



Class of 2026 College Application Tips



OCSA Senior Frequently Asked Questions

- **What is the CEEB Code:** 053266
- **Grading Scale:** A-F
- **Senior Class Size:** 435
- **Does OCSA rank students?** No, we do not rank.
- **Where can I find my CA Student State ID?** Your SSID is located at bottom of your transcript
- **Where can I find my GPA?** Your GPA can be found in Aeries and on your transcript. Your Total GPA (or Cumulative GPA) includes all classes listed and is reported through the Common Application and to out-of-state schools. The UC and CSU systems calculate their own GPA based only on A–G coursework completed during 10th and 11th grades.
- **What is our GPA scale?** 4.0
- **Does OCSA have an Honor Roll?** Yes. This is based on your Academic GPA (AGPA) each semester of high school:
 - **Honor Roll: 3.0–3.49**
 - **Award of Merit: 3.5–3.99**
 - **Principal’s List: 4.0–4.49**
 - **Distinguished Scholar: 4.5+**

Applying to University of California (UC)

- ☐ Apply at: <http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu>
 - Application deadline is December 1st; it’s best to submit your application early (beginning Oct. 1st)
 - Complete 4 of the 8 Personal Insight Questions
 - UC does NOT require/accept Letters of Recommendation or Transcripts (unless requested or needed for specific programs)
 - Academic History included only college prep classes (indicated by a “p” on your transcript). Not all courses taken at OCSA are college prep.
 - Dual Enrollment courses (indicated as DE on your transcript) should be reported under the “College courses taken in high school” section of the application.
 - In the Activities and Awards section to list non-college prep coursework, paid work experience, volunteer work, and extracurricular activities. You can list up to 20 items - focus on the activities and awards that are most important to you.
 - Need more help? Check out the UC website:
<https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/how-to-apply/applying-as-a-freshman/filling-out-the-application.html>

Applying to California State University (CSU)

- ☐ Apply at: <https://www2.calstate.edu/apply> (select Fall 2026 admissions term, then click Apply Now)
 - Application deadline is December 1st; it’s best to submit your application early (beginning Oct. 1st)
 - CSU does NOT require Essays, Letters of Recommendation, or Transcripts (unless requested or needed for specific programs)
 - Check your school portals
 - Need more help? Check out the CSU website:
<https://www.calstate.edu/csu-system/news/Pages/10-top-tips-cal-state-apply-2021.aspx>

Applying via the Common Application

- ❑ Website: www.commonapp.org
- ❑ Create an account and add the Common App colleges you are applying to
- ❑ In the Education section, list OCSA as your current school
- ❑ Go to My Colleges (left-hand side) and select “**Recommenders and FERPA**”
 - You must complete the FERPA section on your Common App before any documents can be sent.
 - The Common Application allows you to list all of your classes taken under the Courses & Grades section:
 - List non-college prep courses as Regular/Standard
 - List courses with a “p” as college-prep courses
 - Dual Enrollment Courses (Community College Transcript) will show as DE on your transcript

Applying to Community College

- ❑ Research local community college options to see what would be the best fit (transfer rates, programs, extracurricular, etc.)
- ❑ Log on to <https://home.cccapply.org/colleges> (Apply now)
 - Check out “Early Bird” or Priority application deadlines on individual college websites
 - Research the college’s assessment process and registration steps
 - Look at possible honors programs and transfer programs
 - Learn about EOPS and DSPS programs if they apply to you.
 - Many CC’s have a Promise Program that offers FREE tuition for the first 2-years!

Transcripts

For information about how to order your official transcripts for college, please click [here](#).

Test Scores

SAT/ACT: If you are reporting scores, you should be able to self-report in your application. If official scores are required you must request directly through College Board (SAT) or ACT websites. Naviance will now also ask you to check a box if you are submitting test scores to your specific colleges.

AP Scores: You may be able to self-report AP Scores in your application. If official scores are needed you must order from the College Board directly: <https://apscore.collegeboard.org/scores/#m=signin-form&scores>

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