

DECEMBER - JANUARY 2017 - 2018

Guidance Newsletter



Guidance Appointments

Your Guidance Coordinator, Claire Priddy, will be out on medical leave for much of December and January. If you are need to guidance during that time, Jennifer Sanchez can see you. Both of their signups are listed below.



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Have you heard of CLEP?

CLEP

College Level Exam Program

The College Board CLEP exams are subject matter exams that students may take that can count as college credit at some universities. See more at [College Board CLEP](#).

How Do I Know What I Want To Become?

Deciding what to do after high school graduation can be a daunting task. It is important that students begin thinking about their goals early in their high school career and to continue working towards these goals throughout. Your first step is to make an appointment with your guidance counselor who can help you in finding goals that match your interests. We suggest doing career exploration during your first year or two of high school. With interest profilers and career exploration students can begin to refine the areas of interests. Once a career sector sounds interesting, then taking Career Technical Education (CTE) courses can help students to learn more about careers in a given area and learn which they may want to pursue. Once they have that narrowed down a bit, they can choose what type of institution to enter after graduation and what major, degree, or certificate to pursue after graduation. This issue will concentrate on helping students refine their search for what they want to become when they grow up.

Upcoming College Admissions Tests

SAT

The deadline for the **March 10 SAT** is 2/9/18 (Late registration 2/20)

The Deadline for the **May 5 SAT** is 4/6/18 (Late registration 4/17)

Deadline for the **June 2 SAT** is 5/5/18 (Late registration 5/15)

Click [HERE](#) to register.

ACT

The deadline for the **February 10 ACT** is 1/12/18 (Late reg.1/19)

The deadline for the **April 14 ACT** is 3/9/18 (**Late registration** 3/23)

The deadline for the **June 9 ACT** is 5/4/18 (Late registration 5/18)

Click [HERE](#) to register.

Advanced Placement (AP)

You cannot sign up online for AP tests nor do we administer them. If you plan to take an AP Exam, please ask your local school district as soon as possible. The tests are in early May but schools usually order their tests in early January.

WEBINARS

Online Vendor COMPREHEND Webinars

Information Webinars:

December 8 @ 9:00 AM & January 24 @ 4:00 PM

Webinars for Current Users

December 18 @ 9:00 AM & January 31 @ 4:00 PM

Email Janelle Brewer jbrewer@ieminc.org to register

Non-Traditional Paths To Successful Careers

December 9 from 9 am - 10 am Pacific Time

Topics included in this webinar:

- What careers are growing in the next 20 years?
- How to research career, skills, values and interests before spending time or money on education
- How to find experience and still get an education

Crush the SAT & ACT With The Least Amount of Test Prep

January 13 from 9 am - 10 am Pacific Time

Tune in to learn:

- The best study method for your child
- When and how many tests to take
- How heavily colleges weigh tests
- Test Optional @ colleges

College Week Live Paying for College

January 17th, 2:00 PM to 10:00 PM ET

A free online event to help you find the best way to fund your college education. Login anytime from 2:00-10:00PM to: Chat with admissions and financial aid counselors at 100+ colleges and universities, get free advice from financial aid experts, and enter to win a \$1,000 scholarship.

Paying for College: Defined

February 7, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. (ET)

This session offers the ultimate primer in building literacy about college financial aid, including scholarship options. Knowledgeable panelists will share common terms, definitions, and resources, aimed at helping viewers understand ways to pay for college.

Financial Aid Resources 2017-2018

Check out our scholarship list!

Winter/Spring Scholarship List 2017-2018

There are also several online search engines for scholarships:

- Scholarships.com
- www.fastweb.com
- CollegeXpress.com
- www.findtuition.com
- [Cappex Scholarships](#)
- [College Board Scholarships](#)
- [Good Call Scholarship Search](#)



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Engineering at
Cabrillo College!



See Details to
sign up for:

Engineering 5

Updates & Deadlines

DECEMBER/JANUARY COLLEGE CHECKLIST

Senior Timeline

- ✓ Send SAT/ACT scores to the colleges to which you have applied.
- ✓ Complete your Free Application For Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.gov.
- ✓ Apply to private and out of state colleges. If you missed the CSU deadline of November 30 check to see if any campuses are still accepting applications at: www2.calstate.edu/apply.
- ✓ Check the email you used for applications often to see if the college needs further paperwork.
- ✓ Apply for scholarships

For a comprehensive college application due date list by date see:

[College Simply Application Guide](#)

College Planning Grades 9-11

[Grade Level College Planning Checklists](#)

Summer Opportunities
for Advanced Students



Summer Pre-College Programs

Student Leadership Program Bank of America

DISCOVERING CAREER OPTIONS

Career Assessments

The most widely used career assessments are those based on John Holland's theory of personality types and occupational themes. These tests, called Holland's Codes, RIASEC, Interest Profiler or Self Directed Search, ask the test taker questions about how much they would like or dislike a number of activities. The results then give a score and ranking to the following personality types:

- Realistic (working with things)
- Investigative (Working with ideas)
- Artistic (Using creativity)
- Social (Working with people)
- Enterprising (Working with tasks: business or leadership)
- Conventional (Working with data or organizing)

Once you have your code score, you can match them to careers that would be good matches. You can also enter these scores into the ["Tell Us What You Like To Do"](#) section of www.mynextmove.org. On the left side under the title O*net Interest Profiler click on ["Enter Scores"](#) to learn more about careers, salaries, outlook and education opportunities.



Career Exploration Classes

We have several methods of career exploration for our students. We have our own syllabus [a-g College and Career Choices](#) with an ESi class that gives students the opportunity to explore careers, colleges and job skills as well as to interact with other students. You can take advantage of the online resources by using our [Career Lesson Plans](#). Your ES can also guide you to career curriculum. Also, we have the following career exploration online classes: [Career Planning](#) from Accelerate, [College and Career Preparation](#) from Apex, and [Education and Career Planning](#) from BYU.



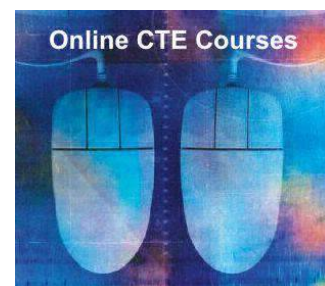
California Career Zone

California Career Zone is a great place to take several career assessments and align the results with possible careers. Students create an account and take the Interest Profiler (Holland's RIASEC), Skills Profiler, and the Work Importance Profiler. Students can then use these results to match to careers. The program gives career options in order of correlation, states the number of years of post-secondary education needed and provides videos explaining the careers. Students can also study career sectors unrelated to their scores and compare by salary, education and skills.



Online Career Technical Education Courses

Our school has over 200 online Career Technical Education courses from a variety of vendors. Students have a chance to take a semester to explore a possible career area and get a good understanding of what it would be to work in that field. You can find these in the [Our Online CTE Courses](#) catalog. You can search for classes by industry sector and click on the X under the vendor to be taken directly to the course to examine it.



Community College: A Place of Career Discovery

Our California Community College System is an excellent place to start pursuing a career path. This can start with high school students. Students can take career exploration courses while in high school as concurrent enrollment. These classes are usually free and often online. Once you are a student at the college you have many resources available to you. Community colleges have counseling centers and career centers where students can go in to take inventories and learn about careers as well.

All of California Community Colleges have Career Technical Education classes. These are great way for students to explore careers. Some career tracks do not accept high school students but most do. Those who do not accept students into a specific program usually have prerequisite courses that high school students can take so that they are ready to start the program upon high school graduation. Also, check your local community college for high school career focused programs such as academies for pre-law enforcement or fire, cyber boot camps and culinary camps.



Concurrent Enrollment Tips & To Dos

- ✚ If you haven't signed up for spring classes, do so now!
- ✚ Check the catalog for the course you want to take to see if there are prerequisites or need an assessment.
- ✚ Prepare for the assessments. See [Ocean Grove's Community College Guidebook](#) for links for assessment prep at your local college.
- ✚ Are you aware of Fast-Track classes? These are shorter and more intense classes. If you miss the main Spring registration, check for Fast-Track classes.

Community College Spotlight



De Anza College has the highest graduation and transfer rates in California. It also has one of the highest rates of students returning after freshman year which means students are happy where they are. It offers over 60 associate degrees which include 14 Associate Degrees for Transfer that guarantee admission with junior standing to the CSU campuses. They also have the Transfer Admission Guarantee with all participating UC campuses. De Anza also has articulation agreements with many private colleges and out of state universities. De Anza also has its Humanities Mellon Scholars Program that guarantees participating students to be ready to transfer in two years and has a guaranteed admissions to the University of San Francisco and also meet the requirements for transfer to the CSU or UC campuses.

De Anza has 85 certificate programs that can be completed in 6 to 24 months. De Anza's Workforce Education program is provides students with skills and job opportunities. The faculty designs the curriculum in conjunction with local industries and these offer many internships.

De Anza is part of the Foothill-De Anza Community College District which is one of the institutions working to create the Online Education Initiative to make online learning at California Community Colleges meet the needs of students. They have excellent online courses, online counseling and are part of the exchange that if a student needs a class and can't take it at their college, they can take it online from another participating community college. This makes De Anza a forerunner of excellent online education.

One of De Anza's most famous programs is its animation program and is ranked with universities like New York University, UCLA and USC. De Anza also has the Fujitsu Planetarium, the largest school planetarium west of the Rockies and is known for being one of the most modern planetariums in the world.

For The University Bound



Private Colleges of California

California has one of the highest rated public university systems in the nation but we also have a host of excellent private universities. There are a number of reasons to choose a private college. Many choose private colleges for a religious affiliation and we have many excellent private faith-based universities in California. We also have several arts colleges for those pursuing a career in visual and performing arts. There are some private consortium colleges such as the Claremont colleges in Southern California that are very prestigious.

Private colleges tend to be more expensive than public institutions but they also provide more financial aid. Many match what the FAFSA determines to be your estimated financial contribution. All financial aid starts with the FAFSA who determines how much you can afford based on income and family size. Since both private and public institutions try to match this as closely as possible, a private college may be as affordable to high achieving students as a public university.

Using College Board Online Search

If you want to explore colleges from the comfort of your own home, use Big Future from College Board. Using the Big Future College Search you can refine your search by type of college, location, major or selectivity. It is a good idea to do several searches with only one or two criteria at a time when you first start. Leave any fields blank that don't matter to you. If you create an account, you can compare colleges, create a college list, keep track of deadlines and research financial aid.

The screenshot shows the 'Type of School' filter expanded. The left sidebar lists various filter categories: Type of School, Location, Campus & Housing, Majors & Learning Environment, Sports & Activities, Academic Credit, and Paying. The main area shows the following filter options:

- Type of School:** 2-Year or 4-Year (selected), 2-year/community college, 4-year college or university.
- Public or Private:** Public, Private (selected), For-Profit.
- School Size:** Small (<2,000), Medium (2,000-15,000), Large (>15,000).
- Single-sex or Coed:** COED (selected), All Women, All Men.
- Religious Affiliation:** No preference.

THE COMMON APPLICATION
For Undergraduate College Admission

The Common Application

[The Common Application](#) is an undergraduate college admissions application that is used by over 700 colleges nationwide. This is mostly for private schools and does not include the CSU or UC campuses. If one of the schools to which you plan to apply uses it then you have it ready for any other that uses it. With the Common Application, you create an account and begin adding your personal information. This does not have to be done in one sitting. Once you create your account, you will have a login and password to continue to work on your application. Once you have entered your personal information you can add schools using their College Search Tool. You will be required to write an essay for most colleges but not all. Some have a specific prompt and others allow you to choose. You will choose the prompt that best describes you in a positive light and write it to the word limit required for each university. It is wise to write the essay on a separate document. Run spellcheck and check for grammar. You should have at least 2 adults read it and give input as well. Once your essay is polished, you can copy the text and paste it into the space on the Common App.

You will also need a counselor and an educator recommendation for most colleges. Make sure you give your Guidance Coordinator and other references plenty of time to write this. They will need information to write the best possible recommendation so you will be asked to provide either the [Questionnaire for Letter of Rec](#) or [Activities and Accomplishments Sheet](#). You will be able to report your test scores and request transcripts be uploaded through the application as well. It is important to recognize that although many colleges use the Common App, each college has different requirements. See the [Requirements Grid](#) and [Tips and Best Practices](#). If you have difficulty, you can also reach out to their [Virtual Counselor](#) for help.

Career Technical Education (CTE) Center

Career Sectors

For career exploration purposes, careers are viewed in sectors that consist of multiple similar careers. Finding one career of interest can then initiate exploration into a career sector that leads to discovering a career you have never even heard of.



MY NEXT MOVE

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Using My Next Move

The United States Department of Labor has an excellent website called MyNextMove.org. You can take an interest profile or input your scores from a previous profile. You can then see what careers match. You can also explore different job sectors. Once you click on a job title, the site will

take you to a page that tells you about what knowledge, skills and abilities you will need, what education the career takes and approximate salaries.

Understanding Bright Outlook

MyNextMove.org also lists whether or not a career has a bright outlook. A career listed as having a bright outlook is a job that is increasing in the number of projected job opportunities and therefore would make it more likely to get a job. You can search bright outlook jobs in general or within a career sector. Some jobs with bright outlook have to do with newer technologies and directions our society is headed. For instance Software Developers has a bright outlook with a projected need of 238,000 new jobs in the field in the next ten years and earn about \$100,000 annually. Similarly, there are 191,000 projected jobs for Computer Systems Analysts and they earn approximately \$87,000 annually. For students who do not want to spend four years of college, careers such as Industrial Machinery Mechanics, and Robotics Technicians can earn a good living after earning a certificate or associates at a community college. Other careers with new certificates such as Speech Pathology Assistants or Occupational Therapy Assistants can earn a living after earning their certificate at a community college.



Everyone is Going Green!



As our society works to have a cleaner environment, a profession that has to do with green technology or alternative energy sources will be in higher demand. Some of these jobs did not exist several years ago so you aren't going to be in line behind people with decades of experience when trying to get your job. For example, Wind

Energy Engineers and Operations Managers have an extremely high outlook and salaries of almost \$100,000 annually with a bachelors or masters degree. Jobs requiring certificates or associate degrees are also growing. For instance Biofuels Processing Technicians, Hydroelectric Plant Technicians, Photonics Technicians are growing careers in which students could be earning over \$50,000 with just an associate degree or certificate rather than a 4-year college degree.