

3 Important Talking Points For The **HOW TO GET TO COLLEGE** Poster

1. Emphasize The High School Course Planner

- Students can start using the high school course planner as early as 6th grade and all the way through high school. They can find the planner at www.csumentor.edu/planning.
- Students should update their course planner at least annually to ensure they're on track to meet all CSU admission requirements.

2. Remind Students That "a-g" Courses Are Required

- Learn the CSU's course requirements (shown at right on the poster) and stress to students that all are required for admission.
- Remind students that graduating from high school does not necessarily mean they have met all "a-g" course requirements.

3. Talk About Standardized Tests

- Standardized test scores aren't required to be admitted to all CSU campuses, but all first-time freshman applicants are encouraged to take either the SAT or ACT. For test score requirements, see www.csumentor.edu/planning/high_school/grades_tests.asp.
- Freshmen should take the preparatory ACT EXPLORE exam.
- Sophomores or juniors should take the preparatory PSAT.
- Juniors should take the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment, as well as the SAT or ACT.
- Seniors who haven't taken the SAT or ACT as a junior should take it by October of their senior year.

Need More Info?

- Visit the "How to Get to College" website at www.gotocsu.com.
- Send your questions to GoToCollege@calstate.edu.
- Order a "How to Get to College" poster at www.calstate.edu/order-poster.

URLs to Know

- "How to Get to College": www.gotocsu.com
- Exploring, Planning & Applying to the CSU: www.csumentor.edu
- Applying for Financial Aid: www.fafsa.ed.gov
- CSU Campus Locations: www.calstate.edu/campus-map
- Impacted CSU Campuses & Majors: www.calstate.edu/impaction