Class of 2022

Seniors
Registration Guidance Packet
Spring 2021

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Chico High School Diploma Requirements

Courses

- 4 yrs./40 credits: English (9-12) Continuous enrollment required
- 1 yr./10 credits: Fine Arts/Foreign Language/Career Tech Educ.
- 1 sem./5 credits: Health
- 1 yr., 10 credits: Integrated Math 1
- 2 yrs./20 credits: Math
- 2 yrs./20 credits: Physical Education
- 1 yr./10 credits: Life Science
- 1 yr./10 credits: Physical Science
- 1 yr./10 credits: World History (10\textsuperscript{th} grade)
- 1 yr./10 credits: United States History (11\textsuperscript{th} grade)
- 1 sem./5 credits: American Government (12\textsuperscript{th} grade)
- 1 sem./5 credits: Economics (12\textsuperscript{th} grade)
- Remaining 80 credits: Electives

Credits

- **235 credits required to graduate.**
- 1 semester class = 5 credits
- Students typically earn 30 credits each semester; 60 credits each year
- 60 credits each year for 4 years = 240; 240 – 235 = 5 credit buffer
- Students may re-take failed courses for credit recovery (independent study)

Subject Area

- **Algebra Requirement** – Met by passing Integrated Math 1 (specifically second semester)

College Admission A-G Requirements

California State University and University of California

- **“A”** US History, World History
- **“B”** English
- **“C”** Mathematics (IM 1, 2 & 3)
- **“D”** Laboratory Science (Bio. and Chem. or Physics)
- **“E”** Foreign Language
- **“F”** Visual and Performing Art
- **“G”** College Prep Elective

2 years
4 years
3 years*
2 years*
2 years*
1 year
1 year

*Additional years of math, foreign language and science recommended for UC admissions and selective campuses within the CSU system.
Senior Year Planning Calendar

AUGUST

- Continue your extracurricular activities, sports, and/or volunteer work. (Emphasize leadership positions)
- ATHLETES: to play college athletics, you must be registered/certified by the NCAA: [http://web1.ncaa.org/ECWR2/NCAA_EMSS/NCAA.html](http://web1.ncaa.org/ECWR2/NCAA_EMSS/NCAA.html)
- Make sure your fall and spring schedules of classes include career/career/major admission requirements
- Create a master list or calendar that includes:
  - Tests you’ll take and their fees, dates and registration deadlines
  - College application due dates
  - Required financial aid application forms and their deadlines
  - Other materials you’ll need (recommendations from teachers/counselors, transcripts, etc.)
- Research and APPLY for scholarships throughout the school year

SEPTEMBER

- Set a Senior Appointment with your counselor to discuss all aspects of your college planning.
- Sign up for the SAT and/or ACT test, along with any required SAT Subject Tests.
  - See if your college wants you to have the Writing or Essay portion included.
- Start polishing your college essays and personal statements
- Update your Senior Profile (activities record.)

OCTOBER

- Identify staff that can write strong recommendation letters and request them now
- Finish essays for college admission
- Research institutional scholarships and apply
- Attend CHS College Planning Night
- Attend a Financial Aid workshop and complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

NOVEMBER

- Submit admission applications: UC and/or CSU deadline is 11/30. Private college deadlines vary.
- Register for the last month to take the SAT or ACT’s (December)
- Register to take AP Exams

JANUARY

- Pick up Chico Community Scholarship application in the Counseling office or online
- Butte Reg2Go Presentations: Complete CCCOpen and Butte Applications

FEBRUARY

- Pursue scholarship information and apply for those scholarships for which you are qualified.
- File FAFSA no later than March 2nd
- Follow specific campus guidelines regarding housing

APRIL

- Most admissions decisions & financial aid award letters will arrive. Take action needed.
- Return intent to register form to your chosen college by May 1st
- Notify colleges you will not attend in writing.

MAY

- Keep your grades up – Finish well.
- Take the AP Tests.
- Return forms for on-campus orientation programs.

JUNE

- Make sure all books are returned, bills are paid and Saturday schools are served
- Senior Check-Out is done the day before graduation from 1:00 to 3:00
- Have your final transcript sent to the college you will be attending. Check with the counseling office.
# ACT & SAT Dates

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## ACT Tentative Test Dates 2021-2022

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Register for the ACT at [www.ACT.org](http://www.ACT.org)

School Code: 050545

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Register for the SAT at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

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12 Tips for College Bound Seniors

**Coming back to school can be overwhelming for seniors. There’s a lot to be done and all the realization that you will be in college in a year from now can be a bit daunting. It really helps if you can break things down into small steps so you can see the progress you are making. The list below should help you do that. By no means is it a comprehensive list. For that, you need to check in with your guidance counselor. That’s why it’s number one on the list!**

1. **Meet with your high school counselor**
   Your counselor will have the resources and guidelines that can make the whole college application process a lot easier. Follow directions carefully and remember to say thank you!

2. **Review your transcript**
   If your counselor doesn’t give you a copy of your recent transcript, be sure to ask for one. Check it carefully for errors. If you happen to find a mistake, politely bring it the attention of your counselor.

3. **Get on mailing lists**
   Hopefully, by now you know which schools you will be applying to. If you are not already on the school mailing list, now’s the time to make it happen. That way you will know if they will be doing any presentations, preview days or open houses.

4. **Go to college presentations**
   Many colleges send representatives to high schools to talk with students. This is an excellent way to learn more about the schools and to ask questions you may have. Some schools also do larger presentations on their campus in the Fall and Spring.

5. **Make a list of application deadlines and supporting materials needed**
   Read through all your applications thoroughly to find out what supporting materials they require and what their deadlines are. Post the list somewhere you can easily see it, so you remember what needs to be done.

6. **Check the testing requirements for the colleges you are considering**
   Whether you are taking the SAT or ACT, sign up well before the deadline while there’s still room at your preferred testing site.

7. **Ask for teacher recommendations**
   If you are applying to a private college, chances are when you checked the application for other materials you need, you discovered that you would need at least one recommendation from a teacher or community member. Be sure to ask your recommender well in advance and give them everything they ask for.

8. **Get started on applications** *(college online applications open in August – October)*
   Create an account for the school you will be applying. Make sure you write down your username and password somewhere you won’t lose it. Make a point of setting aside time every week to start filling out the general information asked for on the applications.

9. **Begin thinking about your essays**
   If the application requires an essay, look over prompts and begin jotting down ideas for the essays. Having a rough draft done by October would be a way to keep you from being overwhelmed later.

10. **Sign up for FAFSA ID**
    If you plan to apply for financial aid, October is the time to register for your FAFSA ID and begin your FAFSA. Both you and one of your parents will need a FAFSA ID.

11. **Sign up for the NCAA Clearinghouse, if you are a student athlete.**
    You must sign up for the NCAA Clearinghouse and send them your SAT or ACT scores if you plan on playing collegiate sports. Be sure to follow all directions carefully.

12. **Breathe!**
    Most of the things on this list don’t take huge amounts of time when you spread them out. It’s waiting until the last minute that makes it overwhelming.

12 Tips for College Bound Seniors
Map of CSU and UC Schools
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Government Aid

1. **FAFSA:** Free Application for Federal Student Aid
   You should apply between Oct. 1st and March 2nd of Senior Year. However, there are a few *federal student aid programs* that have limited funds, so be sure to apply as soon as you can once the FAFSA is available for the year you’ll be attending school. Apply for the Academic Year that you will be attending college (not current Senior Year)
   - Apply online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) **NOT** [www.fafsa.com](http://www.fafsa.com)
   - To complete the FAFSA, you and your parent will need:
     a. A FSA ID to electronically sign in. Both you and a parent will need an FSA ID. You can apply now at [fsaid.ed.gov](http://fsaid.ed.gov).
     b. Social Security Number.
     c. Parent’s federal income tax return from previous year, or FAFSA has the ability to link to the IRS with proper verification.

2. **Grants:**
   - Financial aid, often based on financial need, does not need to be repaid (unless, for example, you withdraw from school and owe a refund).
   - Must apply for the FAFSA to be eligible.
   - Includes Federal Pell Grant and Cal-Grant (if going to a California School).
   - Eligibility for Cal-Grant also includes GPA verification form to Counselor or California Student Aid Commission by **March 2nd of your Senior Year**. Pick up form through Counseling Office.

3. **Scholarships:**
   - Money awarded to students based on academic or other achievements to help pay for education expenses. Scholarships generally do not have to be repaid.
   - Based on merit (grades, test scores, major, special talents, heritage and/or community service).
   - Major sources of scholarships are colleges and the private sector. See High School Counseling office, your chosen school’s financial aid office and [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com).

4. **Work study:**
   - A federal student aid program that provides part-time employment while you are enrolled in school to help pay for your education expenses.
   - Must apply for FAFSA to be eligible.
The Basics of Funding College

5. **Loans:**
   - Must be re-paid
   - **Subsidized:** Government pays the interest while student is in college. Borrower pays for loan amount only. This begins six months after graduation date. Must apply for FAFSA to be eligible.
   - **Unsubsidized:** Borrower pays all interest during college and after graduation along with loan amount. This begins six months after graduation date. Must apply for FAFSA to be eligible.

6. **Western Undergraduate Exchange Program:**
   - WUE (pronounced “woo-wee”) is the Western Undergraduate Exchange, and it is coordinated by WICHE. WUE is a regional tuition-reciprocity agreement that enables students from WICHE states to enroll in some 145 participating two- and four-year public institutions at 150 percent of the enrolling institution’s resident tuition. WUE is not a short term exchange—it is meant to be used for a full degree. Contact school financial aid for more details.

7. **BOG Fee Waiver:**
   - The Board of Governors (BOG) fee waiver is a California Community College financial aid program for California residents that waive the enrollment fees for students. Many California Community Colleges offer online BOG Fee Waiver applications through CCC APPLY.

8. **Blue and Gold Opportunity Plan:**
   - Financial Aid program to expand access to UC’s for lower-income students.
   - UC’s Blue and Gold Opportunity Plan will ensure that you will not have to pay UC’s system wide tuition and fees out of your own pocket if you are a California resident whose total family income is less than $80,000 a year and you qualify for financial aid.
   - Must submit FAFSA to be eligible.

**Government Aid**

1. **Scholarships**
   - Free Money, do not have to repay.
   - Based on merit (good grades, test scores, athletic ability, major, special talents, heritage or community service) instead of need.
   - Fastweb.com is a good source for Scholarship searches. Student responsible for all applications.

2. **Private Sector Loans**
   a. Must be re-paid.
   b. Student responsible for all applications.
College and Career Planning Websites

Chico High Counseling:

www.chs.chicousd.org/Counseling/index.html - links to the sites below and more.

College Information:

https://admissions.universityofcalifornia.edu/ - University of California

www.csumentor.edu - California State Universities

www.commonapp.org - Common Application of Private Colleges

www.californiacolleges.edu - All California colleges

http://www.cccco.edu/ - Community Colleges

www.mymajors.com - Educational program assessment

www.petersons.com - College Information

www.assist.org - Articulation and Transfer Information

https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/ - College Planning & Career Tool

www.collegelink.com - A major site for college exploration

Test Preparation:

www.collegeboard.org - SAT Registration & Preparation

www.act.org - ACT Registration & Preparation

www.khanacademy.org - SAT Preparation

Financial Aid:

www.fafsa.gov - FAFSA Application

https://dream.csac.ca.gov/ - California DREAM application

www.studentaid.ed.gov - Financial Aid Information

www.csac.ca.gov - Information on CAL Grants

www.edfund.org - Financial Aid Information
College and Career Planning Websites

Scholarships:

www.fastweb.com - General Search

www.lib.msu.edu/harris23/grants/3specpop.htm - Minority-based

www.hsf.net – Hispanic Scholarship Fund website

http://e4fc.org/scholarshiplists.html - Undocumented

College Athletics:

www.collegecoach.com - Student-athletes search for schools and scholarships

www.naia.org - National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics

www.ncaaclearinghouse.net - National Collegiate Athletic Association

Career Information:

www.careercruising.com Username: chico Password: panthers

www.careeronestop.org/ - Career One Stop

www.cacareerzone.org – Explore exciting jobs and occupations within California.

www.myfuture.com – Figure out what’s next...

www.cacareerzone.org – Assess yourself, and explore recommended job families.


https://career.berkeley.edu/Plan/Skills.stm - UC Berkeley Career Center
Volunteer Organizations

**Animals**
**BUTTE HUMANE SOCIETY**
343-7917 ~ Clerical and fundraising help, public relations, shelter cleaning, animal grooming, pet therapy, socialization and walking of animals, pet of the week transport, repairs, maintenance and yard work, computer skills, rehabilitation of scared or injured animals.

**CHICO CAT COALITION**
894-1365 ~ Volunteers help care for feral and abandoned cats rescued from Bidwell Park. Help is needed with socializing and grooming, working at adoption sites, veterinary shuttle, fund raising and public relations.

**Social Services**
**C.A.V.E.**
898-5817 ~ Volunteer connection and referral service offering more than 70 opportunities for volunteers in community settings. Tutors needed for English as a Second Language.

**NORTH VALLEY CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES**
345-1600 ~ Needs clerical and reception support in front office. Volunteers to serve on advisory board. Help needed at Second Time Around Thrift Store.

**UNITED WAY**
342-7898 ~ Volunteers help during annual campaign with clerical support.

**HEALTH RELATED SERVICES**
**ALWAYS A FRIEND/ WOMENS RESOURCE CLINIC**
897-6101 ~ Crisis pregnancy center, caring Christian based atmosphere for free pregnancy tests, baby clothes, furniture, referrals to resources for housing, prenatal care and health needs. Volunteers needed for reception work, counseling and work on the hot line.

**AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY**
343-4567 ~ Volunteers with interests: fund raising, clerical help and public education.

**AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION**
342-4247 ~ Volunteers needed to implement education programs, fundraising and more.

**AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION**
345-5864 ~ Help with healthy affairs, computer entry, fund raising and public education.

**AMERICAN RED CROSS**
891-0885 ~ Help needed with health and safety education including swimming, CPR, and first aid, phone work, and office help for fundraisers and activities.

**BUTTE HOME AND HOSPICE**
895-0462 ~ Training precedes volunteer work providing respite for caregivers, supportive services for families such as meal preparation and bereavement support.

**EASTER SEAL SOCIETY**
894-0205 ~ Help with equipment loan closets, swim programs, summer camp, post-polio, and stroke support groups.

**ENLOE MEDICAL CENTER JUNIOR VOLUNTEERS**
332-7577 ~ Volunteers assist patients, visitors, and staff at all of Enloe's facilities, and operation of gift shops.
Feminist Women's Health Center ~ 891-1911
~ Volunteers help in two capacities: in clinics with clients, and with clerical work. Sign up and attend an orientation.

Planned Parenthood ~ 342-8367 ~ A six week training program prepares volunteers for office work, pregnancy testing and counseling, and health affairs.

Children
Big Brothers and Big Sisters ~ 343-8407
~ Volunteers serve as big brothers and big sisters in mentor program. Must be 18 years old.

Boys and Girls Club of Chico ~ 899-0335 ~ Volunteers provide programs for young children in personal development, leadership, health and forms of education.

Leaders in Literacy ~ 895-2369 ~ Volunteers needed to tutor young children.

Girls Scouts of Sierra Cascade ~ 343-1904 ~ Melanie Bassett, Executive Director.

Boy Scouts of America ~ 342-7460 ~ Helen Pelkey, Field Director.

Disabled
ARCOF BUTTE COUNTY ~ 891-5865 ~ Serves people with disabilities and their families. Volunteers help with office support, special events, and ongoing bingo fundraisers.

Do-It Leisure ~ 343-6055 ~ Division of Work Training Center. Volunteers can assist with recreational activities for people with developmental disabilities.

Independent Living Services ~ 893-8527 ~ Volunteers will help clients by giving them rides for grocery shopping, reading to them, and helping with home repairs.

Wings of Eagles ~ 893-9231 ~ Volunteers help with the Joseph Alvarez Organization for seriously ill children and families with fund raising and other activities.

Environment
Butte Environmental Council ~ 891-6424 ~ Volunteers are needed for special events, office work, environmental education, newsletter and pamphlet design and layout.

City of Chico Park Department ~ 895-4972 ~ Assist with trail maintenance, litter control and various duties.

Parks and Preserves Foundation ~ 894-7738 ~ Volunteers needed for clerical work, data entry, graphic design, tree planting, fundraising, and land protection projects.

History
Chico Heritage Society ~ 345-7522 ~ Seeks people interested in preservation of the sites and buildings of Chico, and assist with research in the discovery of Chico's past.

Chico Museum ~ 891-4336 ~ Volunteers needed to help with reception desk, tours, scheduling, museum store, exhibit installation.

Stansbury Home Preservation ~ 343-0442 ~ Docents needed to conduct informal tours of Victorian House and Museum, 1-4 pm Saturdays and Sundays.

The Arts
Chico Art Center ~ 895-8726 ~ An instruction center and gallery for artists. Volunteer docents needed to answer phones, help with mailing, and class registration.

Chico State University Public Events ~ 898-5917 ~ Earn free tickets by completing poster routes, office duties, marketing, publicity, mailing and more. Poster routes have 10-13 stops.
CTE Pathways

CTE PATHWAY – Medical/Patient Care
CONCENTRATOR – Sports Medicine
CAPSTONE – Medical & Hospital Career
Pathway Advisor: Tammi Taylor

CTE PATHWAY – Digital Arts
CONCENTRATOR – Digital Arts 1
CAPSTONE – Digital Arts 2
Pathway Advisor: Shannon McLean

CTE PATHWAY – Software and Systems Development
CONCENTRATOR – Programming and Software Engineering
CAPSTONE – Robotics and Drone Design
Pathway Advisor: Jonathon Andrew

CTE PATHWAY – Agricultural Mechanics
INTRO – Ag Welding 1
CONCENTRATOR – Ag Welding 2
CAPSTONE – Advanced Ag Welding
Pathway Advisor: Ronnie Cockrell

CTE PATHWAY – Information Support and Services Sector
CONCENTRATOR – Computers, Components and the Networking of Things
CAPSTONE – Cybersecurity and Networking
Pathway Advisor: Jonathon Andrew

CTE PATHWAY – AG Floral Design
CONCENTRATOR – AG Floral Design
CAPSTONE – AG Adv. Floral Design
Pathway Advisor: Lindsay Mastelotto

CTE PATHWAY – Architecture Design
INTRODUCTION – Arch Design 1
CONCENTRATOR – Arch Design 2
CAPSTONE – Arch Design 3/4
Pathway Advisor: Scott Farquhar

CTE PATHWAY – AG Natural Resources
INTRODUCTION – Biology & Sus Ag
CONCENTRATOR – Chemistry & Ag
CAPSTONE – Adv Int Sci for Sus Ag
Pathway Advisor: Lindsay Mastelotto

CTE PATHWAY – Engineering Design
INTRODUCTION – Eng Design 1
CONCENTRATOR – Eng Design 2
CAPSTONE – Eng Design 3/4
Pathway Advisor: Scott Farquhar

CTE PATHWAY – AG Ornamental Horticulture
CONCENTRATOR – Horticulture 1
CAPSTONE - Environmental Horticulture Science
Pathway Advisor: Elva Anderson