So, what are YOUR plans after high school?

Typically, El Dorado sees about 30% of our students move on to a 4-year university, 50% to community college, 10% to the military and 10% to the workforce. Whether or not you decide to make a plan, you will end up doing something… so take a little time for planning now - and make sure that the path you follow leads to the place you want to go!

Consider participating in a job shadow to explore career ideas and gain insight into the workplace. Job shadow opportunities are always available - come by the Career Center for an application.

Have you added any community service to your resume? Volunteering is an excellent way to meet people in different career fields and learn new skills - it looks great on your resume too! And when you are in need of a letter of recommendation for work or school, you will have people out in the community you can use as a reference.

If you are headed to a 4-year university, you may want to improve your SAT or ACT score this fall. Stop by the Career Center for test preparation materials. Also, pay attention to announcements about college representative visits so you can meet directly with a knowledgeable resource person.

Are you considering joining a branch of the military? Military recruiters are happy to visit EDHS and are here every month. Set up an appointment in the career center with the Army, Navy, Marines, or Air Force.

Finally, leverage technology to your advantage. Sign up for text message reminders—Mrs. Bastian has four notification lists available through Remind.com:

- Scholarships: text @4college
- Folsom Lake reminders: text @folsom
- Volunteer/Leadership/Contests/Etc: text @dostuff
- Health Academy Seniors: text @hcasenior

How to log on to NAVIANCE:

Username: first 4 of last name + last 4 of student ID
Password: first initial + last initial + last 4 of computer password (visit the Career Center if you have trouble)

Websites worth your time...

**College:**
- [www.californiacolleges.edu](http://www.californiacolleges.edu)
  California college options
- [www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu)
  California State Universities
- [www.universityofcalifornia.edu](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu)
  Universities of California
- [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)
  NCAA info & registration
- [www.playnaia.org](http://www.playnaia.org)
  NAIA info & registration
- [http://wue.wiche.edu](http://wue.wiche.edu)
  Inter-state reduced tuition agreements
- [www.collegeweeklive.com](http://www.collegeweeklive.com)
  Ongoing virtual college fair

**Testing:**
- [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
  ACT information
- [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
  SAT, Subject Test information

**Financial Aid/ Scholarships**
- [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
  Online FAFSA
- [www.chegg.com](http://www.chegg.com)
  Scholarship search
- [www.CALocalScholarships.org](http://www.CALocalScholarships.org)
  El Dorado County scholarships

**Overall Site Not To Miss:**
- [www.thecollegesolution.com](http://www.thecollegesolution.com)
  Knowledgeable advice blog

**Career**
- [www.mynextmove.org](http://www.mynextmove.org)
  Career research through O*Net
- [www.bls.gov/ooh/](http://www.bls.gov/ooh/)
  Occupational Outlook Handbook
Important Dates for Seniors

**Fall 2015**
- September 3: Senior Parent Night (El Dorado High School Forum, 6:00 pm)
- October 1: California State University application: available online to submit
- University of California application is already available for viewing only
- CSS/Financial Aid Profile application: available online
- 5: Regional College Fair (Union Mine High School Gym, 6:30-8:30 pm)
- TBA: Parent Night for Spanish speakers
- November 1: University of California application available to submit
- 30: CSU and UC application deadline (don’t save it for the last minute)

**Spring 2016**
- January 1: FAFSA open for filing
- 13: Financial Aid information night (UMHS Theater, 6:00 pm)
- February 1: Folsom Lake College application available online
- March 2: Cal Grant GPA Verification due (create an account at CalGrants.org)
- 16: Career Expo
- TBA: Mandatory Senior Meetings
- May 1: CSU/UC Letter of Intent to register due
- 11: Scholarship Night (Large Gym, 6:00 pm)
- 23-27: SAW week
- 27: Graduation practice
- 28: EDHS Graduation!!!!!!!

Guys:
All males must register for Selective Service within 30 days of their 18th birthday!! Visit: sss.gov

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**College Scholarships**

**Why apply?**
It's money for college that doesn’t have to be paid back. Scholarships are available for college, community college, and technical school.

**But it takes too much time.**
Yes, it's a little extra work. But after you complete one application, you've done most of the work to apply for many. Really, it's worth it.

**But my parents make too much money.**
You just need to apply for the right scholarships. Many of our local scholarships are merit scholarships – they’re looking for a good student, talented artist, dedicated volunteer, etc.

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**Senior Year Expenses**

Senior year expenses really can add up. Below we’ve listed some of the basic expenses that most students will incur. (Of course, costs are estimated at this point, and may change by the end of the year.) Please budget accordingly. If you need assistance, check with your counselor to see what assistance might be available.

- Prom ticket: $40
- Yearbook: $75
- Cap and Gown: $26
- SAW week activities: $40
- Sober Grad Night: $50

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**Fall SAT & ACT dates**

- collegeboard.org
  - SAT: sign up by 9/3
  - Sat, Oct 3
  - SAT: sign up by 11/5
  - Sat, Nov 7

- actstudent.org
  - SAT: sign up by 8/7
  - Sat, Sept 12
  - SAT: sign up by 9/18
  - Sat, Oct 24
Preparing Your Personal Statement

Write persuasively. Present your information and ideas in a focused, deliberate and meaningful manner. Provide specific, concrete examples to support your point. A personal statement that is simply a list of qualities or accomplishments is usually not persuasive.

Solicit feedback. Your personal statement should reflect your own ideas and be written by you alone, but others—family and teachers—can offer valuable suggestions. Ask advice of whomever you like, but do not plagiarize from sources in print or online and do not use anyone’s published words but your own.

Copy and paste. Once you are satisfied with your essays, save them in plain text (ASCII) and paste them into the space provided in the application. Proofread once more to make sure no odd characters or line breaks have appeared.

Relax. This is one of many pieces of information considered in reviewing your application. An admissions decision will not be based on your personal statement alone.
Community College

If you’re planning to attend Community College after graduation, you’ll need to pay close attention to deadlines and requirements.

There is a process you must follow, and deadlines to meet in order to get “priority registration” for classes. Listen to your daily bulletin, and sign up to receive Mrs. Bastian’s text message reminders to make sure you are not left out of the loop.

Students planning to attend Community Colleges other than Folsom Lake should research these processes and deadlines at their college of choice, - including calling the appropriate offices when unsure of the requirements.

Generally, applications are available in January or February, followed by assessment testing, orientation, and counseling. Class registration takes place in April or May. The SAT/ACT tests are not required for Community College.

As always, Mrs. Bastian in the Career Center, as well as your Counselors, are available to help you through all the steps, but it is your responsibility to be proactive and seek out help when you need it. The transition into college is an important time for you to practice advocating for yourself!

Online Recommendations?

If you’re filling out an application to a private college, you probably need a letter of recommendation. And the online application usually provides a convenient way to accomplish this – all you have to do is provide the email address of your recommender and enter it in the blank space, right? Well, only half-right!!

It’s a pretty big deal to ask someone for a letter of recommendation, and this is a case where you definitely need to make PERSONAL CONTACT. So yes, you do need to fill in that blank space, but make sure you also personally contact that person and give them a copy of your Personal Data Form (available in the Career Center & on the website) to help them write that letter. By making time to talk with them about your goals, you show them how important this letter is to you. By bringing them your written personal information you give them something to work with, and you show that you have an investment in the outcome. Remember, without the personal contact, your request doesn’t look much different from spam.

And… if you’ve ever tried to write a letter of recommendation for someone, you know it’s a lot of work, so make sure you write a nice, sincere thank you note!!

EDHS Graduation Requirements

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College A-G Entrance Requirements

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<td>B. English—4 years</td>
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<td>F. Visual Performing Art—1 year</td>
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<td>G. College Prep Elective—1 year</td>
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<td>**Competitive schools recommend taking at least one additional year.</td>
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