CSULB is a university where talented and diverse students (just like you!) come to reach their educational goals, while experiencing an exciting campus. Plan early, and follow the steps for each grade level to get ready for college.

**6th–8th Grade**
- Review with your school counselor about courses that will prepare you for college.
- Take English and Algebra I.
- Complete a language course other than English.
- Get good grades in your courses, and begin taking the A–G courses.
- Discuss with your school counselor about courses that will prepare you for college.

**9th Grade**
- Continue taking the A–G college preparatory classes.
- Earn grades of “A”s and/or “B”s in all your classes, and develop good study habits.
- Work with your teachers to discover your learning style and academic strengths.
- Start using the high school course planner at www.csumentor.edu.

**10th Grade**
- In October, register for the Practice Scholastic Assessment Test (PSAT), a practice exam for the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT).
- Participate in enrichment programs and summer workshops at CSULB.
- Take a tour: come see what’s new at The Beach.
- Start researching available scholarships!
- Update your course planner throughout high school by logging in to www.csumentor.edu.

**11th Grade**
- Review with your school counselor about courses you need to take for CSU admission, including Algebra II or Advanced Math and English with emphasis on writing and critical reading.
- Students who are taking Advanced Placement (AP) classes should register to take the AP exams in the spring. You can earn college credit for AP courses if you score well on the test(s).
- Take the ACT or SAT during the spring, and don’t forget to register a month prior to the exam.
- Attend college fairs and related events at your school or in your community.
- To find out why CSULB is your university of choice, visit www.csulb.edu.

**12th Grade**
- CSULB recommends that you take your final ACT or SAT by October of your senior year.
- Submit your CSULB admission application using www.csulb.edu.
- Pursue scholarship information and apply for those scholarships for which you are qualified.
- Identify teachers and counselors who can write strong scholarship recommendation letters for you.
- Apply for Financial Aid no later than March 2nd.
- If you plan to transfer to CSULB from a community college, visit www.csulb.edu for more information.

**Apply to CSULB**
Oct. 1–Nov. 30

**Paying for College**
Check out these sites for more information on how you can pay for college:
- Financial Aid at www.fafsa.ed.gov
- CAL Grants at www.calgrants.org
- Scholarships at www.scholarships.com
- Save for college at www.scholarshare.com

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**6th–8th Grade**
- Start Planning Now

**9th Grade**
- Get Good Grades

**10th Grade**
- Stay on Track

**11th Grade**
- Jumpstart Your CSULB Application

**12th Grade**
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