

# What Every Senior Parent Needs to Know

## College Application

- ❖ In order to be eligible for a four-year university, your student must meet A-G required coursework and have taken the SAT and/or ACT.
- ❖ Your student will be applying to public universities from October 1 to November 30.
- ❖ Your student will also be applying for private schools up until January/February based upon individual private school deadline.
- ❖ College applications are not free they range from \$30-70.
- ❖ AVID students are entitled to 4 free applications to UC/private schools through use of College Board SAT waiver.
- ❖ Students will be eligible for CSU fee waivers through the CSU Mentor website. Waiver eligibility is based upon the income stated within the application. There is a good chance that you may have to pay for the CSU application at \$55 each.
- ❖ Refer to these websites for more info: [www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu) [www.universityofcalifornia.edu](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu) [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)

## SAT/ACT Score Reports

- ❖ Students get two waivers per test over a “life time” (2 SAT, 2 SAT Subject, 2 ACT with Writing). If students wish to take test more than twice they will need to pay for it.
- ❖ Students will be expected to send ACT/SAT scores to the schools that they applied to.
- ❖ Through AVID, your students have been receiving fee waivers for the SAT. These waivers also entitle them to 4 free score reports at registration and four college application waivers.
- ❖ Each score report costs \$10. If your student changed which school they plan on applying to or are applying to more than 4 schools, then you will have to pay for each additional score report.
- ❖ Refer to these websites for more info: [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

## FAFSA

- ❖ Applying for FAFSA is free. FAFSA allows your student to receive grants, loans and work study. How much your student receives is based upon financial need and academic performance.
- ❖ Students will be applying for financial aid in January. Students will want to submit FAFSA as soon as possible. In order to do so, they will need your recent tax return, social security number, birthday, date of marriage/divorce.
- ❖ Refer to this website for more info: [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

## College Choice

- ❖ Students should receive letters of acceptance no later than early April.
- ❖ Students need to decide which school they want to attend by May 1.
- ❖ Students must submit their letter of intent (SIR) and \$100-300 non-refundable fee before May 1.
- ❖ Once the decision has been made, your student will attend a college orientation and begin school the following fall. ☺ Congratulations, you are now a proud parent of a college student!