

UNITY CONCORD INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



COLLEGE HANDBOOK



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Welcome parents, students and families to the Unity Concord International School College Handbook. Post-secondary choices are one of the most important decisions in helping students create a successful path for their future. This handbook is a tool to guide parents, students and families in understanding the college application process and what steps are needed to successfully transition into post-secondary opportunities.

OBJECTIVES

- 1. School counselor will develop a collaborative partnership with parents, students, outside organizations and universities in support of student college and career development*
- 2. School counselor will assist students in creating attainable and realistic post-secondary goals*

RESPONSIBILITY OF STUDENT

- 1. Students will maintain autonomy over their post-secondary plans and decisions with the support of the school counselor*
- 2. Students will maintain accountability for ensuring all required documents are prepared for university application*
- 3. Students will work collaboratively with school counselor, teachers, parents and university admission staff*

ROLE OF PARENT AND/OR GUARDIAN

- 1. Support student in selecting as least 5 potential universities (Safety, target, reach)*
- 2. Support student in preparing application documents and meeting application deadlines*
- 3. Encourage student to collaborate with school counselor, teachers and other support systems*



WHAT CRITERIA DO UNIVERSITIES REVIEW IN ORDER TO DETERMINE ADMISSION?

GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)

- All courses taken in **G9-12** will be calculated to determine an overall GPA
- Each letter grade has a corresponding point system, these points are then added and divided by the total number of classes to determine GPA
- For example:
 - A - 4 points
 - B - 3 points
 - C - 2 points
 - D - 1 point
 - F - 0 points

SAT, ACT AND OR IELTS SCORES

- Each university has their own minimum/required SAT, ACT and/or IELTS score needed for eligibility and admission into their university

PORTFOLIO

- Each university has their own portfolio requirements for many arts-related fields such as computer graphics, design and animation

LEADERSHIP, EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND INTERNSHIPS

- Participating in leadership roles and extracurricular activities such as sports, clubs, student council and internships can provide students the opportunity to learn skills and/or gain experience in their field of study - all which can make them stand out on the university applications

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

- Letters of recommendation can help the application process by highlighting strengths and skills in extracurricular activities and leadership skills
- Letters can be completed by teachers, counselors, club advisors, internship supervisors or other adults in the community who have knowledge of your skills and experience
- Letters of recommendation request form can be found on the [UCIS counseling website](#)



WHAT IS THE SAT?

- The SAT is an internationally accepted entrance exam used by most colleges and universities to make admission decisions and is intended to measure a high school student's readiness for college exam
- Average/minimum scores are dependent on the university and program you intend on studying with College Board's 2019 SAT average at 1059.
- Special programs such as engineering or nursing related fields may require higher SAT score averages and subject specific SAT exams
- For more information, click [here](#)

Source: Princeton Review



CollegeBoard

SAT®

WHAT IS THE IELTS?

- The IELTS is international standardized test to determine English Language proficiency and is required for entrance into universities in the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, New Zealand and in the United States
- The IELTS evaluates speaking, writing, reading and listening to determine English-level abilities and readiness for admission into an English-speaking university
- Please utilize the links below for resources and registration guidance
 - [IDP Resources and Registration](#)
 - [IELTS Practice Test](#)

IELTS® TEST DATES 2020

CITY	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
BANGKOK	Sat 4 Sat 11 Thu 16 Sat 18	Sat 1 Sat 8 Thu 13 Sat 22	Thu 5 Sat 7 Sat 14 Sat 21	Sat 4 Sat 11 Sat 18 Thu 30	Sat 9 Sat 16 Thu 21 Sat 30	Sat 6 Sat 13 Thu 18 Sat 20
CHIANG MAI	Sat 4 Sat 18	Sat 1 Sat 22	Sat 7 Sat 21	Sat 4 Sat 18	Sat 9 Sat 16	Sat 6 Sat 20
KHON KAEN	Sat 4 Sat 11	Sat 1 Sat 22	Sat 7 Sat 21	Sat 4 Sat 18	Sat 9 Sat 30	Sat 6 Sat 20
HAT YAI	Sat 11	Sat 22	Sat 21	Sat 18	Sat 30	Sat 20
KORAT			Sat 14			Sat 13

CITY	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
BANGKOK	Thu 2 Sat 11 Sat 18 Sat 25	Thu 6 Sat 8 Sat 22 Sat 29	Sat 5 Sat 12 Thu 17 Sat 26	Thu 10 Thu 15 Sat 24 Sat 31	Sat 7 Thu 12 Sat 21 Sat 28	Thu 3 Sat 5 Sat 12 Sat 19
CHIANG MAI	Sat 11 Sat 25	Sat 8 Sat 22	Sat 5 Sat 26	Sat 10 Sat 24	Sat 7 Sat 21	Sat 5 Sat 12
KHON KAEN	Sat 11 Sat 18	Sat 8 Sat 29	Sat 12 Sat 26	Sat 10 Sat 31	Sat 7 Sat 21	Sat 12 Sat 19
HAT YAI	Sat 18 Sat 25	Sat 29	Sat 26	Sat 31		
KORAT		Sat 22	Sat 5			

WHY IELTS WITH IDP?

- Easy to navigate online registration at <https://my.ieltsessentials.com>
- Choose to do speaking test either on Saturday, Sunday or Monday for IELTS Test in Bangkok (Saturday test)
- Test results can be checked online 13 days after your test at <https://results.ieltsessentials.com>
- Free SMS results (Only for local Thai numbers)



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9TH GRADE PREPARATION

9TH GRADE

- Meet with college counselor to develop 4-year plan
 - Ask about honors and AP courses available
- Research jobs and careers using interest inventories
 - <https://www.cacareerzone.org/>
 - <http://whatcanidowiththismajor.com/info.html>
 - <https://whodouwant2b.com/student/pathways>
- Speak with adults at school in your community about different career paths that you are interested in
- Participate in extracurricular activities such as sports, student council or afterschool clubs
- Research summer opportunities for volunteer positions or internships
- Download SAT app for daily practice
 - <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice/daily-practice-app>

10TH GRADE PREPARATION

10TH GRADE

- Meet with college counselor to review 4-year plan
 - Ask about honors and AP courses available
- Continue to research jobs and careers using interest inventories
 - <https://www.cacareerzone.org/>
 - <http://whatcanidowiththismajor.com/info.html>
 - <https://whodouwant2b.com/student/pathways>
- Continue to speak with adults at school in your community about different career paths that you are interested in
- Continue to participate in extracurricular activities such as sports, student council or afterschool clubs
- Participate in summer opportunities for volunteer positions or internships related to your career interest
- Download SAT app for daily practice
 - <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice/daily-practice-app>

Please visit <https://blog.collegeboard.org/how-to-start-planning-for-college-in-9th-grade> and <https://blog.collegeboard.org/how-to-start-planning-for-college-in-10th-grade> for G9-10 university checklist

11TH GRADE PREPARATION**FALL**

- Meet with college counselor to review university plan and academic goals for G11
- Take leadership roles in extracurricular activities
- Attend International College Fair to meet with admission representatives and continue college visits
- Continue to prepare for SAT utilizing online prep resources
 - <https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>
 - <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice/full-length-practice-tests>
- Take the PSATs in October if able
- Register for SAT and/or IELTS

WINTER

- Set up and attend individual meeting with college counselor
- Begin researching colleges and developing a college list (at least 5 schools)
- Utilize college websites to gather information on admission requirements/contact admission departments
- Download SAT app for daily practice <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice/daily-practice-app>
- Take first SAT/ACT
- Plan summer activities and college visits

SPRING

- Meet with college counselor to develop plan for G12
- Select perspective teachers/staff for letter of recommendations
- Set up College Board Account, UCAS, TCAS and/or Common Application (Common App) account, CSS profile
- Take SAT and/or IELTS
- Set up summer visits and interviews, where available.

12TH GRADE PREPARATION



FALL

- Narrow your university options and have at least 6 safety, fit and reach schools
 - *Safety* - a university you likely have very good chance of getting into and can afford
 - *Fit* - a university you likely have a good chance of getting into
 - *Reach* - a university that may be a challenge to get admission into
- Review application deadlines and requirements
- Submit letter of recommendation request via UCIS Counseling website
- Meet with college counselor
- Start applications
- Send test scores through College Board
- Complete CSS Financial Aid profile
- Research financial aid and scholarship deadlines

WINTER

- Finish applications for universities with early deadlines
- Check university application portals and e-mails regularly
- Research and apply for scholarships
- Check CSS profile for updates
- Take SAT/IETLS exams if haven't already
- Finish personal essays and have a trusted adult review (if required from university)
- Meet with registrar to send transcripts and student certificate

SPRING

- Review financial aid and/or scholarship awards
- Be in communication with admission departments of the universities you have applied or been accepted to
- Complete intent to enroll and deposit if required
- Final transcripts and test scores to be sent if haven't already



TCAS

- TCAS system is the admissions systems portal for students applying to Thailand universities and is used to inform applicants of required documents and updates regarding admission status
- Click [here](#) to create an account

myTCAS

[Login](#) [Register](#) [Forgot password ?](#)

Email or ID card

please enter the registered email or id card number.

Password

Login

This site is protected by reCAPTCHA and the Google [Privacy Policy](#) and [Terms of Service](#) apply.

UCAS

- The UCAS system is the admissions systems portal for students applying to UK universities and is used to inform applicants of required documents and updates regarding admission status
- Click [here](#) to create an account

UCAS

2020 apply Register and log in

Home > Register and log in

Log in

If you have already registered, please enter your username and password below to log in. You must enter your username in lower case and your password in the same case you used to register.

Username

Password

[Forgot your password?](#)

Register

If you have not registered for 2020 entry, please click the 'register' button to use this service. You only need to register once. If you apply more than once in a cycle your application fee will not be refunded.

[register](#)

Version: 15.3.0-master-6

USA COMMON APPLICATION

- The Common App system is the admissions systems portal for students applying to USA universities and is used to inform applicants of required documents and updates regarding admission status
- Click [here](#) to create an account

common app

First Year Students Transfer Students

We know there is a lot of uncertainty surrounding the ongoing situation with the Coronavirus. The Common App team is here to support you, as always, 24/7/365, and you can reach us at recovery@commonapp.net.

Sign In

First year student? Great! Enter your email and password below to sign in, or [create an account](#) to get started.

* Indicates required fields.

Email *

Password *

[Forgot password?](#)

**For application portals for other countries please visit each university for country-specific requirements and application instructions*



USA FINANCIAL AID

What is the CSS Profile?

- A financial aid application used to help universities determine the family's need for institutional financial aid
- Allows applications to report financial information in their countries currency
- Questions adapted to be more appropriate for non U.S. students
- U.S schools partnered with CSS
 - <https://profile.collegeboard.org/profile/ppi/participatingInstitutions.aspx>
- Use College board account to apply for financial aid if interested in attending a U.S. college
- For more information, click [here](#)

UK FINANCIAL AID

- Click [here](#) for more information on UK university costs and financial aid

CANADA FINANCIAL AID

- https://www.educanada.ca/programs-programmes/education_cost-cout_education.aspx?lang=eng

INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL AID RESOURCES

- <https://www.iefaf.org/>
- <https://www.nafsa.org/about/about-international-education/financial-aid-undergraduate-international-students>

**For other countries, please visit university admission websites for country-specific financial aid recommendations and requirements*



AUSTRALIAN SCHOLARSHIPS

<https://www.studyinaustralia.gov.au/SIAsearch/SIAsearchScholarResults.aspx?moduleId=13&mode=1&Keyword=Scholarships>

CANADA SCHOLARSHIPS

<https://www.educanada.ca/scholarships-bourses/index.aspx?lang=eng>

GERMANY SCHOLARSHIPS

<https://www2.daad.de/deutschland/stipendium/datenbank/en/21148-scholarship-database/?status=1&origin=&subjectGrps=&daad=&intention=&q=&page=12&back=1>

HONG KONG SCHOLARSHIPS

<https://www.studyinhongkong.edu.hk/en/hong-kong-education/scholarships.php>

SOUTH KOREA SCHOLARSHIPS

https://www.studyinkorea.go.kr/en/sub/gks/allnew_invite.do

TAIWAN SCHOLARSHIPS

<http://www.icdf.org.tw/ct.asp?xItem=12505&CtNode=30316&mp=2>

UK SCHOLARSHIPS

<https://www.ukcisa.org.uk/Information--Advice/Fees-and-Money/Scholarships-and-funding-your-studies>

<http://www.scholarship-search.org.uk/>

USA SCHOLARSHIPS

<https://www.internationalstudent.com/scholarships/search/>

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Australia University Overview

<https://concourse.global/c4/Australia>

Canada University Overview

<https://concourse.global/c4/Canada>

UK University Overview

https://concourse.global/c4/United_Kingdom

UK Cost of Attendance

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/student-life/getting-student-support/undergraduate-student-finance-and-support>

<https://www.ucas.com/money>

General Resources

https://concourse.global/c4/General_Resources

https://concourse.global/c4/College_Resources

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-started/know-yourself>