

# College Resource Information

VICCI Center – Updated September 2015

<https://lhs-sfusd-ca.schoolloop.com/VICCI>

*These programs and resources are suggestions for your research. Do NOT pay any fees for information or scholarship applications.*

## Getting Started

The **VICCI Center website** offers many resources to help you in the college admissions process. <https://lhs-sfusd-ca.schoolloop.com/VICCI> or use the link on the Resources tab of the Lowell HS homepage.

Read about our services in the **About the VICCI Center** section. A good place to start on your college search is with the **College Admissions Guide**. Learn more by reading the **Paying For College** section. Finally, use the **Quick Links** and **More Resources** sections for even more help and advice. The **Junior Reg Visits to the VICCI Center** page provides links to documentation often included in the packet of information from the Junior Reg Visit along with a few more resources.

Get to know your counselor, and consult with him or her as you develop your college plans. The **Counseling Department website** also offers many useful resources. Find it on the Departments tab of the main Lowell website. Be sure to register for Naviance, which provides many useful resources and tools.

## College Visits to the VICCI Center

One good way to learn about colleges is to attend the presentations of college representatives in the VICCI Center. Visits are announced in School Loop and the Weekly Bulletin, but the best way to know who will be visiting is to check the **VICCI Center Calendar**. Find a link to it on the VICCI Center website and on the main Lowell website's Quick Links.

## College Information Sources on the Web

The VICCI Center website has links to many websites for researching colleges and financial aid including these:

University of California: [www.universityofcalifornia.edu](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu)  
California State Universities: [www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu)  
California Community Colleges: [www.cccapply.org](http://www.cccapply.org)  
Common Application (used by over 400 private colleges): [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)  
Current SAT Test: <http://sat.collegeboard.org>  
New SAT Test: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat>  
ACT Test: <http://www.actstudent.org>  
The College Board: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>  
The Federal Student Aid website: <http://studentaid.ed.gov/>  
FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid): [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)  
FinAid: [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)  
FastWeb scholarship search: [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)  
California Student Aid Commission: [www.csac.ca.gov](http://www.csac.ca.gov)

## Test Preparation

The **Testing** page of the VICCI Center website has information on free test prep resources. There are also many test prep companies that charge fees that vary depending on the amount of time involved and whether you purchase online tutoring, small group classes, large classes or tutoring in your home. Check with friends for recommendations. Not everyone needs a prep class or tutoring. Make sure that the service you are considering meets your particular needs.