



Welcome Class of 2027!

Padres Quick Reference

We are excited for your family to join our community. Here are some important items to help your son make the best transition to being a Padre. To keep you connected, be sure your email is set to recognize Junipero Serra High School. Additional information will be sent as the new school year approaches.

P Physical Examination and Immunization Requirements

- Physical Exam: Incoming freshman must submit a medical form that documents a physical exam taken within the last year no later than Friday, June 30, 2023.
- A [Preparticipation Physical Evaluation Form](#) that includes a medical history to be completed by parents and a signed and stamped evaluation by a licensed medical physician, must be submitted no later than Friday, June 30, 2023.
- Incoming freshmen who do not plan to participate in athletics during freshman year also need to complete the [Preparticipation Physical Evaluation Form](#). It should be emailed or delivered to the [Admissions Office](#) by June 30, 2023.
- A current immunization record (including proof of the Tdap booster) should be emailed to the [Admissions Office](#) by Friday, June 30, 2023. *Note: Serra complies with the immunization regulations of the State of California and the Archdiocese of San Francisco, for all freshmen and transfer students.*

A Athletics

- Incoming freshmen who plan to participate in a Serra team sport anytime during freshman year must complete the online athletic clearance process. Go to [Athletic Clearance](#) after May 15 to create an account. Click on 2023-24 school year and select Junipero Serra/San Mateo and complete the online clearance process. Upload your completed form to your online account or email your physical form to [Athletic Director Justin Ferdinand](#).
- Fall sports (cross country, water polo, football) will begin for incoming freshmen on Friday, August 4. You will receive an email during the summer that provides details about fall sports meetings and activities. Contact [Athletic Director Justin Ferdinand](#) with questions.

D Devices (BYOD) and Textbooks

- Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Program: Students are required to bring a portable internet access device (e.g. Mac or PC laptop, newer Chromebook) to school daily. The program allows students to access internet resources as needed on campus and in-classroom curriculum. [Minimum device requirements and examples of acceptable portable devices can be found here.](#)
- Textbooks can be ordered online through [MBS direct](#) beginning in July. Books should not be ordered until students receive their class list (end of June). MBS direct often has used books available for sale; however, it's a good idea to order early because they go quickly.
- Some courses use online textbooks, some use physical textbooks and some use a combination or let students decide. Each teacher makes independent decisions about what material best supports his/her class.

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Required Freshman Summer Homework and Required Tech Orientation

- Required freshman summer homework is an important way for students to retain the skills and knowledge they developed over the school year. Students should expect to be evaluated on their summer work at the beginning of the school year.
- Math: All students will have math homework over the summer, which will be available by logging on to PCR after June 1.
- English: Students placed in Honors Freshman English are assigned two specific novels to read. All other freshman students are assigned one required memoir and one additional book that they choose from a list of various categories. It is expected that students will have completed the required summer reading prior to the first day of classes. [Summer reading requirements are located here](#) and will be available through PCR after June 1.
- Required Summer Technology Orientation: Incoming students are required to complete a technology orientation program in the summer before they begin at Serra. The purpose of this program is for students to:
 - Set up the necessary accounts and passwords for various technology applications
 - Familiarize and practice technology skills required of all Serra students
 - Review and discuss the school's expectations as they relate to technology usage and online behavior
- An email will be sent in early June with instructions on how to log in to PCR (the parent/student portal). Once in PCR, you will be able to sign up for a technology orientation.

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Engagement

- Pledge Campaign for the Class of 2027: Each Serra family is asked to make a separate financial commitment in the form of an annual parent pledge for each child attending Serra. This annual parent pledge supports our mission and helps to enhance the current programs that are offered to your son(s). We will be looking to the parents of incoming freshmen to start contributing to the Padre Fund in the new fiscal year (Fall 2023); however, contributions are gratefully accepted at any time. Donations received by June 30, 2024 will be acknowledged in the annual report and be considered for the President's Circle. Our goal is 100% participation from all families, including financial aid recipients, and we ask that every family contribute at a level that is comfortable and meaningful. Participation and support of the annual parent pledge campaign further validates our mission and enables us to secure additional funding from foundations and alumni who are asked to participate in our annual fund. We know from experience that our alumni, foundations and other benefactors look to the commitment of parents when deciding their own levels of support, particularly as we ask them for larger gifts for program enhancements. You can find more information on [The Padre Fund: Current Parents here](#). For questions, email [Serra's Annual Fund Director Lisa Callagy](#).
- Parent Volunteer Opportunities:
 - Class of 2027 Pledge Campaign Volunteer Team: Please email [Annual Fund Director Lisa Callagy](#) or by phone at: 650.573.9935
 - [Mothers' Club](#)
 - [Fathers' Club](#)
 - [Booster Club](#)
 - TRISTARS (Tri-School Theater Arts Recognition and Support): [Visit Tri-School Productions](#) or contact [Lawrence Long, Visual and Performing Arts Chair](#).

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Serra's Course Progression and Graduation Requirements

Serra's Course Progression and Graduation Requirements: All students will take a minimum of six classes during their freshman year. These include English, math, world history, biology, theology and a world language. The level of English, history, science and math will depend on placement. Students also will select an elective class or an independent study period. A small group of students will be placed in a Directed Study class.

Information on the four-year course progression, UC/CSU course requirements, and Serra's graduation requirements can be found in the PCR Parent Portal. Click "Student Information" and then "Scheduling Next Year" to locate the information. You can also find the Junípero Serra High School Graduation Requirements/UC Admissions/CSU Admissions document on the [Welcome and Registration page](#) under "Graduation Plan."