

Fall 2020

Junior Newsletter



College & Career Exploration

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What's your plan?



A **California CareerZone** account can help keep your plan on track...

Take an assessment to see Do some research to see

GET STARTED

2020 Senior Survey Results

2-Yr Colleges	161	43%
4- Yr Colleges	148	40%
Vocational/Trade	7	2%
Military	17	5%
Work	10	3%
Year Off	9	2%
Other	7	2%
Undecided	15	4%

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PSAT Test

The practice SAT test

Potentially being offered on January 26th

More info coming soon.

PONDEROSA HIGH SCHOOL | CLASS OF 2022

Class of 2022

Junior Year

5 things to do this year to prepare for college:

1. Get the best grades possible
2. Take all your standardized tests (see Junior timeline) →
3. Get involved in extracurricular activities
4. Research careers
 - A. Attend the 4th annual EDUHSD Career Expo on **March 11, 2021** (virtual)
5. Research colleges
 - A. Visit colleges you are interested in.
 - B. Log in to the virtual college rep zooms on Monday's



Junior Timeline

- October: If you are considering college athletics, register with the NCAA and let your Counselor know.
- November: Take the ASVAB, a career aptitude test offered by the military.
- January: Take the PSAT, the practice test for the SAT.
- Springtime: Take the SAT and/or the ACT - sign up online.
Attend the 4th annual (virtual;) Career Expo & Job Fair
- Ongoing: Attend college visits in the College & Career Center.
Research colleges online.
Visit colleges during holiday breaks & summer.
Look for scholarships & contests with cash awards.

NCAA/NAIA

www.eligibilitycenter.org

<https://www.naia.org>

Register NOW!!!

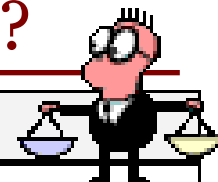
If you have ACT/SAT scores, send directly to the Clearinghouse

Transcripts must be sent to the Clearinghouse by the end of junior year

Academic requirements just as important as A-G's



SAT vs. ACT: How do the tests compare?



	SAT	ACT
When is it administered?	Seven times per year	Twelve times this year
What is the test structure?	Four-section exam: Evidence-based Reading and Writing, Math, Math	Four-section exam: English, Math, Reading, and Science Reasoning.
What is the test content?	Math: up to Trigonometry. Science: none. Reading: long critical reading passages, reading comprehension from significant historical documents. Writing: Optional essay.	Math: up to Trigonometry. Science: charts, experiments. Reading: four passages, one each of Prose Fiction, Social Science, Humanities, and Natural Science. English: stresses grammar.
Is there a penalty for wrong answers?	No	No
How is the test scored?	400-1600. A 1600 is the highest possible combined score.	1-36 for each subject, averaged for a composite score. A 36 is the highest possible composite score.
Are all scores sent to schools?	No. There is a "Score Choice" option. Students can choose which schools will receive their scores AND which scores the schools will see.	No. There is a "Score Choice" option. Students can choose which schools will receive their scores AND which scores the schools will see.
Are there other uses for the exams?	Scholarship purposes.	Scholarship purposes. Certain statewide testing programs.
Best time to register?	As early as possible. Check registration often.	As early as possible. Check registration often.
Need more information?	The College Board www.collegeboard.org	ACT, Inc.: www.actstudent.org
Cost of test	\$68.00 (includes essay)	\$70.00 (includes writing)
Number of free score-sends	4	4

Sending your SAT / ACT scores



Here are some money-saving tips for you as you decide where to send your SAT & ACT scores.

SAT / CSU's:

The CSU's have a special code for Cal State Apply (3594) and if you send your score to this code, your single score-send is automatically shared by ALL the CSU's.

ACT / CSU's:

ACT does not have a special system-wide code, but if you send your scores to just one CSU, they will automatically be shared among all 23 CSU campuses.

SAT & ACT / UC's:

If you send your scores to just one UC, they will be automatically shared among all the UC campuses.

Colleges will keep your scores for 3 years

Of course you are welcome to send scores to individual CSU's and UC's if you'd like, but if you're looking to save a little money these tips may be just what you need!

Spring/Summer Test Dates for this School Year

ACT

February 6, 2021
 April 17, 2021
 June 12, 2021
 July 17, 2021

Register now
 for a spring test date!



SAT

March 13, 2021
 May 8, 2021
 June 5, 2021

www.actstudent.org

www.collegeboard.org

Ponderosa High School Graduation Requirements

English	30 credits
Social Studies (World Hist., U.S. Hist., Gov't., Econ.)	30 credits
Math (must include Algebra 1)	20 credits
Physical Science	10 credits
Life Science	10 credits
Health	5 credits
Computer Technology (ICT)	5 credits
Physical Education	20 credits
Fine Arts/ Foreign Language/CTE	10 credits
Elective	80 credits
Total:	220 credits

A-G College Entrance Requirements

- A. **English**—4 years
- B. **Math** —3 years**
(Including Algebra 2)
- A. **Social Science**—2 years **
- D. **Lab Science**—2 years **
(Biology, Chemistry, Chem A, Physics, Anatomy & Physiology, AP Biology, AP Environmental Science)
- E. **Foreign Language**—2 years **
- F. **Visual Performing Art**—1 year
- G. **College Prep Elective**—1 year

**Competitive schools recommend taking at least one additional year.



Explore Your Options

If you haven't been to the College & Career Center lately, your Junior year is definitely the time to stop by for a visit.

- Don't forget about the ROP program for job skill training. Taking an ROP class is an excellent way to enter the workforce with a highly marketable job skill.
- We have information on colleges, community colleges, technical schools, and apprenticeship programs. Many college representatives visit the College & Career Center to talk to interested

students during lunchtime.

- Military recruiters also visit twice each month during lunchtime. Juniors interested in the military academies or ROTC scholarships need to make contact this year to make sure all requirements are being met.
- Listen to the bulletin for weekly events, college information, and guest speakers in the College & Career Center.

Want to try a class at Folsom Lake College?

You are eligible to enroll in college courses at Folsom Lake College or El Dorado Center if:

- You have completed the 10th grade and are 16 years old by the first day of instruction
- You have a minimum high school grade point average of 2.7
- You demonstrate exemplary academic achievement in the subject to enroll