Juniors: Preparing for Graduation and College Applications

2021 Fall Presentation
HS Graduation Requirements

- **English** – 4 years
- **Math** – 3 years (Integrated Math 3)
- **Science** – 3 years (Including Biology and either Physics or Chemistry)
- **Social Science** – 3 years (World History/AP Euro; 11-US; 12-Gov/Econ)
- **PE** – 2 years and Fitness Gram
- **Foreign Language** – (Level 3-4 or higher of a language)
- **Fine Art** – 1 year
- **Remaining 44 credits must be earned by completing electives.**
- **2.0+ GPA**
a-g Requirements
Applying to 4 year Colleges

- **A – History/Social Science:** 2 Years
- **B – English:** 4 Years
- **C – Math:** 3 Years - 4 Recommended
  (UC/CSU: Require Integrated Math 2 or Geometry)
- **D – Lab Science:** 2 Years - 3 Recommended
- **E – Foreign Language:** 2 Years - 3 Recommended
- **F – VAPA (Fine Art):** 2 Semesters
- **G – College Prep Elective:** 1 Year

*Colleges do not accept grades of a D or F.*
College Selection: Resources

- **College Planning on LJHS website**
  - LJHS Website → Counseling tab → College Admission Information

- **Xello**
  - College Tab (Searches/Research)

- **College Board** ([www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org))
  - College Match

- **LJHS eNews** (sign up for weekly emails)

- **[www.ljhscollegeinfo.com](http://www.ljhscollegeinfo.com)** - Great Resource!
College Selection: Where do I start?

Ask yourself what type of school you want based on:

- Cost
- Location
- School size
- Selectivity
- Public/Private
- Programs
It’s Not About the Sweatshirt!

- What makes a great college?
  - Rank?
  - Selectivity?
  - Popularity?
  - Location?

*Remember*....

- **Fit is far more important than rank!**
  - Does it have your major? Do I fit into the culture of the school? Does it have what I want from a college (athletics, extracurriculars, tutoring, accessibility to professors, internship opportunities, etc.)?
College Selection:  The Strategy

- **Reach Schools**
  - Dream 0-30% chance of acceptance

- **Match Schools**
  - Realistic 50-80% chance of acceptance

- **Safety Schools**
  - 100% chance of acceptance

Think about two to three in each category…
Community Colleges

- In every area across California!
- Transfer to a 4 year is generally easier.
  - Promise Scholarship: 2 years free!
- Affordable, many local ones are free!
- Conveniently located, small class sizes.
- Associates degrees, select Bachelors degrees, and certifications offered.
- Transfer requirements:
  - Private – some after 1 year
  - Public – must have completed 60 units (approx. 2 yrs)
California State University System (CSU)

Apply: Oct 1 – Nov 30

www.calstateapply.edu

Admission based only on:

- Weighted GPA: grades 10-11 (They still look at all courses taken 9-12)
- No SAT/ACT for fall 2022
- Min. GPA 2.0
- Supplemental Factors (in place of SAT/ACT)
- Honors Programs Available!

*Many benefits including small class size- 35! (Regular class:100+)

No letters of recommendation!
Transcript is sent after you graduate!
Supplemental Factors: (May be used in place of SAT/ACT)

Your experiences and special circumstances such as:

- first generation to attend college
- foster youth
- extra-curricular activities
- leadership positions
- work experience
- work related to major
- approved campus partnerships
- high school educational programs.
University of California System (UC)

Application Open Aug 1 – Submit Nov. 1 - 30th

www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions

Admission based on:
- Weighted GPA: grades 10-11 only
  (They still look at all courses taken 9-12.)
- SAT/ACT - Not Required for 2022
- Extracurricular Activities
- 4 Short Personal Insight Questions
- Minimum GPA 3.0

No letters of recommendation!

Transcript is sent after you graduate!
Admitted Freshman Profile

To see if a school is a Reach, Match, Safety- Check the Admitted Freshman Profile of the college

- https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/campuses-majors/freshman-admit-data.html

- Google: “Admitted Freshman Profile” of your desired school 😊
SAT/ACT - Not Required

- Test Optional/Test Free - You may still submit your scores and campuses may use them for course placement.
- The essay is NOT used anymore.

Campuses will have the option to use ACT/SAT test scores in selection consideration if applicants choose to submit them, and will develop appropriate policies and procedures to implement the Board’s decision.

https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/press-room/university-california-board-regents-approves-changes-standardized-testing-requirement
Private & Out of State Universities

- Admission requirements vary by institution, but most follow similar UC/CSU guidelines in terms of subject requirements and test requirements.
- Check individual campus websites to determine admission requirements!
  - GPA: grades 9-12th (Fall semester of 12th grade)
  - SAT & ACT (Many do NOT use them, BUT check college’s requirements)
  - Essay/Personal Statement
  - Letters of Recommendation (teachers and counselor)
  - Extracurricular Activities

- Deadlines vary greatly; be sure to adhere to each school’s policies!!!
College Entrance Exams-
Many colleges are not requiring them due to COVID

- SAT Subject Tests - no longer offered.
- Only the UK and Canadian colleges want them.

Want to see if your college requires these?
Permanent and temporarily waived schools are listed here:
http://www.fairtest.org/university/optional
College Application Deadline Choices

- **Early Decision** - Binding
  - Only ONE college allowed, and it should be your 1\textsuperscript{st} choice.

- **Early Action** – Non-Binding
  - May apply to more than one school

  EARLY: More competitive- usually top % of applicants
  Essays should be done over summer!
  Due dates start in OCTOBER

- **Regular Decision** (January)

- **Rolling** – Can apply anytime, notified several weeks after applying
Essays – Personal Statement

- UC - 4 personal insight questions (choose 4 out of 8 prompts)
- Common Application – 1 essay, plus supplements
- Private Schools - check website
- Out of State Schools - check website

- Start over the summer!!!!
- Revise, revise, revise!
Letters of Recommendation for Private and Out of State Colleges

- 2 teachers and 1 counselor

- Communicate DIRECTLY with teacher/counselor. Email is the best way to contact them.

- **Counselor Recommendation needs:**
  - Student & Parent Input Questions (Xello Assignment)
  - Resume
  - Essays

- **Teacher Recommendation:**
  - Transcript, Resume, and whatever else they request from you.
Counselor Recommendation: Student Input & Parent Input Questions
Xello
Creating Your College List!

Research Colleges by going under exploring options and then clicking schools:

- **Under Schools click Filter:**
  - Choose options that fit your preferences!

- **Save colleges that are of interest**
Xello: How LJHS sends your transcripts/recommendations

LJHS uses Xello to send your documents (transcripts/recommendations) to colleges.

Before we can send them, you must do this in the fall:

1. Go to College planning page click View Applications and then click Connect button for Common App. (Must set up Common App account first.

2. Sign the FERPA waiver if using the Common Application.
FERPA- What is this?

FERPA regulates the privacy of student education records.

For letters of recommendation, you will be asked to waive your right to read them.

- Waiving your right lets colleges know that you do not intend to read your recommendations, which helps reassure colleges that the letters are candid and truthful.
- Recommenders may decline to write a letter for you if you do not waive your rights.

**Common Application** requires a FERPA waiver to be signed.

You must complete this step before LJHS can send your transcripts.
College Rep Visits in Fall

- You can meet with college admission reps every fall!
- Learn about the college, new majors, ask questions.
- This is the same person who will review your application.

- Emails will be sent through Xello about Rep Visits (limited to 5)—
  Info on how to sign up will be shared in the fall.
Virtual College Visits - NOW!

- Most colleges offer Virtual Tours of their campus!!

- Check out our 3 favorite sites to visit colleges you are interested in!
  
  https://www.youniversitytv.com/
  
  https://www.youvisit.com/
  
  https://www.campusexplorer.com/
The “To Do List” this Spring…

- Create a list of potential schools (Safety, Match, Reach)
  - Xello - Add to “Saved Options”

- Complete your Resume and Student Input Questions on Xello

- Ask teachers for letters of recommendation
Resource: Creating your College List

Need more help to create your college list?
Not sure where to start?

Check out this presentation on how to research careers, college majors and colleges:

- “Creating Your College List” from Linda Dowley: https://www.ljhscollegeinfo.com/creating-your-college-list
1) “Top Right corner Face Icon” tab
   - “Account” - update email address set as primary
   - “Homepage” - Assignments - Parent and Student survey

2) “About Me” - Experiences - volunteer and work

3) “Explore Options”
   - Schools
   - Add to searched schools to saved
To-Do List This Summer

- Create a list of potential schools (Safety, Match, Reach)
- Complete your Resume
- Get involved! Leadership, volunteer paid work, or hobbies.
Resource

Junior Checklist and helpful links/tutorials/appointment link for counselors:

Questions?

Counselors: Links are on Resource Sheet!

- A – Fe  Ms. Crowley
- Fi – L   Mr. Drozda
- M – Sc  Mrs. Soria
- Se – Z  Mr. McVay