

Private Universities in California

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Private Colleges and Universities

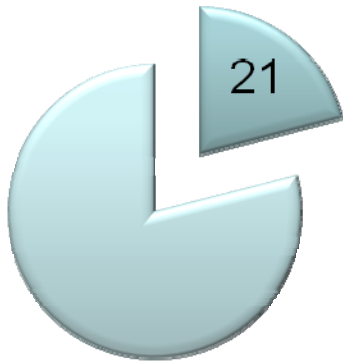
- Four categories of schools in California:
 - UC's
 - CSU's
 - Community Colleges
 - Private Schools
- **76** private, non-profit schools in California
- **1,600** private, non-profit schools in the U.S.



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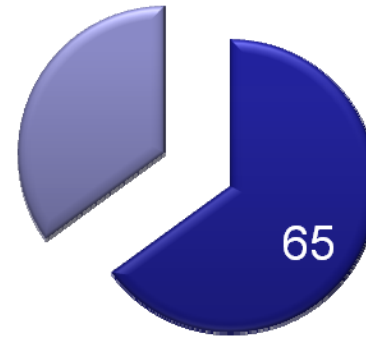
Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities (AICCU)

% Enrolled



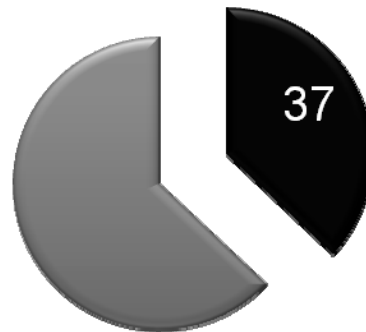
- AICCU
- California Public Schools

% Enrolled



- California
- Out-of-state

% Enrolled



- Multicultural
- Caucasian

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Types of Private Schools

- *Selective*: Stanford, Harvard
- *Specialized*: CCA, SF Conservatory of Music
- *Historically Black Colleges and Universities*: Morehouse, Spelman
- *Women's Colleges*: Mills College
- *Church and Faith Related*: USF (Jesuit Catholic), Pepperdine (Christian)

Typical Characteristics of Private Schools

Many private schools have:

- Smaller class sizes
- A lower student to faculty ratio
- All classes taught by professors
- Higher four-year graduation rates
- Transfer options as early as sophomore year
- A specific affiliation or sense of community

Application Process

- Different application deadlines
- Different admission policies:
 - Early Decision
 - Early Action
 - Regular Action/Decision
- Institutional application and/or common application
- www.commonapp.org

Application Requirements

- Holistic approach to evaluation process
- Official transcript (9th thru 12th grades)
- SAT and/or ACT scores
- Essay / Personal Statement
 - writing skills (grammar, sentence structure, spelling)
 - content (separate yourself from other applicants)
- Extracurricular activities
- Letter(s) of Recommendation
- Interviews
- Program-specific requirements: auditions, portfolios

Overview of Financial Aid at Private Institutions

- Separate from admission process
- Different financial aid deadlines
- Different tuition, fees, room & board
- Scholarships, grants, loans, work study
- Institutional aid available in addition to federal and state funding

Applying for Financial Aid

- FAFSA: Free Application for Federal Student Aid (www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- FAFSA deadline can be different at different schools
- File the FAFSA early (available January 1st)
- Additional financial aid forms:
 - CSS profile (College Board)
 - Institutional scholarship applications

Quick Facts about Financial Aid at California Schools

- 90% of California private school students receive financial aid.
- Cal Grant is higher for private schools vs. state schools.
- Median income of private school families is less than that of UC families.

Find Out About Private Schools

- Attend College Fairs
- Take advantage of college reps visiting your high school
- Visit Colleges and Universities
- Access College Websites
- www.californiacolleges.edu
- AICCU: www.aiccu.edu
- NAICU: www.naicu.edu