

# THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS

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**St. Ignatius College Preparatory Website:** [www.siprep.org/counseling](http://www.siprep.org/counseling)

Many of the websites noted below may also be on the SI Counseling website.

#### Exploring Colleges

- **Family Connection:** <http://connection.naviance.com/siprep>  
There are a variety of college search options as well as career and major information.
- **Princeton Review** [www.princetonreview.com](http://www.princetonreview.com)  
Go to "Counselor-O-Matic" for an advanced college search engine.
- **Petersons.com** [www.petersons.com](http://www.petersons.com)  
Three multipurpose web sites that offer college and college related information.
- **Jesuit Colleges** [www.ajcunet.edu](http://www.ajcunet.edu)  
Offers access to all Jesuit colleges & universities in the country.
- **Campus Tours** [www.campustours.com](http://www.campustours.com)  
Resource for virtual college tours.

#### Exploring California Colleges

- **University of California** [www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions)  
UC application plus information about the UC system as well as each UC campus.
- **California State University** [www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu)  
CSU application plus myriad of information about the 22 CSU campuses.
- **California Colleges** [www.californiacolleges.edu](http://www.californiacolleges.edu)  
Information about two-year, four-year public and private colleges & universities in California.

#### On Line Applications

- **Common Application** [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)  
Over 200 colleges & universities in the country accept the common application. Apply on-line or print out an application.

#### College Entrance Exam Websites

**SAT (Reasoning Test) & SAT Subject Tests** [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)  
On-line registration plus test taking tips and college information.

**ACT** [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)  
On-line registration plus test taking tips.

#### Standardized Test Preparation

**College Board (SAT):** [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

**ACT:** [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

**Method Test Prep:** <http://connection.naviance.com/siprep> (on Family Connection under 'Test Preparation')

**Number2.com** [www.number2.com](http://www.number2.com) Free practice SAT tests and test taking tips.

#### Financial Aid

**Federal Student Aid Information Center** <http://studentaid.ed.gov>  
Information about the FAFSA and other federal loan & grant programs.

**California Community College Financial Aid Site**  
<http://www.icanaffordcollege.com/applications/homepage-congrats.cfm>

**FAFSA** [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) This is a direct link to the FAFSA form for applying on-line.

**CSS Financial Aid Profile** [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)  
Supplemental form many private institutions require in addition to the FAFSA.

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**California Student Aid Commission** [www.csac.ca.gov](http://www.csac.ca.gov)  
Information about Cal Grants and other state aid programs

**EDFUND** [www.edfund.org](http://www.edfund.org)  
Learn about federal loans for students and parents.

**FinAid** [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)  
Complete listing of financial aid including need estimators and information about scholarships & scams.

### **Scholarships**

Scholarships.com [www.scholarship.com](http://www.scholarship.com)

GoCollege [www.gocollege.com](http://www.gocollege.com)

FastAID [www.fastaid.com](http://www.fastaid.com)

FastWeb [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

Scholarship Scams [www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams](http://www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams) Learn how to avoid scholarship scams at this site.

**Athletics:** The links below provide information about college level athletics.

- National Collegiate Athletic Association [www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org)
- National Assoc. of Intercollegiate Athletics [www.naia.org](http://www.naia.org)
- National Directory of College Athletics [www.collegiatedirectories.com](http://www.collegiatedirectories.com)
- Nat'l Assoc. of Collegiate Directors of Athletics [www.nacda.com](http://www.nacda.com)
- College Athletes [www.collegestudentathletes.com](http://www.collegestudentathletes.com) (Information about Division III schools)

### **Suggested Reading**

This is a basic list to get you started and is not inclusive of all of the books out there on the subject of college admissions. If you have read a book about college admissions that is not noted here (but should be in your opinion), please email [mmartin@siprep.org](mailto:mmartin@siprep.org) with the details.

### **College Research: Guidebooks** (Many, but not all, are updated annually/periodically)

- Barron's Profiles of American Colleges by Barron's Educational Series
- The College Handbook by The College Board
- Peterson's Four Year Colleges by Fern Oram
- The Fiske Guide to Colleges by Edward Fiske
- The College Finder by Steven R. Antonoff, Ph.D.
- Ruggs's Recommendations on the Colleges by Frederick Rugg
- Colleges That Change Lives: 40 Schools That Will Change the Way You Think About Colleges by Loren Pope
- The Best 368 Colleges by The Princeton Review

### **College Search Guidebooks for Students with Learning Disabilities**

- Colleges for Students with Learning Disabilities or ADHD by Peterson's
- K&W Guide to College for Students with Learning Disabilities by The Princeton Review
- Peterson's Colleges with Programs for Students with Learning Disabilities or Attention Deficit Disorders by Charles T. Mangrum and Stephen S. Strichart

### **College Admissions Information**

- The College Admissions Mystique by Bill Mayher
- Harvard Schmarvard by Jay Mathews, Prima Lifestyles; 1st edition (February 25, 2003)
- Looking Beyond the Ivy League: Finding the College that is Right for You by Loren Pope
- The Truth About Getting In by Katherine Cohen

### **Financial Aid/Scholarships**

- College Board Guide to Getting Financial Aid by The College Board
- Meeting College Costs by The College Board
- Paying For College by Peterson's
- The Best Way to Save for College: A Complete Guide to 529 Plans by Joseph F. Hurley

### **Special Topics:**

#### **Athletic Recruiting**

- The Student Athlete's Handbook by Perry Bromwell and Howard Gensler
- Advising Student Athletes Through the Recruitment Process by Michael Koehler

#### **Transition to College for Students and Parents**

- Confessions of a College Freshman by Zach Arrington
- When Your Kid Goes to College: A Parents' Survival Guide by Carol Barkin
- Bringing Home the Laundry: Effective Parenting for College and Beyond by Janis Brody
- The Naked Roommate by Harlan Cohen
- The Real Freshman Handbook by Jennifer Hanson
- The College Student's Guide to Eating Well on Campus by Ann Selkowitz Litt
- Money Management for College Students by Karin O'Callaghan

## Appendix Standardized Test Dates and Registration Deadlines

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**SAT (Reasoning and Subject Tests)** [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

For students with disabilities: [www.collegeboard.com/ssd/student/index.html](http://www.collegeboard.com/ssd/student/index.html)

2009-10 SAT Test Dates	Tests Offered	Regular Registration Deadline (postmark/submit by)
October 10, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests	September 9, 2009
November 7, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests	October 1, 2009
December 5, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests	October 30, 2009
January 23, 2010	SAT & Subject Tests	December 15, 2009
March 13, 2010	SAT only	February 4, 2010
May 1, 2010	SAT & Subject Tests	March 25, 2010
June 5, 2010	SAT & Subject Tests	April 29, 2010

**ACT with Writing:** [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
September 12, 2009*	August 7, 2009	August 8 – 21, 2009
October 24, 2009	September 18, 2009	September 19 – October 2, 2009
December 12, 2009	November 6, 2009	November 7 – 20, 2009
February 6, 2010**	January 5, 2010	January 6 – 15, 2010
April 10, 2010	March 5, 2010	March 6 – 19, 2010
June 12, 2010	May 7, 2010	May 8 – 21, 2010

### AP Exam schedule

The 2010 AP Exams will be administered over two weeks in May: May 3 through 7 and May 10 through 14.

Early in the Spring semester, students will be notified through announcements, AP teachers and Principals newsletters how to register and where to report for the exams. Test Registration takes place at St. Ignatius College Preparatory with Mr. Andrew Dworak, AP Coordinator and Counselor.

Week 1	Morning 8 a.m.	Afternoon 12 noon
Monday, May 3	United States Government and Politics	Comparative Government and Politics French Language
Tuesday, May 4	Computer Science A Spanish Language	Statistics
Wednesday, May 5	Calculus AB Calculus BC	Chinese Language and Culture
Thursday, May 6	English Literature and Composition	Japanese Language and Culture

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### AP Exam schedule Continued

Week 1	Morning 8 a.m.	Afternoon 12 noon
	German Language	
Friday, May 7	United States History	European History Studio Art (portfolios due)

Week 2	Morning 8 a.m.	Afternoon 12 noon	Afternoon 2 p.m.
Monday, May 10	Biology Music Theory	Physics B Physics C: Mechanics	Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism
Tuesday, May 11	Chemistry Environmental Science	Psychology	
Wednesday, May 12	English Language and Composition	Art History	
Thursday, May 13	Macroeconomics World History	Microeconomics	
Friday, May 14	Human Geography Spanish Literature	Latin: Vergil	