college planning, limit discussion to that time

COVID -19 Impact: Overall Response by Colleges

- Flexible
- More focus on course rigor
- No student will be negatively affected by Pass/No Pass or Testing
- Can explain situation in additional comments or answer the Covid-19 on the Common Application

UCLA Director of Admissions, Gary Clark

“Worry about the things you can control”

Check will each colleges' policies on their websites

Test-Optional and Covid 19

From the
**NACAC Task Force on
Standardized Admission
Testing for International
and US Students**

Some colleges are
Test-Optional so scores
can be used in the future
for placement and not
admissions

Understanding “Test-Optional”

“Test-optional” is a blanket term to describe an institutional policy around not requiring standardized exams, or a specific exam. In practice, “test-optional” typically refers to institutions that give students the choice to submit scores if they feel it reflects their true ability. Institutions will still consider scores if submitted. “Test-flexible” refers to institutions that give students a choice about which type of assessment to submit. “Test-blind” refers to institutions that will not consider standardized testing for any applicant, even if submitted.

Sequoia's Guidance Senior 4Yr College Application Plan for Fall Semester

- **Classroom Presentations**
 - Ignaitis/McCahon/Rocha : UC Insight Questions/ Common Application Personal Statement- Through English – **Sept/Oct**
- **Virtual Trainings/Video Help - More to Come**
 - Ignaitis/Rocha: Grade Level 4YR College Bound Meeting - **Sept 2nd**
 - Counselors: Small Group Meetings for students applying to Common App or Private Schools following Grade Level meeting- **Sept 2nd**
 - *Ignaitis/Rocha: Common Mistakes on Common Application and Help with Requesting Letters of Recommendation Video* - **Posted on website**
 - *Ignaitis/Rocha: Should I Apply Early* - **Posted on website**
 - Ignaitis/Rocha: Financial Aid Night **Oct 15th**
 - *Ignaitis/Rocha: How to Create a FAFSA ID Video* - **Posted on website**
 - Ignaitis/Rocha: UC/CSU Application Workshops starting the **second week of October**
 - Cash for College FAFSA/Dream Application Help: **TBA Oct/Nov**
 - Ignaitis/Rocha: UC/CSU individual meetings to check application - **schedule on Calendly**
- **Individual Senior Grad/ College Check Meeting**
 - One-on-one meeting with student's counselor– **Beginning of Sept**

Weekly Email Newsletter

- Strongly recommended to read all Naviance emails.
- **It is the main source of information surrounding the college application process specific to Sequoia**
- IF a student is not receiving the email, after checking SPAM folder, email Ms. Ignaitis/Rocha
- **PARENTS: If you use a different email, you need to change it on Infinite Campus for it to change on Naviance**

The Way the Application Process Works at Sequoia

- Every requirement has a thoughtful reasoning behind it
- As a big school that sends thousands of documents to colleges each year, we must have a systematic approach that all students need to follow
- The handouts starting with “Responsibility Guidelines for Private Colleges and/or Common Application” are a good reference to keep on the fridge - **will be attached in the Weekly Email**

We are a NAVIANCE School

- All colleges you are applying to need to be listed on Naviance
- All school documents are sent via Naviance
- **A student HAS TO WORK with Sequoia's Staff and Naviance in order to complete The Common Application and any other private school application**
 - Even if you are working with a independent counselor outside of our school
- Students need to link their Common App to Naviance accounts (if problem contact Ms Ignaitis or Ms Rocha)

How Do You Use Naviance as a Senior?

College Tab

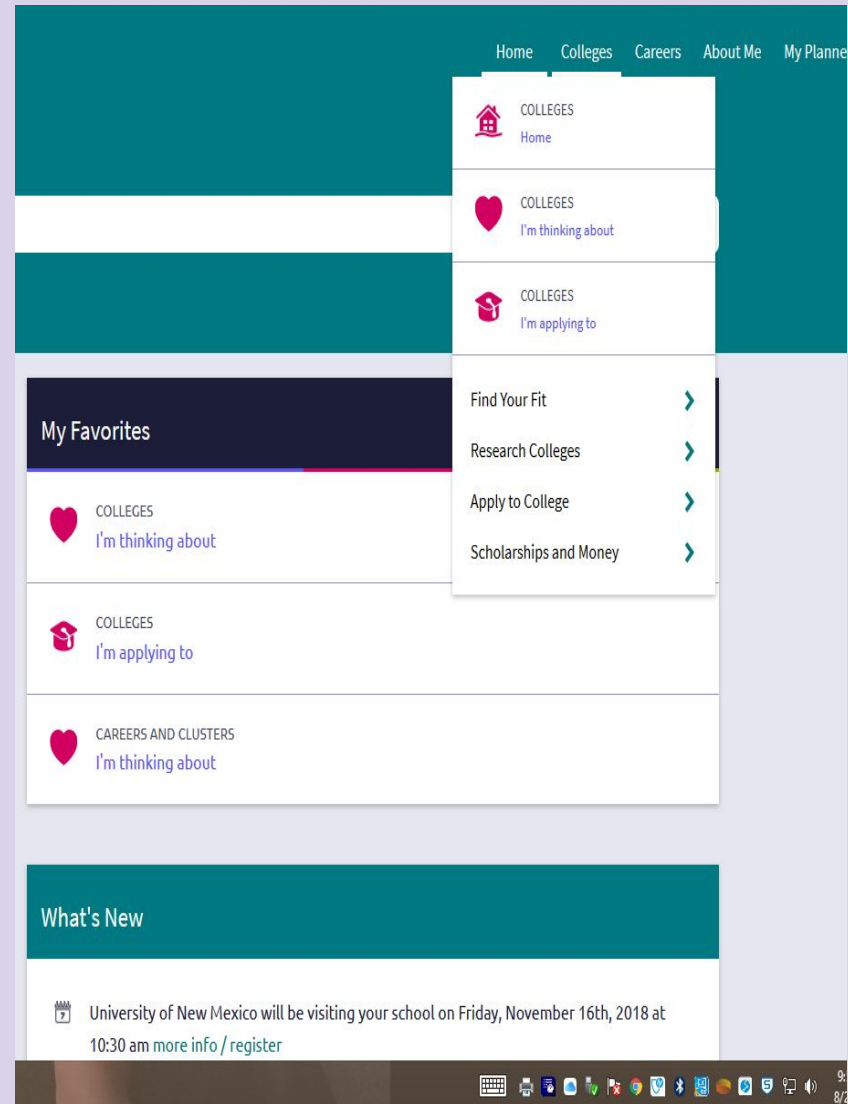
- Sign Up for College Visits
- Research Scholarships

Colleges I'm Thinking About Tab:

- Add new colleges
- Scattergrams and Application Submission Requirements
- Request Transcripts if needed
- Scholarship search

About Me

- Update Resume
- Complete Required Surveys: Counselor, LOR Surveys and Senior Exit Survey (includes requesting final transcripts)



Colleges I'm Applying To on Naviance

- All schools must be entered on the “*colleges I am applying to*” under the College tab section
- If you are applying to a specific program that has a date that is different than what is listed on Naviance (For Example Art Supplemental application or for scholarship consideration-a few schools have a different date) – you need to inform Ms Ignaitis/Rocha, your counselor and your LOR teachers 14 school days in advance. Ignaitis/Rocha will change the date in your account if warranted
- **DOCUMENTS CAN NOT BE SENT if a college is not listed here!!**
- **DOCUMENTS ARE SENT ACCORDING to Due Dates in Naviance!**

More information in video clip on website

Colleges I'm Applying To: Additional Features

- Add New Colleges: Use the *SEARCH* to find schools on top right corner or transfer from *Colleges I'm Thinking About*
- Submission Type: See how the school receives documents (electronically or by mail), whether it is a CA school, and deadlines (always check with the actual website!)

Application Milestones: Green check indicates school sent documents. Check first before emailing if sent

Colleges I'm Applying To: Application Milestones

Naviance | Student Home Colleges Car

Quick Links

MORE SEARCH OPTIONS

- SuperMatch®
- Advance college search
- College lookup

MY COLLEGES

- Upcoming college events
- Colleges match
- Colleges Visits
- Colleges I'm thinking about
- Colleges I'm applying to
- Letters of recommendation

Application Milestones

[Back to Colleges I'm applying To](#)

College	Progress	Status	Milestones
Babson College	85%	INITIAL MATERIALS SUBMITTED	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Transcript Sent (UC/CSU, Non SSR schools)✓ SSR, Transcript, Profile, Counselor LOR
Boston College		PENDING	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Transcript Sent (UC/CSU, Non SSR schools)SSR, Transcript, Profile, Counselor LOR
Case Western Reserve University	0%	PENDING	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Transcript Sent (UC/CSU, Non SSR schools)SSR, Transcript, Profile, Counselor LOR
Dominican University of California		PENDING	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Transcript Sent (UC/CSU, Non SSR schools)SSR, Transcript, Profile, Counselor LOR

Important GPA, Deciding on a Major and CSU/UC Application Updates



GPA Information

What GPA Does SHS Submit to Colleges?

WEIGHTED (all classes, all years with grade bump for honors)

Used for private, Common Application, Out of State Public Colleges

UNWEIGHTED

(all classes, all years)

Important because colleges want to know what grades you received in your classes

- Some colleges ask students for both weighted and unweighted.
- Most look at both

GPA Summary	
Cumulative GPA (Weighted)	3.276
Cumulative GPA (Unweighted)	3.171
CA Cal Grant GPA	3.000
Weighted 10-12 A-G GPA	3.136

District will submit to state for Cal Grant

Reference GPA for students for UC and CSU

GPA in the time of COVID-19

I am a current high school student. How will Pass/No Pass (Credit/No Credit) grades impact my ability to be eligible and competitive for college?

- (CSU and UCs) are taking Pass or Credit grades you received in spring and summer 2020 to meet A-G entry requirements. DOES NOT Impact GPA
- Recommend doing your research on each school you are thinking of applying to.

How can I increase my GPA?

- GPA is weighted (can increase) by: AP, IB, transferable college coursework, UC Approved honors courses

How will it affect my applications?

- UC's and some out of state schools are taking higher consideration of rigor (AP, IB, Honors classes) while also considering what is offered at Sequoia High School.

Deciding on a Major?

- One of the first things asked on an application is your major – you need to do your research before you start the application
 - Need to know the policy of the school, do they **admit by major**? If not, how do they admit?
 - A lot of specialty programs have a separate admissions process engineering, visual and performing arts, architecture and nursing
 - “Undecided” is a major
 - <http://collegelists.pbworks.com> (lists of schools by major)
 - <https://www.oszlist.com/> (O Lists focuses on majors)

Virtual College Visits

- College websites under prospective students or admissions look for;
 - “Visits in your Area” and attend their Virtual Information Sessions
 - Email regional representative/Admissions Rep your questions
- Sequoia Hosted Virtual College Visits
 - **SENIORS** keep in mind that you should make every effort to attend College Rep visits hosted by Sequoia or another school in our district as it allows for a bit of an advantage to personally get to know the school’s admissions’ representatives - sometimes the very people who will be reading your applications!
 - Districtwide college rep visits (see weekly email)
- CollegeWeekLive
 - <http://www.collegeweeklive.com/>



California State Schools



CSU's Things to Know

Website	https://www2.calstate.edu
Application Period	Oct 1- Nov 30 th Students: we recommend starting the application October 1.
Test Scores COVID Updates	The CSU has temporarily suspended the SAT or ACT test requirements only for students applying for admission in fall 2021 as freshman. We strongly encourage you to visit each school's website and/or ask admissions rep about this.
Letters of Recommendation	Not Accepted
Transcript	Do not send transcripts unless asked (none ask when applying)
Portals	Required to set up and check weekly "To Do" list

CSU Application Details - START APPLICATION OCTOBER 1

- Based ONLY on grades, rigor of classes
- Beginning Oct 1st- College & Career Center will be hosting virtual application workshops
- Simple application that can be completed in one hour if you have checklist items from their website
- Students should have their application reviewed before submitting by Ms. Ignaitis or Ms. Rocha.



Budget Cuts and CA Public Schools

- “Schools are looking for reasons to say NO to students”
If you don’t make a deadline, admissions could be taken away
- Impaction /Eligibility vs Selection
<http://www.calstate.edu/SAS/impactioninfo.shtml>
- What does this mean for you?
 - Meet all deadlines WELL in ADVANCE (check email or portals)
 - Follow all Directions
 - Apply Broadly

University of California System



UC's Things to Know

Website	http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu
Application Period	Nov 1 st - Nov 30 th to submit application Application opens August 1st.
Test Scores (SAT/ACT/ Subject) COVID Updates	<p>UC will be "test-optional" for fall 2021 and fall 2022. Freshman applicants are not required to submit SAT/ACT test scores. What does "test-optional" mean?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• You choose whether or not to submit SAT/ACT scores with your application.• If you are unable or choose not to submit test scores, your application will still receive full consideration. <p>We strongly encourage you to visit each school's website and/or ask admissions rep about this.</p>
Letters of Recommendation	Not Accepted when applying some schools will ask
Transcript	Not required
Portals/Communication	Some require portals Check emails regularly for messages

UC Application Details

- Very competitive and complex application- should take a lot of time to complete – *No advantage to turn in early*
- Application also requires:
 - List of Activities and Awards
 - FOUR Personal Insight Questions (up to 350 words each)
 - Additional Comments
- Students should have their application reviewed before submitting by Ms. Ignaitis or Ms. Rocha – it takes five minutes



14 academic and personal factors approved by UC faculty (can be applicable to most private schools)

- Grades
- Rigor of program
- Test scores
- Special talents, achievements & awards
- Promise for leadership
- Recent, marked improvement in academic performance
- Significant community service
- Participation in student government
- Intensive study and exploration of other cultures

- Full list of factors:

www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/freshman/how-applications-reviewed/

Quote from UCLA Director of Admissions

“ If we only looked at GPA, courses, and test scores, we would not ask for all the other information and it would be very easy to select students”

- Go to individual UC websites for great application tips and resources
 - For example, UCSB has a video series, UCs also have live webcasts

Private Colleges

Private School General Info

- It is important that you ALWAYS read ALL INSTRUCTIONS thoroughly!
 - **EVERY** school has its own process – need to go to its website for requirements & application
 - If available, register as an interested student
 - Check if they use the Common Application
- Remember the Following:
 - You must work with your counselor to apply to private schools
 - You must use Naviance if you are applying to a college/university
 - Deadlines are not suggestions! (if East Coast school remember there is a 3 hour difference)

What is the Common Application?

Why or Why Not Use It?

What it is?

- One base application used to apply to over 700 schools
- Schools are both public & private (IE: Michigan, UColorado-Boulder)

Why use?

- Connects electronic documents to Naviance, Sequoia's software choice- Naviance and Common App are connected electronically makes it easier to organize
- Sometimes the only choice – Common App exclusive

Why not use?

- If it is the only school on your Common App list and the schools do not require LORs or School Reports, check with Ms Ignaitis/Ms Rocha

What if a school offers me a free application?

- Free application offers can be applied to on Common Application
- Be wary of free applications, if you were not applying to the school before, why would you now?

Common Application (Education Section) Info for Sequoia High

- Class Rank Reporting – Do not rank
- Graduating Class Size – Ignaitis will put in the Sept 13th Weekly Email
- GPA Scale – 4
- GPA Weighting – Weighted
- Guidance FAX – (650) 306-8893
- Graduation Date – June 4, 2021
- Your Official GPA- Will be on your transcript in Infinite Campus Sept 11th (Overall weighted GPA)

This data will be posted in the weekly email Sept 13th

What are the Pieces of the Common App/ Private College Application Completed by the Student

Application Requirements:

- Application
- Personal Statement/Essay (majority require)
- Required Supplemental Essays/Questions (varies by college)
- Official Test Scores (sent by student)

Application for Financial Aid may require:

- CSS Profile – College Board website
- FAFSA
- Institutional FA application

EVERY School has its OWN DEADLINES!

CA Essay & Individual School Supplements Are a Process

- Writing Personal Statement is a process
- Make an appointment with Ms Ignaitis and/or guidance counselor to review your essay(s)
- Supplements are NOT optional – Colleges will not accept your application without them completed.

Sometimes listed as Questions and/or Essays

- **Supplements are CRUCIAL to the application!**
They are the best way a college can understand WHY you want to go to its school

What are all the pieces of the Common Application (CA) or Private College Applications sent to the university by Sequoia ?

- School Report (SR)
 - Requested by student. Completed & sent by Guidance Counselor through Naviance
- Mid Year Report (MYR)
 - Automatically completed & sent by counselor through Naviance if student requested a SSR
- Letter of Recommendations (LOR)
 - Requested by student. Completed & sent by Teachers through Naviance
- Official Transcript
 - Automatically Sent by Guidance Department through Naviance
- Sequoia High School Profile
 - Sent by Guidance Department through Naviance

REALLY IMPORTANT to UNDERSTAND

School documents are sent independently of a student's application

Letters of Recommendation - LOR

- Who to ask? It can depend on -
 - Your major
 - What you want to highlight in your applications
 - Class you made a significant impact in and the teacher can verify that impact in his/her letter
- How many?
 - Depends on the college
 - Do NOT go over the limit - they will not read all of them which means they may skip the one you really wanted them to read

COVID 19 Update

Might be better to ask junior teachers

Applying Early?

- **Early Action** – Non Binding
 - Under these plans students may apply early action to other colleges.
- **Single Choice Early Action/Restrictive Early Action** – Non Binding
 - Candidates may not apply early (either early action or early decision) to any other college.
 - Students can still apply to other colleges under regular decision plans
- **Early Decision** – Binding
 - Students can only apply early decision to one school- TOP CHOICE
 - If admitted, a student is bound to attend that institution.
 - You may apply to other colleges through the regular admission process. If you're accepted by your first-choice college early, you must withdraw all other applications.
- **Rolling Admissions** – Non Binding
 - Students have a large window of time during which they can apply to a college or university

Video clip with more detailed information on website

Should I Apply Under One of These Plans?

- You have done your research
- You feel you can present your best in the application without your senior year
- You do not feel like you have rushed your application

ED: Binding

- Will go and will withdraw all other applications if admitted without financial aid concerns

Understand that the higher admit rate includes athletes and a very competitive application pool

Sequoia Application Process

Deadlines

Required Steps to Have Sequoia Send Documents

How to Send Transcripts

Getting Help

PROCESS FOR REQUESTING SR/LOR

STEP 1

Student receives SR/LOR Request Google document via Google Classroom after senior grade level meeting on Sept 2, 2020.



STEP 2

Student completes **ALL** items on SR/LOR Google document. To obtain teacher/s signatures, you must share the document with your teacher/s and give editing rights.



STEP 3

Student will use Calendly to schedule an appointment to review completed SR/LOR Google document.



STEP 4

During appointment, counselor will sign SR/LOR Google document and ask student to submit document in Google Classroom. Student, teacher/s, and guardian/s will receive a PDF of the completed SR/LOR document.



STEP 5

Student completes all components of their college applications. Counselor and teacher/s will send all required documents by stated deadlines on SR/LOR document and Naviance.

*If you plan on adding or canceling colleges, please contact your counselor by email. You will need to submit an add/drop college Google document through Google Classroom.

Deadline to Submit School Report/Letter of Recommendation (SR/LOR) Form

10 Minute Meeting with Counselor When Finished with Form

Must have the appointment on or before;

Sept 25th for Oct 15-Dec 15 college application deadlines

Nov 6th for college application deadlines after Dec 15

Similar School Report & Letter of Recommendation Form (SR/LOR)

Covid - This year electronic

Sequoia High School: School Report (SR) & Letter of Recommendation (LOR) Request Form (Part 2 of 2)

DEADLINE: September 20th for early applicants (College Application Deadlines between October 15th - December 15th)

DEADLINE: November 5th for regular applicants (College Application Deadlines after December 15th)

- This list should match your "Colleges I'm applying to" in Naviance and your Common Application. Keep your Naviance college list up-to-date.
- If you add or remove colleges from the list below, promptly visit your counselor to pick up an "Add/Drop College Form."
- If the college does not accept electronic submissions, please discuss with your counselor in advance how documents will be sent.

College & University List:	Application type:	Will you be using Common App?	For non Common App, how do they accept documents?	Application Deadline	# of supplemental essays or college questions	Total Number of Teacher LORs you are sending	Requires official ACT/SAT scores/ Subject Exams?	Does it require the College Scholarship Service (CSS) Profile?
<p><i>NOTE:</i> Do not list UC/CSU or Public Schools that do not require a Letter of Recommendation or School Report.</p> <p>List college/university name(s) below.</p>	Restricted Early Action (REA); Early Action (EA); Early Decision (ED); Regular Decision (RD)	Yes or No	Online Platform or Postal Mail	Check college website		Check Common App and/or college website for number allowed	Yes or No If yes, specify the date you will send your scores.	Yes or No If yes, include due date. Check the college's financial aid link or College Board website
<i>Example: University of Sequoia</i>	EA	Yes	N/A	11/1	3	2	Yes: 10/1	Yes: 12/15

By signing this form, I request that my documents (transcripts, school report, and letters of recommendation) be sent to the colleges listed on this form.

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Counselor Signature: _____

Date Submitted: _____ Check box if requesting fee waiver(s)

Teacher Letters of Recommendation		
	Print Teacher's Last Name	Teacher's Signature
If Only One		
Second		
Third (optional)		

Ethics of Completing Application

- Students sign that they completed all the information on application
 - Student wrote essay(s)
 - Student filled out the application.
 - This is NOT the job of a parent/guardian, relative, private college counselor or Sequoia staff member
 - Reps can easily detect an essay not written by a student. Missing student voice.
- If any information is reported incorrectly or falsified (academic or extra-curricular), a school can rescind your admittance
- Schools do random checks and thorough research on applicants - Ex: Stanford

Application Signature

*“I certify that all information submitted in the admission process—including the application, the personal essay, any supplements, and any other supporting materials —**is my own work**, factually true, and honestly presented, and that these documents will become the property of the institutions to which I am applying and will not be returned to me. I understand that I may be subject to a range of possible disciplinary actions, including admission revocation, expulsion, or revocation of course credit, grades, and degree, should the information I have certified be false.
“*

Sending Transcripts Reminders

- CSUs and UCs – **DO NOT REQUIRE A TRANSCRIPT** when APPLYING
- Common Application and Schools that Require an School Report(SR) – **AUTOMATICALLY** get sent when you submit your SR/LOR form to your counselor
- **MOST STUDENTS DO NOT NEED TO REQUEST Transcripts**
- Transcripts are sent by the Guidance Dept. **There is a five school day** turn around after request on Naviance

Sending Test Scores

- **FIRST** check to see if college is accepting scores this year
- **THEN** check to see if you can self report on each college website (Saves Money)

UNDERSTAND Sequoia does not send or report test scores for the application

Sending IB/AP Test Scores

- Students self-report tests scores on their applications
- Admissions would wonder why someone took an IB/AP course and did not report scores
- Do not request any IB/AP scores to be sent during the application process
- Scores are only sent to the college you will attend
- IB will send your scores AUTOMATICALLY to the college you reported during IB testing. If the student attends a different college than reported, the STUDENT must order scores to be sent through IB Organization
- AP scores MUST be requested by the STUDENT through College Board. College Board sends them directly to the college.

At this point, LIST but Do not submit AP or IB Scores

After Applications are Submitted

- You should receive an email confirmation that a school received your application
- Set up “portal” for each school AND some schools may require an email account through their school
- Follow all directions: Send Scores, Transcripts, etc (Deadlines and requests may vary between individual students)
- Check your account frequently: Students are responsible for monitoring their progress (at least once a week!)
- Colleges have technology that records when a student opens their communication systems.

“I didn’t know” or “Nobody told me” doesn’t usually work

Consequences for any Changes on Application or Not Sending Documents

Admission is based on self-reported information including; course work (at Sequoia or at a community college), test scores, and activities- if something changes or you do not send documents, your admissions could be rescinded. This could happen a few weeks before you think you are going off to college.

Admit you on expected grades (same types of grades you received in the past)

Admit you on the course work you said you would be completing senior year

Admit you on the course work you reported you took at a community college and the test scores you reported you received

IF Something does not match what you reported on application, colleges can rescind your admission ESPECIALLY if they are not notified

College Counselors Will and Will

Not Do

- Review application or have a discussion about college choices if student sets up an appointment (parents can attend but not without student) – Appointments are limited to 30 minutes.

Covid: Students need to make appointments online - link in the Weekly Email

- REGULATIONS from NACAC prohibit us from answering questions from parents directly about an application.

EX: How do you fill in this box?

Students Requesting SR and LOR

Students please click on YOUR counselor's Zoom Link to access the SR/LOR Meeting:

Ms. Emilia Flores: <https://seq-org.zoom.us/j/4339428673>

Ms. Melissa Perez: <https://seq-org.zoom.us/j/98457116235>

Ms. Patty Vlahakos: <https://seq-org.zoom.us/j/99731558231>

Ms. Hoxira Castaneda: <https://seq-org.zoom.us/j/91920879097>

Mr. Joel Rebello: <https://seq-org.zoom.us/j/93296393591>

Ms. Cynthia Wilde: <https://seq-org.zoom.us/j/8653263705>

Familias que quisieran esta informacion en espanol sigan a esta junta:

<https://seq-org.zoom.us/j/2759702970>