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# Welcome to 9th/10th Grade College & Career Information Night





# Who are your Counselors?

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**Laura Siragusa, A-G**

**Becky Heindel, H-P and AVID**

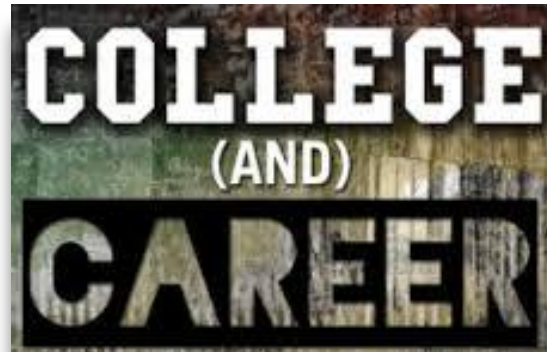
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# How Can Counselors Help You?

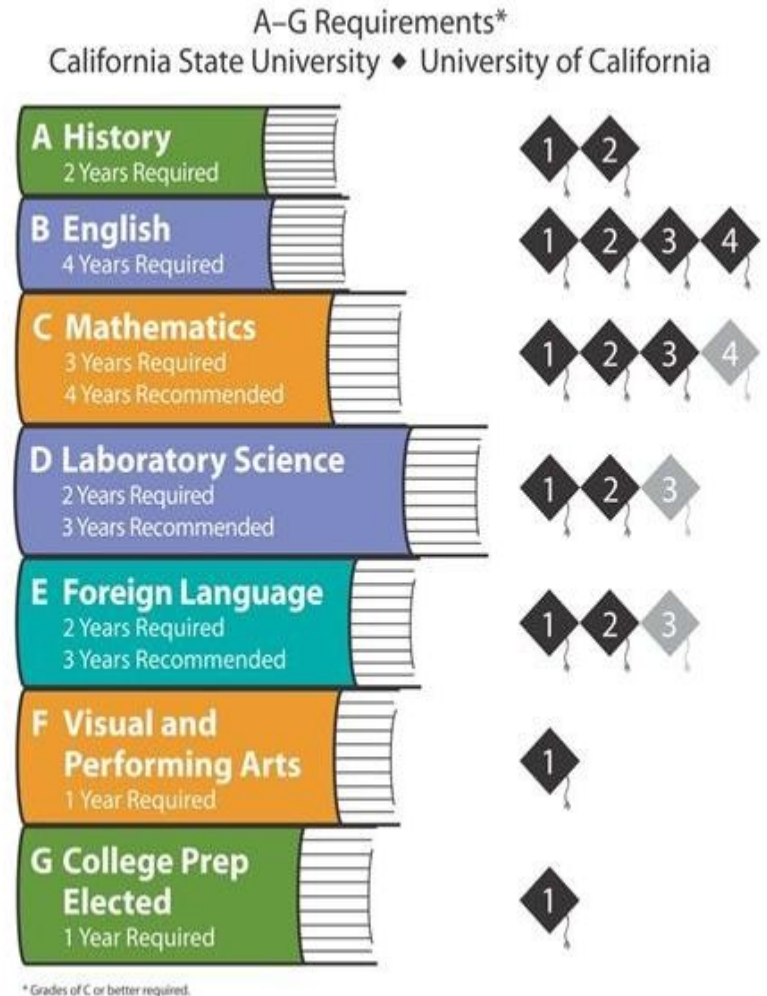
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# College & Career Going Culture

## A-G List:

- 2 years of Social Studies
- 4 years of English
- 3 Years of Math - through Algebra II
- 2 years of Lab Science
- 2 years of Foreign Language
- 1 year of Visual Performing Arts
- 1 year of College Prep elective



\* Grades of C or better required.

# MDUSD Requirements for Diploma

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English 40 credits

Mathematics 30 credits

Science 20 credits

Physical Education 20 credits

VAPA/World Language/CTE 20 credits

10 credits each from 2 of the 3 categories

Electives 60 credits



Total credits

220 credits

# Credit Recovery Options

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- **APEX online credit recovery**
- **Summer School**
- **Alternative Ed**



# Math Tutoring

Tutoring is available for students during advisory on Thursdays and Fridays. Students can sign up for a tutoring session using the correct QR code.

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## ADVISORY MATH PEER TUTORING

Got a problem?  
We're here to help you solve it.

- Form study groups with friends
- Get help for one advisory or sign up for half of a quarter or more!
- Come meet our amazing tutors!
- Questions? See Mrs. Soltero (303) or Mrs. Meyerkorth (310).

**SIGN UP BELOW!**

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Weekly Tutoring



Change your advisory to be a Math Tutoring Advisory.  
[bit.ly/CHS\\_Math\\_Advisory](https://bit.ly/CHS_Math_Advisory)

Drop In Tutoring



Sign up here and get a pass before advisory starts.  
[bit.ly/CHS\\_DailyMathPass](https://bit.ly/CHS_DailyMathPass)

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# Why do A-Gs Matter?

- **Doing well in classes gives you more options when it's time to apply to college in your senior year.**
- **Doing well in your classes also prepares you for any career training after high school. It's not just a grade that you earn, it's your understanding of the subject that will help you in the next level class!**

Category	Subject	Course Options offered at CHS
A	<b>History</b> 2 years required	World History US History *Government, Government Honors (grade 12)
B	<b>English</b> 4 years required	English I, II, III, IV English II Pre-Honors AP English Language (grade 11) AP English Literature (grade 12)
C	<b>Mathematics</b> 3 years required  4 years recommended	Algebra I Geometry Algebra II, Algebra II/Trig Pre-Calculus, Pre-Calculus Honors AP Calculus Statistics, AP Statistics
D	<b>Science w/Lab</b> 2 years required (1 year life science + 1 year physical science)  3 years recommended	Living Earth Chemistry, Chemistry Honors Physics, Physics Honors Physiology, Physiology Honors AP Biology Biotechnology Sports Medicine Zoology PLTW Honors Computer Integrated Man. (3 <sup>rd</sup> year only) Engineering Essentials (3 <sup>rd</sup> year only)
E	<b>World Language</b> 2 years required	Spanish I, II, III, Spanish for Spanish Speakers I, II Spanish Honors AP Spanish and Culture American Sign Language I, II, III
F	<b>Visual or Performing Arts</b> 1 year required	Choose courses from Art, Photo Arts, Ceramics, Vocal or Instrumental music
G	<b>Elective</b> 1 year required	*Economics - semester course, AP Econ (grade 12) AVID, Computer Applications, Intro Engineering, Leadership, Personal Finance, Psychology, AP Psychology, Transportation Technology, Woodworking Technology, Yearbook or any other course that exceeds the requirements.



# New College and Career Readiness Platform CaliforniaColleges.edu - Academic Planner

For students in a partner district, completed and current courses, along with the grades received, will be automatically added to the student academic planner.

Each year, revisit your Academic Planner to plan courses for the following year. To learn more about high school course requirements, [Click](#) the Different High School Course Requirements.

	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
History / Social Science		WORLD HIST HNR 1A Demo Partner High 922001DI Year Honors Planned	AP US HIST 1A Demo Partner High 932005 Fall Planned	AP GOV & POL: US Demo Partner High 932008 Fall Planned
		AP EURO 1A Demo Partner High 932003 Year Planned	US HIST 1B Demo Partner High 912006 Spring Planned	
English		English 1 Demo Partner High 2 Fall Planned		

# New College and Career Readiness Platform CaliforniaColleges.edu Eligibility Tools

## UC/CSU Eligibility Tools

**GPA and target graphic showing whether student is on track to meet 'a-g' requirements. Student can also see if they have passed all UC/CSU required 'a-g' courses. If not, they can find an overview of what they still need.**

**CALIFORNIA COLLEGES**  
DISCOVER PLAN LINKS

My Plan College Career Financial Aid

**4.15**

You're currently meeting the minimum GPA requirement for all CSU campuses. Great job!

Your CSU GPA is based on the grades you earn in all "a-g" courses you complete after 9th grade (including the summer before 10th grade). "UC Honors Approved" courses receive one extra point in the calculation.

Learn more about how the CSU calculates your GPA.

Your courses and grades come from your school district. Transcript data was last submitted on 03/04/2021.

Based upon successful completion of coursework this term, for your grade level, you are missing the following number of years of "a-g" courses: 0.5

You appear to not be making progress toward completing courses recommended for your grade level in the following subject areas: B, D, F

Plan to take the courses you are missing and complete those courses with a C- or better to be eligible for CSU.

**Next**

**THINGS TO KNOW**

The CSU Eligibility Tool helps you track your progress toward meeting eligibility for CSU by listing required coursework on the far left and comparing it to your completed and enrolled coursework. To ensure you stay on track, use this tool to also plan for future courses that are offered at your school and help satisfy CSU requirements. All of your coursework on the Eligibility Tool will be color-coded with each color representing something different so be sure to study the legend below carefully.

The University of California (UC) Course Management Portal (CMP) is a website where all your "a-g" courses are tracked by both the CSU and UC. Your school district enters courses into UG CMP. If you see a course in yellow on your CSU and UC Eligibility Tools, this means your school has labeled the course as "a-g", but it is not listed in UC CMP. Talk with your counselor to learn more when you see courses in yellow.

To learn more about the CSU eligibility requirements, see [Prepare to Meet Eligibility Requirements for CSU](#).

**Legend:**






- Verified "a-g" course with a grade of C- or better
- Verified "a-g" course with a grade of D or lower
- Not a verified "a-g" course
- Course listed as "a-g" by school, but not found in UC CMP database
- Enrolled or planned course
- Subject area has been satisfied


	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
<b>A. History / Social Science</b> 2 years required 2 years completed		W Hist/Civ I S1 2020-21 Completed B	US History I S1 2021-22 Completed A	
		W Hist/Civ II S2 2020-21 Completed B	US History II S2 2021-22 Completed A	
<b>B. English</b> 4 years required 3 years completed	English I S1 2019-20 Completed A	English II S1 2020-21 Completed A		AP Eng Lit IV S1 2020-21 UC Honors Approved Completed A
Disciplines have not been met.	English I S2 2019-20 Completed A	English II S2 2020-21 Completed A		AP Eng Lit IV S2 2020-21

# Study Tips for Students

## Study Space & Routine

5 strategies for establishing an effective study space and routine

1	<b>Schedule a daily study time</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pick a time when you are at mental peak.</li><li>• Add a recurring study time to your calendar.</li><li>• Break learning into 20- to 30-minute chunks.</li><li>• Take 2- to 5-minute screen time and brain breaks.</li></ul>
2	<b>Designate a study space</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Select a space where you can focus.</li><li>• Choose a space with good lighting.</li><li>• Set up furniture and tech to avoid fatigue.</li><li>• Organize your materials.</li><li>• Alert your family when you are studying.</li></ul>
3	<b>Eliminate distractions</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Keep study space organized.</li><li>• Control distractions and avoid multitasking.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Silence phone.</li><li>◦ Close and mute social media tabs.</li><li>◦ Avoid listening to music with lyrics.</li></ul></li></ul>
4	<b>Develop good study habits</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Review planner for upcoming deadlines.</li><li>• Create and maintain task lists.</li><li>• Prioritize assignments.</li><li>• Avoid procrastination.</li></ul>
5	<b>Recharge for the next day</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Recharge your device(s) for school.</li><li>• Recharge yourself.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Exercise.</li><li>◦ Eat healthy.</li><li>◦ Sleep.</li></ul></li></ul>



# Study Tips for Students

## Effectively Manage Your Time

Effectively managing your time will help you meet classwork deadlines, increase the quality of your work, reduce your stress, accomplish your goals, and ensure that you have time for your other interests.

1	<b>Keep Track of Your Events &amp; Deadlines</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use a digital calendar.</li><li>• Use a different calendar for school, home, and work.</li><li>• Use a different color for each subject.</li><li>• Leverage event options (add links and notes).</li><li>• Set up notifications on your phone.</li></ul>
2	<b>Set Goals, Prioritize Tasks, &amp; Use Checklists</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1st: Define your <b>SMART</b> goals.</li><li>• 2nd: Prioritize your tasks. Complete urgent tasks first. Plan for the unexpected. Set reasonable timelines for each task.</li><li>• 3rd: Create "to do" lists for items needed to complete your tasks.</li></ul>
3	<b>Create an Action Plan</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Review goals, tasks, and checklists weekly.</li><li>• Divide tasks into daily agendas and/or a weekly planner.</li><li>• Establish a specific study time each day.</li><li>• Avoid procrastination.</li></ul>
4	<b>Reflect, Monitor, &amp; Adjust</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Each week, reflect upon your goals, tasks, checklists, and action plans.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Are you achieving your goals?</li><li>◦ Are you meeting your deadlines?</li><li>◦ Are you using your time most efficiently?</li></ul></li></ul>

# College & Career Center

## Sheila Bergum, Advisor

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- Information on:
  - Colleges
  - Careers
  - Training programs
  - Military
- PSAT, SAT, ACT, AP Testing
- CaliforniaColleges.edu
- College Applications
- Financial Aid
- Scholarships, NCAA

Join the College & Career Center Remind for info: 9th Grade @2028foru 10th Grade @2027foru

Instagram @chs\_collegeandcareercenter . X @ConcordHighCCC . Facebook @collegecareerchs

# Life After High School

## You Have Options!

- **4 Year Public University:**
  - **University of California (UC)**
  - **California State University (CSU)**
- **2 Year Community College**
  - **Diablo Valley College, Los Medanos College, etc**
- **Private colleges**
- **WUE colleges - Western Undergraduate Exchange**
- **HBCUs - Historically Black Colleges and Universities**
- **Career colleges**
- **Apprenticeship programs/trades**
- **Military**
- **Additional on the job training programs**

# Admission Requirements

## California State Universities

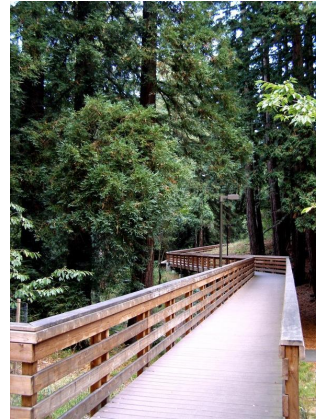
- ❑ **“A-G” courses (minimum grade of C)**
- ❑ **Minimum GPA of 2.5 (for 2025 cycle)**
- ❑ **Students earning a GPA between 2.00 and 2.49 may be evaluated for admission based on supplemental factors.**
- ❑ **One application for all 23 campuses**
- ❑ **\$70.00 application fee per campus**
- ❑ **Fee waiver available depending on income reqs.**



# Admission Requirements

## University of California

- A-G courses (minimum C)
- Minimum GPA = 3.0
- Must have completed 11 of the 15 required A-Gs by end of 11th grade
- No SAT/ACT required
- Four Personal Insight Questions
- Extra-Curricular Activities
- \$80 application fee per campus
- Fee waiver depending on income





# Admission Requirements

## Private/Out-of-State

- **Most institutions are satisfied with A-G courses**
- **SAT/ACT- many institutions are now test optional**
- **Essays and/or work samples**
- **Extra-Curricular Activities**
- **Letters of Recommendation**
  - **Required for some institutions**

# Out-Of-State Option: WUE (woo-wee) Western Undergraduate Exchange



- **15 Western states have a reciprocal agreement that allows students from these states to attend colleges at 150% of the institution's resident tuition.**
- **Not all schools, not all majors, not all students are eligible**
- **These colleges are worth checking out because programs are not impacted.**
- **Go to <https://www.wiche.edu/wue> for more info.**



# HBCUs:

## Historically Black Colleges & Universities

- **Majority of HBCU institutions are in Eastern and Southern United States**
  - Over 100 institutions
  - Alabama has 14 HBCUs
  - California has its own HBCU: Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science
- **HBCUs are a mix of public and private institutions**
  - HBCUs champion diversity
  - “Divine Nine” are a significant part of HBCU culture - Black Fraternities and Sororities
- **HBCUs represent only 3% of American institutions, yet they produce 16% Bachelor degrees and 25% STEM Bachelor degrees received by black students**
- **HBCU College Fair in February Black College Expo information**



# Diablo Valley College

- 18 years old, high school graduate or have GED
- Offer wide range in options:
  - 158 Certificate programs
    - Dental Assisting, Culinary Arts, Computer Information Systems
  - 77 Associate Arts/Science Degrees (two years)
  - 32 Associate Arts/Science Degrees for transfer to 4-year
- Similar programming at Los Medanos & Contra Costa College
- Currently community college classes are \$47.00 a unit, and the average cost to attend full time is \$1700.00 a year.
- Full time, Free tuition program
  - Must complete FAFSA or CADAA to be eligible

# Career Education Schools

## *An alternate path for post-secondary education*

Huge range in program types:

- Loma Vista Adult Education CTEC programs EMT, Dental, Medical Assistant and Administrative Professional
- Certification programs at community colleges (ex: DVC, LMC, CCC, Laney)
- Art schools (California College of Arts, Academy of Art)
- Cosmetology schools (Paris Beauty College, Paul Mitchell, Urban Barber)
- Military, Military Academy (Reserves, Air Force Academy, Military Academy)
- Apprenticeship programs (Plumbers/Steamfitters, Carpenters, Electricians, Ironworkers, Sheet metal workers, Masons)



**Some career schools/programs have academic requirements: high school diploma, must be 18 years old, math prerequisites, etc.**



# 9th and 10th Grade College/Career Planning



- **Take challenging courses and do well in them. Grades count on your college application. Doing well in classes helps you prepare for higher level courses.**
- **Join a club or activity on campus that you are interested in. It will enrich your high school experience, helping you to meet new friends and will also help you explore your interests!**
- **Explore [CaliforniaColleges.edu](http://CaliforniaColleges.edu) Start looking at different careers and the training needed for them. Use the major and college search tools to explore your options.**
- **Check in with Mrs. Bergum and your counselor so we can help you think about your options after high school.**
- **Talk with your family about college plans so there is a clear idea of what they can afford. Having this discussion will help you with your college planning.**

# New College and Career Readiness Platform



## The Tools on CaliforniaColleges.edu



The State of California's official college and career planning platform

We provide students with:



We provide educators with:



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**Parents can create an account to view and monitor student progress**

# Questions?

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**Thanks for attending!**