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## TIP for Students

High School is going to fly by and before you know it you're applying to college. Remember: your GPA will consist of 6 semesters of grades when you apply to college. Make each semester count!

## TIP for Parents

Keep your comments in the affirmative. When teens are encouraged, they continue that behavior. Say, "It sounds like you really enjoyed that," or "I watched you, you were great," or a simple, "I'm proud of you." Trust me, they hear you, even if s/he doesn't acknowledge it.

## Mark Your Calendar

September 8: Deadline to register for October 7 SAT

September 9: ACT Test

Begin your application: The UC and Cal State applications are now open.

November 30: Deadline to apply to UCs and Cal States



## Calculate UC/Cal State GPA

Your Transcript GPA may be higher than your UC/ Cal State GPA. Here are facts you need to know:

- UC/ Cal State GPA does not include freshman year.
- Does not include pluses and minuses.
- Does not include PE, Health, and most Religion courses.
- Does not include grades from senior year.
- Each High School has a list of "approved" courses for UC/Cal State under 7 subject areas: History, English, Math, Lab Science, Language (other than English, Visual/Performing Arts, Electives).

So, are you confused yet? Yep. I thought so. In order to calculate

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## Princeton Review Test Prep

CEF has partnered with Princeton Review to offer SAT or ACT prep classes to high school students at a 30% discounted rate.

The SAT or ACT is required for admission to most colleges and universities in the US. All schools accept both with no preference.

### TIPS:

- Learn about both exams. Choose the best fit for you. Focus on that one.
- Start planning early. Use your PSAT scores (or practice exams) to make an improvement plan.
- Check the average test scores of the colleges you are applying to. Set a goal for you.
- Juniors: plan to take your first exam in the spring.

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your UC/ Cal State GPA, you will need two items, 1) your transcript or list of courses and grades, and 2) your high school's A-G list of approved courses.

Have no fear. This video will walk you through how to find your A-G list, and how to calculate your GPA. The most important take away here is that the GPA you will find on your school transcript is not exactly the GPA the UC and Cal State schools will use to determine eligibility and an ultimate acceptance letter. Be sure you know well in advance your UC/Cal State GPA. <http://drcynthiacolon.com/temp/ucs-cal-states/calculate-uccsu-gpa/>

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Carol Clark, Regional Director, The Princeton Review

