



JUNIORS

Important to Know



Juniors are two years away from high school graduation. There are many important things to think about to reach the goal of receiving a high school diploma. Juniors should now have a stronger understanding of their post high school goals.

6 Important Things to Remember

1. Meet with your counselor in the beginning of the year to evaluate your high school transcript to make sure you are on track to graduate.
 - ❖ If you are behind in credits, talk to your counselor about adult school and credit recovery options available to get you back on track!
2. Begin to understand and plan for what you want to do after high school.
 - ❖ Work? Military? College? Which one? Do I qualify? Four-year? Two year? Trade/Tech School?
 - ❖ Begin visiting colleges you may be interested in attending
3. Maintain a "C" or better grade in all of your A-G courses (4-year: CSU/UC requirements)
 - ❖ Receiving a D or F in a course is not considered passing in order to go to a 4-year college. The course will **NEED** to be repeated.
 - ❖ REMEMBER: You are able to access your grades and attendance through the **PowerSchool Student Portal:** www.powerschool.vusd.org
4. SAT/ACT college entrance exams should be taken towards the end of the junior year.
 - ❖ Take the PSAT in mid-October at Redwood to prepare for the SAT
 - ❖ To sign up for the SAT test you need to go to www.collegeboard.com
 - ❖ To sign up for the ACT test you need to go to www.actstudent.org
 - ❖ To learn more about these tests, check with your counselor
5. NCAA – Prospective student athletes need to begin the NCAA eligibility process
 - ❖ Student athletes need to go to www.eligibilitycenter.org.
 - ❖ Click on "NCAA College-Bound Student-Athletes" to begin the application process.
 - ❖ When registering for the SAT you need to send test scores directly to the NCAA Eligibility Center by using the test code 9999
6. Enjoy your Junior year. Go to all classes on time every day. Complete all necessary work in classes to get good grades. Pass all benchmarks! Get involved!

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Visalia Unified School District Graduation Requirements UC/CSU Entrance Requirements

Department	Subject	District Graduation Requirements in units 1 semester=5 units 1 year=10 units	University of California* and California State University requirements (A-G Requirements) in years required <small>(*Must complete 11 A-G courses by the end of the 11th grade for UC)</small>
Social Science	World History	10 units	A. 2 years total, Including 1 year of World History --AND-- 1 year of U.S. History --OR-- ½ year of U.S. History and ½ year of Civics
	U.S. History	10 units	
	Civics	5 units	
	Economics	5 units	
English	English I	10 units	B. 4 years of college prep English
	English II	10 units	
	Junior level English	10 units	
	Senior level English	10 units	
Math	Integrated Math 1 or Algebra 1	10 units	C. 3 years of college prep math Must include Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra II or Math 1,2,3 (UC recommends 4 years)
	Other math	10 units	
Physical Education	Core PE (must be taken in 9th grade)	10 units	None
	PE elective/Dance	10 units	
Science	Health Science	5 units	D. 2 years of lab science (usually Biology and Chemistry); UC recommends 3 years of lab science (Advanced Biology, Chemistry, or Physics)
	Earth/Physical or Chemistry	10 units	
	Life Science (Biology)	10 units	
Foreign Language	10 units of Foreign Language or Visual and Performing Arts		E. 2 years of the same foreign language; UC recommends 3 years
Visual & Performing Arts	*Auto, Metal or Wood may be substituted for graduation purposes		F. 1 year of visual or performing arts (art, music, dance, drama)
Electives	75 Elective units		G. 1 year of college prep elective
TOTAL	220 units needed to graduate		Minimum of 15 A-G courses needed for admission
Additional			SAT I or ACT

YOUR FUTURE! PLAN AHEAD,
MAKE HIGH SCHOOL COUNT



PLANNING AND FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

Visit www.californiacolleges.edu and www.scholarshare.com

TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR FUTURE

Do you want more knowledge, more job opportunities, and a lot more money? College is for you! The world is changing everyday and it is harder to find well paying jobs if you do not have a college degree... so if you want the freedom to choose a good career and earn a high salary, then you should start preparing for college while you are still in middle school.

BE PREPARED

Right now is the best time to prepare for college. During the next four years, you need to take the right courses to help you get into the college that best suits your needs. The chart below lists the minimum courses that are required for freshman admission to the California State University, the University of California, and many independent colleges and universities. This pattern of courses is the same as recommended for community colleges. Talk to your counselors and teachers and use this chart to plan ahead and track your progress!

THIS PLANNING CHART BELONGS TO: _____

REQUIREMENTS (A-G COURSES)	YEARS REQUIRED	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th
A. History/ Social Science U.S. History, U.S. Government, Civics, World History Cultures, And Geography	2 Years. One year U.S. History or ½ year U.S. History and ½ year of U.S. Civics or American Government. CSU requires one additional year of Social Science. UC requires one additional year of World History, Cultures and Geography. UC requires one year of History/ Social Science completed by the end of the 11 th grade.				
B. English	4 Years of college preparatory English composition and literature. UC requires a minimum of two years of English – three preferable – completed by the end of the 11 th grade.				
C. Mathematics Algebra, Geometry, Intermediate Algebra, or Higher Level Mathematics	3 Years. Four years recommended. Algebra in the 8 th grade recommended. UC requires two years of Mathematics to be completed by the end of the 11 th grade.				
D. Laboratory Science	2 Years. CSU requires one year of Biological Science and one year of Physical Science. UC recommends three years with at least two of the following: Biology, Chemistry, Physics. UC requires at least one year of Laboratory Science to be completed by the end of the 11 th grade.				
E. Language Other Than English (Foreign Language)	2 Years. UC recommends three years. American Sign Language is acceptable. UC requires one year to be completed by the end of the 11 th grade.				
F. Visual & Performing Arts Dance, Drama/Theater, Music, Visual Art	1 Year of the same course.				
G. College Preparatory Electives	1 One additional year of academic courses in any of the above a-g areas or a year of another approved alternative elective.				
UC REQUIRES AT LEAST 11 OF THE A-G COURSES TO BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF THE 11 TH GRADE.					

CALIFORNIA EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS AT A GLANCE

SYSTEM	CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES (CCC)	CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY (CSU)	UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA (UC)	INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
NUMBER OF CAMPUSES	113	23	10	78
COLLEGE ENTRANCE TEST	None Required	ACT or SAT on most CSU campuses are required for students with grade point averages under 3.00*	ACT with writing or SAT Reasoning Test	ACT or SAT (check with college or university of your choice)
DEGREES OFFERED	Associate Degrees and Vocational Certificates	Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctoral Degrees	Bachelor's, Master's, Doctoral, and Professional Degrees	Associate's, Bachelor's, Master's, Doctoral, and Professional Degrees
IN-STATE STUDENT FEES/ TUITION(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)	\$46 per Unit (before financial Aid)	Average \$6,311 (before financial aid)	Average \$12,918 (before financial aid)	Average \$32,410 (before financial aid)
FINANCIAL AID	You can afford to go to college! Financial Aid is available from colleges and universities, State and Federal governments, businesses and other organizations. All qualified students will receive a Cal Grant, which is "free" money that covers student fees at California Community Colleges, California State Universities, and Universities of California. Maximum Cal Grants at independent colleges and universities are \$9,084; the average financial aid package at these institutions is \$23,000.			
*Applicants who are not required to submit test scores are encouraged to take standardized admission tests for advising and for placement in appropriate courses				

CALIFORNIA COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

<p>CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES (CCC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Admit all students who are 18 years old or a high school graduate ▪ Enroll high school students under special arrangement to earn college or high school credits ▪ Prepare students to transfer to any college or university for a Bachelor's Degree ▪ Have low fees and offer financial aid ▪ Offer a wide variety of opportunities to enhance your future and enrich your life ▪ For more information, visit the website www.californiacolleges.edu www.icanaffordcollege.com 	<p>CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY (CSU)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Each campus has its own personality, academic focus, and strengths ▪ Each campus has its own special geographic features and traditions ▪ CSU offers quality education in the liberal arts and sciences and specialized training for a variety of career fields ▪ On-campus housing is available on most campuses ▪ For more information, visit the website www.californiacolleges.edu
<p>UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA (UC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Each campus has its own personality, academic focus, and strengths ▪ Offers various advanced degrees, including medicine and law ▪ Has many nationally ranked academic and athletic programs ▪ On-campus housing is available on all campuses ▪ For more information, visit the website www.californiacolleges.edu 	<p>INDEPENDENT CALIFORNIA COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 78 not-for-profit, fully accredited private colleges that offer over 350 different degrees ▪ Average Financial Aid package is almost \$23,000, and 95% of all students receive some form of financial aid. ▪ Each school is different which offers students the opportunity to choose the type of educational environment that best suits their needs. ▪ For more information, visit the website www.californiacolleges.edu
<p>SPECIALIZED SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Most students 18 years of age or older are eligible for admission; however, at WASC accredited specialized colleges, it is recommended that students follow the High School Planning Chart on the reverse side ▪ Courses or programs offered are specialized (i.e., fashion design or automotive technologies) for direct entrance into careers 	

STUDENT ACTIVITY RECORD

Name: _____

	9 th Grade	10 th Grade	11 th Grade	12 th Grade
SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS, CLUBS, ETC. OFFICE HELD				
STUDENT GOVERNMENT LINK CREW				
ATHLETICS MUSIC DANCE				
OTHER STUDENT ACTIVITIES, HONORS, AWARDS, PROJECTS, ETC.				
OUT OF SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: CHURCH, CLUBS, VOLUNTEER WORK, JOBS HELD				