



Welcome 10th Grade Students and Parents!

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Agenda

- What do colleges look for?
- Review 10th grade checklist
- Beginning the college search
- College admission requirements.
- Myth Busters & FAQ's



Statistics on admission for Class of 2019

DA VINCI SCIENCE COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE

Graduating Class of 2019.....	128
Accepted into Four Year Institution.....	73%
Attending a Four Year Institution.....	58%
Attending a Two Year Institution.....	41%
Military or other work.....	1%

About 50% of Da Vinci Science graduates attend a UC or CSU.

Where are DVS Alumni Now?

University of California	California State University	Independent/Out of State
Berkeley	Cal Poly Pomona	Arizona State University
Davis	Cal Poly San Luis	California Lutheran University
Irvine	Channel Islands	Chapman University
Los Angeles	Dominguez Hills	Embry Riddle University
Merced	East Bay	Howard University
Riverside	Fullerton	Loyola Marymount University
San Diego	Long Beach	Marymount CA University
Santa Barbara	San Francisco	University of Southern CA (USC)
Santa Cruz	San Jose	Westmont College



What Do Colleges Look For?

G-R-E-E-T-E-D

GRADES

RIGOR OF COURSES

ESSAY

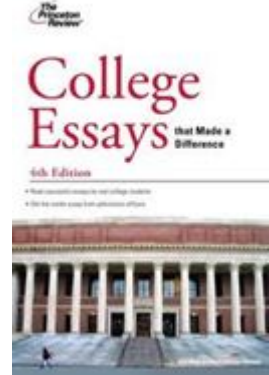
EXTRA CURRICULAR

TESTING

EVALUATION FROM TEACHERS/COUNSELOR

DEMONSTRATED INTEREST

A+





10th Grade Checklist



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Course Selection – Da Vinci offers a college preparatory curriculum for ALL students. Pass all classes and stay on track. Push yourself and try Honors options.

Extracurricular activities – Get involved with clubs, sports, volunteer services.

Community Service – make it meaningful! Visit www.volunteermatch.org

Resume – begin compiling a list of all activities since post-8th grade (community service, work experience, honors and awards, extracurricular activities, sports, dance shows, drama performances, clubs, hobbies, and interests)

**** Make a list of your activities thus far.***

10th Grade Checklist

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- Begin the **college search** – attend DVS college rep visits, attend local college fairs, visit college campuses
 - Prepare for **standardized tests** – make a testing calendar and use your practice test results to improve.
 - Plan ahead for great **summer opportunities** – job, internship, or volunteer position.
 - Keep your **grades** up! Attend **office hours** and establish relationships with teachers and counselors.



Beginning the College Search

The College Search

It's all about Finding the Right Fit!

California Community Colleges – 112 campuses

California State University – 23 campuses

University of California – 9 campuses

Independent 4-year – over 1,000 across the country

Public Out of State 4-year – over 1,000





Know Your Goals

Do you want to attend:

- A UC school?
- A Cal State University?
- An Independent/private university?
- The Military?
- A Community College?
- Vocational School?

or employment after graduation?

**** Make a list of 3 colleges you may be interested in or your post-DVS goals.***

**** List 2 potential majors***



College Admission Requirements



Course Requirements

A: **History/Social Sciences** - 2 years required: World History, US History

B: **English** - 4 years required

C: **Mathematics** – 3 years required including a full year of Geometry, 4 years recommended

D: **Laboratory Science** – 2 years required, 3 years recommended

E: **Language Other Than English** – 2 years required, 3 recommended

F: **Visual and Performing Arts** – 1 year required

G: **College-Preparatory Elective** – 1 year required

(Note: these are the minimum requirements to be “eligible” for UC’s and Cal States. To be “competitive” for most universities you want to take four years of math and foreign language, and as many college-prep electives as possible.)



Admission Requirements

	University of California 3.0 GPA Minimum	California State University 2.0 GPA Minimum	Private Universities GPA varies	California Community College No GPA requirement
Test Requirement	SAT or ACT <i>plus Writing</i>	SAT or ACT	SAT or ACT <i>plus Writing</i>	None
Essay	4 Personal Insight Questions	None	Vary	None
Letter of Recommendation	None	None	Vary	None





Myth Buster #1

The more colleges I apply to the better chance I have of getting admitted.

Applying to all “reach” schools will not give you a better chance of being admitted. When making a college list it is best to select colleges with a range of selectivity including “target” schools and “safety” schools.

Myth Buster #2



You can't get into a selective college if you did poorly in ninth grade.

Colleges look for improvement in performance and "upward trends" demonstrating you can and will do the work at a college level. While all grades are available on your transcript, all colleges will calculate GPA's differently.



Myth Buster #3

You need to be in a ton of activities to get into college.

It is not beneficial to have a laundry list of activities that are not meaningful to you; college admission officers know that game. It is best to select one or a couple of activities that are of interest to you and demonstrate your commitment and consistency throughout high school.



Myth Buster #4

I need to decide on a career before I choose a college.

Sometimes the intention of college is to help you explore the multitude of options available to you. In most cases you will not need to declare a major of study until your sophomore year of college. On average, college students change their major at least three times over the course of their college career.



Myth Buster #5

Your life will be ruined if you don't get admitted to your first choice college.

Everyone has their dream school. It is important to keep an open mind and do your research. There are hundreds of colleges that may be a great fit for you. You will not be a failure if you do not get into UCLA (14.1%), USC (11%), or Stanford (5%).



Frequently Asked Quested

Q: How many colleges should I apply to?

A: It is important to cast a wide net so that you have options available come decision time. We recommend you apply to 8 colleges: 2 reach, 4 target, and 2 safety.

Q: How many subject tests do I need for a UC school?

A: 2 are strongly recommended – check your intended major requirements



Useful websites

CollegeBoard (10th grade checklist) -

<https://blog.collegeboard.org/how-to-start-planning-for-college-in-10th-grade>

Fast Web (scholarship search engine) - <https://www.fastweb.com/>

Volunteer Match (community service match) - www.volunteermatch.org



Thank you for joining us!!

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