



College / Career Center (CCC)

*Goal: offer college and career counseling to
students in their preparation for life after
Samohi*

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<http://www.samohi.smmusd.org/collegecenter/>



Post-Secondary Ed Options (PSEO)

- College: all formal education including trade, vocational schools
- Military: five branches
- Employment including apprenticeships
- Post-Grad (PG) Year: often pursued by student-athletes
- Gap Year: self, academic and interests exploration
- Other: innovation and creativity drive our youth 😊



Seniors - Fall

- 1:1 with Samohi College/Career Counselor to discuss post-secondary ed options
- Guidance and feedback with
 - College list
 - Admission applications
 - UC PIQs, essay and supplements
- English class presentations
- Naviance processing of official school documents
 - Transcripts
 - Secondary School Report
 - Letter(s) of recommendation
- Support federal & state financial aid processes
- NCAA eligibility



Winter & Spring

- English class presentations
- Support financial aid process cont.
 - FAFSA/CA Dream Act App, Cal Grant, CSS Profile
 - Samohi Scholarship
- Assistance with completion of 2 & 4 year college admission process
 - Admission offer comparison
 - Housing
 - Student Intent to Enroll
- Naviance processing of midyear & final official school documents
- Senior Honors Night
- Graduation



Juniors

- Naviance
 - Brag Sheet
 - College and scholarship search
- Fall
 - College representative visits in the CCC
- Spring
 - English class presentations
 - Spring College Night
 - 1:1 meeting with Samohi College/Career Counselor to discuss options and opportunities



11th

On Your Radar

- Continue doing well in your classes
- Register for college entrance exams: ACT/SAT
 - ACT: Apr. 13 (register by Mar. 8)
 - SAT: May 4 (register by Apr. 5)
- Request Letters of Rec
 - Teacher(s) & House Advisor
- Research college to determine FIT & begin creating college list
 - 9 – 12; balance of Safety, Target, & Reach
 - Please, please, consider colleges beyond “ranking”
- Stay productive this summer
- Follow college social media accounts, or if possible, visit during spring/summer break



Freshmen & Sophomores

- Naviance
 - college and scholarship search
 - career-interest surveys
- Focus on
 - Your best academic performance (possibly Honors, AP, CC courses)
 - Get involved in area(s) of interest (sports, arts, volunteer service, clubs, work, etc.)
 - Build rapport with teachers and House Advisor
 - Be proactive and productive during summer



9th – 10th

On Your Radar

- Do well in your classes
- Pursue your interest(s) outside of the classroom
Exploration? Growth? Enjoy yourself. Learning IS fun! 😊
- Get to know your House Advisor & Teachers
- Participate in summer programs



Student-Athletes

- Create a college list
 - all types (JC, Div 1, 2, 3), ~15 or so
- Contact coaches
 - go to clinics/showcases, pursue in-person exposure (if available)
- Create an Athletic Resume
 - list all teams you have played for
 - contact info
 - Notable achievements
- Register with NCAA Eligibility Center



Communication is KEY!

- You're not alone! We're here to support Vikings 😊
- Research colleges & submit their "I'm interested" form
- Ask questions. Many questions. Clarifications. Confirmations. Etc.
- Check your email OFTEN
- Even if you hire private consultant (please check references), keep in touch with us
 - Official school documents processed by Samohi CCCs

<https://getschooled.com/dashboard/article/3316-how-to-apply-to-college-step-by-step>



Please Remember

Productive + proactive = lots of learning!

Within the classroom, community, family, peer group, etc.

Personal Statements & Essays:

Reflective, thoughtful, insightful

Me, myself, and I

Research seem overwhelming?

**Comfortable + intellectually stimulating environment =
happy, successful Scholar (You!)**

p.s. "Safety" just as important as "Reach"



Have fun!

It really is an exploratory process filled with lots of growth and reflection. ☺

