

# Community College Information Sheet

► **Get a jump start on college credits.** Many students opt to take a course or two at a community college such as MJC (while they're still in high school) during their sophomore, junior and/or senior year in high school. So if you're a current high school student and want to take a MJC course, click on "MJC Quick Start - How To Apply" link listed on the TDHS College Webpage and follow the simple directions.

► **Tuition is waived for high school students.** However only those students who are on track to graduate from high school and have demonstrated that they can handle the additional coursework, will do well with dual enrollment. Most courses in 100 level are transferable to CSU's, UC's and many private universities. If you want to take a class at MJC over the summer or during the regular school year, you must first apply online at [www.mjc.edu](http://www.mjc.edu) by setting up your account and registering as a concurrently enrolled student. In addition, you will need to fill out the "Advanced Admission" form at: <https://www.mjc.edu/student-services/enrollment/documents/special-petition.pdf> & <https://www.mjc.edu/instruction/high-school/how-new-petition.pdf>. After you've applied to MJC & the "Advanced Admission" form is completely filled out (including course units, course name & course number) and you received an email from MJC listing your student ID# that begins with a "W", then visit or contact our Career Navigator (Sanjay Bhan) by email or phone at: [bhan.s@monet.k12.ca.us](mailto:bhan.s@monet.k12.ca.us) (209) 492-1126, to sign & process your form. **Suggested courses to take: Guidance 110, Health 110, Music Appreciation 101, History 101 or 102, College Skills 100, Public Speaking 100 and various elective classes. Consult the MJC course schedule (click on the "magnifying glass" in upper right hand corner of MJC homepage) to see what is being offered each term.**

► **Taking the SAT and/or ACT** is **NOT** required if you plan to attend MJC or any other California Community /Junior College, but can help for college level placement in Math & English courses. (See below for NEW MATH & ENGLISH PLACEMENT OPTIONS NOW IN PLACE AT MJC)!

► **NEW Math and English Placement Options for Enrollment at MJC!** MJC is now using new assessment options which do away with students having to take Math and English placement tests. Your high school transcript, EAP, SAT, ACT or AP test scores (if taken) are acceptable options that also show you're ready for college level Math and English classes at MJC. Visit the following website for more detailed information: <https://mjc.edu/student-services/placement/>

► **Scholarship listings** are ongoing throughout the school year and are posted on the MCS Scholarship webpage monthly at <https://www.mcs4kids.com/district/counseling-and-guidance/college-counseling/financial-aid>. Also browse through the reliable scholarship search engines provided at the top of the webpage and look through the National Scholarship Search tool provided in Naviance. **TIP:** Once you decided where you are going to attend college, be sure to research the scholarships that are offered by your college!

► **Financial Aid:** The FAFSA application is a form you and your family can begin filling out together starting October 1st at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) . FAFSA can help you qualify for Federal Grants and Cal Grants (free money that does not have to be repaid) to use toward your college education. All students should apply for financial aid regardless of their GPA or family income level.

► **The FAFSA application** is available to fill out online from Oct 1<sup>st</sup> – March 2<sup>nd</sup>. First both student and one parent will **EACH** need to register for a Federal Student Aid Identification number (FSA ID#) before beginning the FAFSA application. But you and your parent don't have to wait until October 1<sup>st</sup> to register for your FSA ID#. Register **NOW** at: <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>. For step by step video help in filling out the FAFSA go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uop9NGRkkfc>.

**TIP:** Plan to attend the many FREE **VIRTUAL** Cash for College workshop events offered in Modesto and nearby communities. Don't miss this opportunity to get help at these events from those who are experienced in answering your questions about the FAFSA application and Financial Aid. These community events are very popular, so plan to get there early. **To find out where one is taking place near your area visit:** [www.cash4college.csac.ca.gov](http://www.cash4college.csac.ca.gov)

**NOTE:** Before submitting your FAFSA, be sure to check that the personal information (primarily your name and birth date) on your transcript **exactly matches** what's listed on your Social Security card and your FAFSA application. **This will allow MCS District office to electronically submit your Cal Grant GPA verification without complications.** If you discover an error before submission, please notify the counseling office ASAP, otherwise the state may reject your FAFSA submission and you risk NOT qualifying for Financial Aid/Cal Grants.