Orange High School Important Information for Seniors



Important Dates for Seniors

- October 1 College & Financial Aid Applications open
- October 30- November 3 College Week
- November 2 & 3 -OHS College Application Day
- November 13- Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship Due
- November 30- CSU & UC Applications are due
- December- Financial aid applications open
- December 15- Semester 1 ends
- January 20- CASH for College Workshop
- March 9- Cash for College Workshop



4 Year University Options



- University of California (UC) UCLA, UC Santa Cruz, UC Davis, etc.
 - o 9 UC Schools
 - 3.0 or above is needed to apply
 - Application requires you to answer 4/8 personal insight questions with <350 words
 - Research based schools, professors conducting their own research
 - The majority of your professors wrote the books you will be reading
- California State University (Cal State) Cal State Long Beach, Cal Poly, Cal State
 Fullerton, etc.
 - There are 23 Cal State schools
 - 2.0 or above is needed to apply
 - Admission decision based off your gpa and classes taken only
 - Hands on learning and practical knowledge for non research based careers



Community College



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- 116 community colleges in California
- Anyone can attend, you just need to have graduated high school
- Many options at a community college
 - Associate degree- degree you get after attending for 2 years
 - Certificates- allows you to work at specific jobs for immediate employment in a specific area
 - Transfer- Take general education courses at a community college and then apply to 4 year universities after an average of 2 years
- The amount of time you're at a community college depends on what your educational goal is and if you pass your classes



Financial Aid

- AB A361
 - All high school graduates must fill out federal student aid application or complete waiver
- FAFSA VS California Dream Act
 - FAFSA- to be filled out by students who have a Social Security Number
 - California Dream Act- to be filled out by students who do not have a Social Security Number
 - It does not matter if your parents do or do not have a social security number, the distinguish between the two applications just pertains to you
- Loans VS Grants
 - Loans- Money you pay back
 - o Grants- Money you do not pay back
- Cal Grant Qualifications
 - You must be applying to a qualifying college in California
 - Filled out the FAFSA or Dream Act
 - Planning to attend college full time
 - Minimum GPA of a 2.0 or 3.0 depending on which Cal Grant you are awarded
- Financial Aid application help will be held in January and March

Senior Reminders

- All students need a minimum of 232.5 credits to graduate high school
- Students will need to pass courses with D's or higher to earn credit
- To be eligible to apply to a 4 year university, students must meet A-G requirements and earn C's or higher in current courses.
- If you have a 3.0 or higher and are planning on applying to UC's, start drafting your PIQ's (Personal Insight Questions)
- Your counselors and teachers are on your side and here to help you!





OUSD Graduation Update

In order to participate in the graduation ceremony at Fred Kelly Stadium in June:



- All seniors must earn a minimum of a D- or higher in their required coursework. In the event that a student does not meet their high
 school graduation requirements by May 31, the students will not be able to walk with their classmates at graduation. High school credit
 recovery options will be available during the summer so that the students have the opportunity to complete their diplomas.
- Truancies, unresolved absences, and inappropriate behavior at school or school activities can also result in having graduation ceremony privileges revoked.

In other words, if you do not pass required classes for graduation in the Spring, you will not have the opportunity to complete the class in APEX before graduation, you will not participate in the graduation ceremony and will need to complete the required classes for graduation during summer school

Helpful Xello Tools

- Can search Careers, Majors & Universities
- Can take assessments to determine ideal career path based on interests and skills
- Find answers for your college planning questions (Knowledge Hub)
- Can create reminders and deadlines in Xello for college applications

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