

9TH
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WELCOME

TODAY'S TOPICS

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

- ❑ Counselor Access & Support Services
- ❑ Importance of Communication
- ❑ Graduations Requirements & Schedules
- ❑ Highlight of Aries Features
- ❑ Grades, Credits and GPA's
- ❑ Basics of College Admission
- ❑ Time Management and Goal Setting
- ❑ Supports and Resources



YEARLY COUNSELING FOCUS

Freshmen year - TRANSITION: As a high school student, it's time to become a self advocate, begin managing your own time, finding meaningful involvement and building relationships to support your success during high school and all the years that follow!



HOW CAN FAMILIES HELP: Support your student's efforts. Encourage them to take the lead in conversations with teachers and school staff. Ask them to share their goals and action steps to get there so you can help hold them accountable. Encourage involvement in school activities and ask them to tell you something about their day, even if it is small.



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WHO IS MY COUNSELOR?

Ms. Ortega: A - Di
lgriego@hlpusd.org



Ms. Jara: Do - J
mjara@hlpusd.org



Mr. An: K - Mo
davidan@hlpusd.org



Ms. Khan: Mu - S
jkhan@hlpusd.org



Ms. Valenzuela: T - Z
ncvalenzuela@hlpusd.org



Ms. Hannah: Intern

ENCOURAGE your student to stop by during break or lunch!

Parents are able to email counselors or contact the
Counseling Office at 626-934-4411; our staff are a great
resource to clarify information!



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High school is full of changes, worries, opportunities, and excitement!
Here is just a sample of the things counselors support students with:

ACADEMICS

Four Year Planning
Credit Recovery
Goal setting
Effective Study Habits
Time Management
School Pressure
Class/Teacher Concerns



**ENCOURAGE STUDENTS
TO KEEP OUR CAMPUS
SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE!**



COLLEGE/CAREER

Career Exploration
Dual Enrollment Classes
Understanding College
Admission Requirements
College Applications
Recommendation Letters
Understanding Financial Aid

SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL HEALTH

Personal Problems
Peer Relationships
Conflicts with Others
Family Concerns
Feeling Sad or Anxious
Referrals to Counseling



**See Something
Say Something**



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YEARLY INDIVIDUAL STUDENT CONFERENCES

Grade Level Conference Timeline

Aug-Oct: Seniors

Oct-Dec:

Sophomores

Jan-Mar: Juniors

Mar-May: Freshmen

Appointments will be available on Canvas when your time comes!

**FOUR YEAR PLANNING
SESSIONS COMING IN
JANUARY!**



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230 CREDITS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION

40 English

30 Math

30 Science

30 Social Science

20 Physical Ed.

20 LOTE/VAPA/CTE

60 Electives



9th Grade 6 Classes

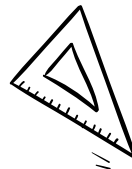
English
Math
Science
PE
Elective
Elective



LOTE: Language Other Than English
VAPA: Visual and Performing Art
CTE: Career Technical Education

10th Grade 6 Classes

English
Math
Science
Social Science
PE
Elective



11th Grade 6 Classes

English
Math
Science
Social Science
Elective
Elective

12th Grade 5 Classes

English
Social Science
Elective (Math)
Elective
Elective
Elective

6 Classes + 6 Classes + 6 Classes + 5 Classes = 230 credits!

Each class passed with D- or higher earns 5 HS credits each semester!

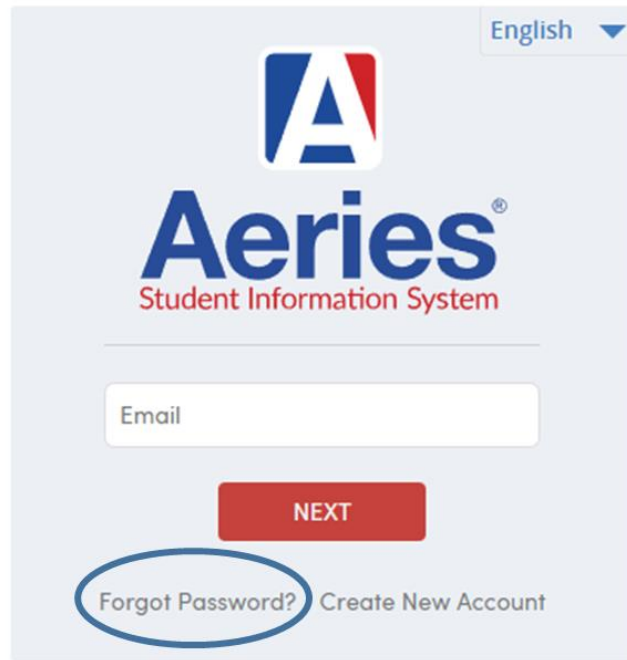


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ACCESS THE AERIES PARENT PORTAL OFTEN!

ALL families should have access to Aeries!

Is someone else more 'techy' and wants to support you and your student? Access can be granted to anyone you have listed under emergency contacts!



Add the person to your contacts, if not there already, then contact the office to allow Aeries Portal access!

Colleges/Universities Permitted

Allows colleges/universities to have access to your student's through presentations, printed material, and recruitment

☒ Allow ☐ Deny

Contacts

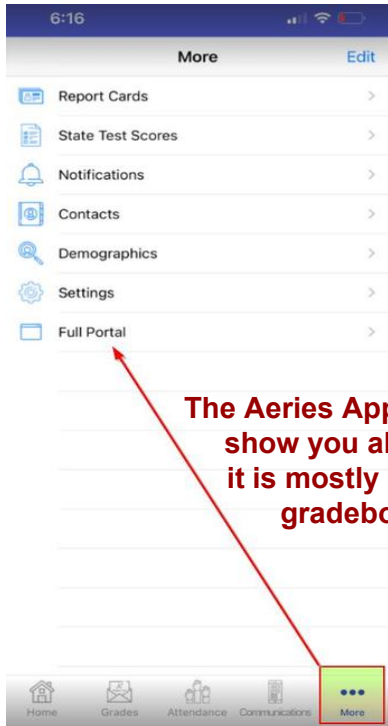


Check authorizations too!



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STUDENTS REVIEWED THEIR SCHEDULES



The Aeries App does NOT show you all of this; it is mostly used for gradebook!!

Glen A. Wilson High	
Course	Pd
4760 - No Zero Period	0
19957C - Integr Math 1	1
2903B - ENGLISH 1	2
6500 - PE 9	3
6860D - BIOLOGY	4
4130E - SPANISH 1	5
2000F - INTRO ART	6

Zero periods typically not available for 9th graders

Math class ✓

English class ✓

PE class (or sport / Marching Band) ✓

Science class ✓ (could be Focus class)

Elective class #1 ✓

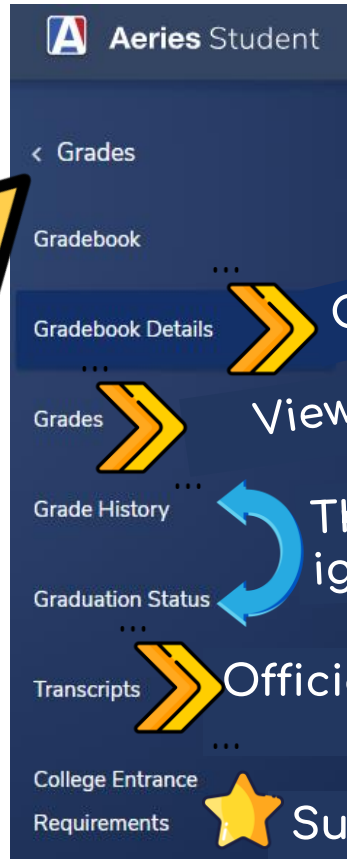
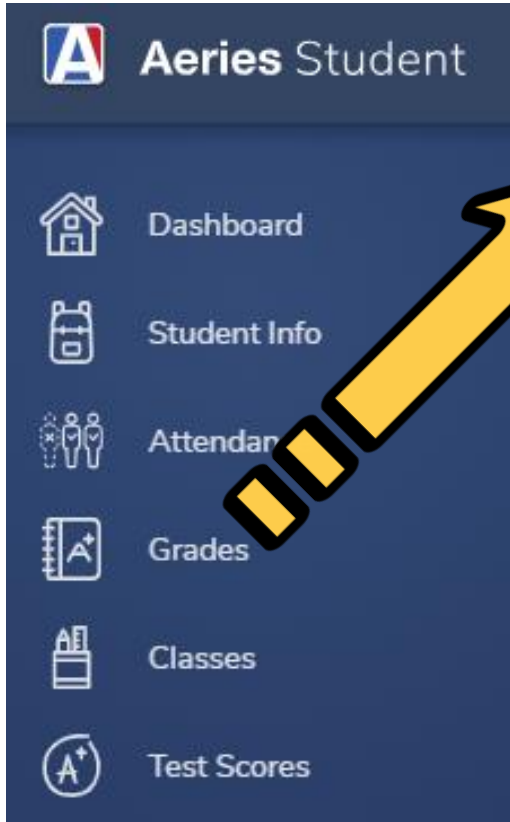
Elective class #2 ✓

In this case, those 20 credits of LOTE/VAPA/CTE would be completed this year!



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SO MUCH DATA IN Aeries!



CHECK IT OUT

Check for missing assignments!

View report card grades

These two are a little messy; best to ignore.

Official record of all HS grades, we'll review more next year!

Super important, but not yet...



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Aeries GRADEBOOK = OFFICIAL GRADES

Options: Orth, E LOrth@hlpusd.org

#	Description	Category	Score	# Correct	%
1	1st day Introduction	Classwork/Homework	10 / 10	10 / 10	100.00%
2	Tu vida Diaria pg. 3 ex: 1/2	Classwork/Homework	2 / 5	2 / 5	40.00%
3	go verbs WKSH	Classwork/Homework	0 / 5	0 / 5	0.00%
4	e->ie verb chart	Classwork/Homework	10 / 10	10 / 10	100.00%

Didn't get full points?
Something missing?
Encourage them to
TALK TO THE TEACHER!!

Teachers may use CANVAS
to update Aeries grades,
usually weekly... this varies!

Just like middle
school, there are two
progress reports and
then grades are
FINAL for CREDIT!

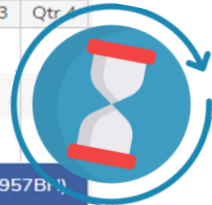
The Aeries GRADES screen will show you your final grade EACH GRADING PERIOD along with GPA and rank for the most recent grading period (in yellow).

Grades											
Per	Crs-ID	Course	Teacher(s)	1st 6WK	2nd 6WK	1st Sem	1st 6WK	2nd 6WK	2nd Sem		
1	6927GH	AP CompSci Prin	67 Bushyeager, C	A+	A+	A	A	A	A		
2	9965DH	AP Physics 2	26 Bates, D	A+	A	A	B+	B	B		
3	5459CH	AP Calculus AB	57 Young, S	C-	C	B	F	F	B-		
4	2957BH	AP English Lit	91 Casey, J	A	A	A	C	B	B		

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ALL 9TH GRADERS WILL MAKE A PLAN!

Subject Area	Credits Needed	9th Grade					10th Grade					11th Grade					12th Grade			
		Semester1		Semester2		Summer	Semester1		Semester2		Summer	Semester1		Semester2		Summer	Semester1		Semester2	
		Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4		Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4		Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4		Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4
A-English 1	0/10	ENGLISH 1 H (2900B)		ENGLISH 1 H (2900B)																
B-English 2	0/10						English 2H (2930B)													
C-English 3	0/10											AP Eng Lang (2954BH)								
D-English 4	0/10																AP English Lit (2957Br)			
G-World studies/Cultur	0/10						World History (7451A)													
I-U. S. History	0/10											US History (7439A)								
K-Civics	0/5																CIVICS (7495A)			
L-Economics	5/5																			
M-Mathematics	0/30	Int Math1 w Com (M0003)		Int Math1 w Com (M0003)			Integr Math 2 (19996C)					Integr Math 3 (20047C)					Pre Calculus H (5399CH)			
N-Biological Science	0/10	BIOLOGY (6860D)		BIOLOGY (6860D)																
O-Physical/Earth Scien	0/10						CHEMISTRY (6890D)					CHEMISTRY H (6893DH)								
P-Physical Education	0/20	DANCE P.E (6635)		DANCE P.E (6635)			DANCE P.E (6635)													
Q-Science	0/10																			
R-Fine Art/Foreign/CTE	0/20	SPANISH 1 (4130E)		SPANISH 1 (4130E)			SPANISH 2 (4145E)					SPANISH 3 (4157E)					Child/Ado Dev 2 (CT7511)			
Z-Electives	0/60	Inter Ethnic St (EC0014)		Inter Ethnic St (EC0014)			No Zero Period (4760)					No Zero Period (4760)					No Zero Period (4760)			
		No Zero Period (4760)																		



THIS HAPPENS IN JANUARY, AFTER THEY SETTLE IN!



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WE REVIEW ALL GRADUATION & COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS, SUBJECT BY SUBJECT!

ENGLISH | GRADUATION: 4 YEARS A-C: 4 YEARS



9th Grade: English 1 or English 1 Honors

10th Grade: English 2 or English 2 Honors

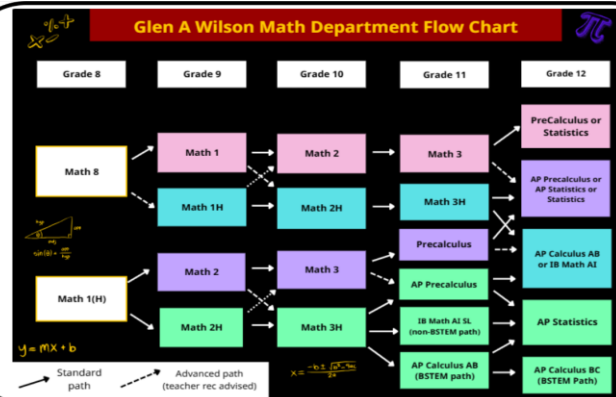
11th Grade: English 3 or AP English Language

12th Grades: ERWC or AP English Literature

Honors classes will focus on preparation for AP. There is more critical thinking and writing with a greater importance on self discipline.

Planning on the IB Program?

English 1H ➔ AP Language ➔ IB English Y1 ➔ IB English Y2



SOCIAL STUDIES

GRADUATION: 3 YEARS | A-C: 2 YEARS

9th Grade: No class

10th Grade: World History or AP World History

11th Grade: US History or AP US History

12th Grade: Civics & Economics or AP Government & Econ Honors



Some students choose to take their history class over summer school to make room for an extra elective class in their schedule.

ELECTIVES

Business Pathway

Business & Finance
Business Marketing
Business Management



Child Development Pathway

Child Development 1
Child Development 2
Elementary Aide (12th only)



Culinary Arts Pathway

Culinary 1
Culinary 2
Culinary 3



Computer Science Pathway

Computer Science Essentials
AP Computer Science Principles
AP Computer Science A
AP Cyber Security
iOS App Development Honors



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HS GRADES MATTER & DETERMINE OPTIONS!

When you need help...it's there

tutor.com



What do you need help with today?

English

Please take a moment to review our [honor code](#).

Topic

Science

Subject

Biology

Grade

9th

How would you like to work with your tutor?

☒ Chat Only ☐ Chat + Voice

Enter your question

I do not understand cell biology

[Attach a File](#)

CONNECT NOW

Many teachers have resources posted on Canvas, Remind support or after school help!



Khan Academy

Math

K-12 Resources



What is the domain of a function?



What is the range of a function?



Worked example: domain and ra...



After school
tutoring
coming
SOON!



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IMPORTANCE OF HS GRADES AND \$\$\$\$\$

The “No Cal Grant Zone”



Evelyn is a high school senior

- ✓ Family size is 5
- ✓ Family income is \$94,000
- ✓ 2.85 Cal Grant GPA

Will Evelyn receive a Cal Grant?

2027-28 CAL GRANT PROGRAM INCOME CEILINGS		
	Cal Grant A and C	Cal Grant B
	GPA: 3.0 min.	GPA: 2.0 min.
Dependent students and Independent students with dependents other than a spouse		
Family size:		
Six or more	\$175,500	\$96,400
Five	\$162,700	\$89,300
Four	\$151,800	\$79,800
Three	\$139,700	\$71,800
Two	\$136,400	\$63,700
Independent students		
Single, no dependents	\$55,700	\$55,700
Married, no other dependents	\$63,700	\$63,700



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WATCHING YOUR GRADES WILL HELP STUDENTS BE READY FOR COLLEGE AND CAREER!

Grades and GPA
will be most
important
factors in college
admission!

Maximize GPA
and avoid
having to repeat
class by earning
C's or higher!

2.5 GPA
required for
CSU System

A-G Requirements

Complete **15** A-G
courses with grades C
or better

3.0 GPA
required for
UC System

A: History
2 years required

**ALSO NEEDED FOR
GRADUATION!**

B: English
4 years required

**ALSO NEEDED FOR
GRADUATION!**

C: Mathematics
3 years required
(4 years recommended)

**ALSO NEEDED FOR
GRADUATION!**

D: Science
2 years required
(3 years recommended)

**ALSO NEEDED FOR
GRADUATION!**

**E: Language other
than English**
2 years required
(3 years recommended)



**F: Visual and
Performing Arts**
1 year required



G: College-Preparatory Elective
1 year required



**ALSO NEEDED FOR
GRADUATION!**

GRADES EARNED MUST BE 'C' OR HIGHER TO COUNT FOR A-G!



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COMPLETING A-G PREPARES STUDENTS FOR:

Any Community College, adult school, vocational school
military branch, the work force AND:

California State University System (CSU), University of
California System (UC) as well as MANY private colleges
and universities*



**Private schools may have additional requirements (like more math, specific science classes or LOTE), we encourage researching ASAP!*



WHAT ARE COLLEGES LOOKING AT...

Community College: All students are admitted, nothing additional required beyond graduation - **BUT** strong academic skills will make you more successful in completion of your goals (*certificates, degree and/or transfer*).

it
depends.

Adult/Trade Schools: Basic skills testing often required; more specialized programs may require certain classes or high school GPA, but it **varies greatly** by industry.



Military: Basic skills testing often required; Military ACADEMIES are highly selective and have very specific requirements you should start researching NOW.



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WHAT ARE COLLEGES LOOKING AT...

CSU Campus: A-G course completion with qualifying GPA (2.5+). A higher GPA will be required for impacted (popular) majors.

UC Campus: A-G course completion with qualifying GPA (3.0+). UC's do a comprehensive review of 14 factors like courses taken, rigor of classes, achievements, academic growth,

Activities, leadership roles, special circumstances and student insight.

Private Colleges / Universities: Generally UC style review: ~~some may require or at least consider SAT/ACT~~



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HOW CAN I PLAN FOR COLLEGE COSTS?

A \$6,838 tuition bill and a \$15,588 tuition bill look very different. But those numbers alone don't tell you what your family will actually pay. In California, state aid, campus fees, housing, scholarships, and your own financial situation can change the comparison substantially.



Lower Costs

CSU tuition ~ \$6K/yr
(in-state)



State Aid

Cal Grant & MCS
reduce real cost



Best Value

71% rank aid above
prestige (Orbit data)



Smart Path

Community college
transfer saves more

CSU

In-State Tuition

~\$6,000

per year

VS

UC

In-State Tuition

~\$15,000+

per year



Aid can lower
your real cost
at both CSU
and UC.



**Stanford
University**

\$52,030

average annual need-based scholarship from Stanford

BELOW

\$150,000

in annual family income,
with typical assets:
tuition charges
covered
(beginning 2020-21)

BELOW

\$65,000

in annual family income,
with typical assets:
tuition, room and board
covered



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HOW TO KEEP TRACK OF ALL THIS INFO?



CALIFORNIA
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DISCOVER. PLAN. LAUNCH.

The State of California's Official College and Career Planning Platform

Smoothing the Path for Students

When students are signed in to CaliforniaColleges.edu, educators can track their activities and application progress using built-in reporting tools.



Log-In

Career
Exploration

College &
Major Search

Coursework
Planning

Financial Aid
Lessons

Application
Submissions



A legislatively-designated, authorized service provider to all California school districts (CA Ed. Code 60900.5)



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REGISTER AS A PARENT FOR ACCESS!



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CaliforniaColleges.edu

Your free, all-access pass to a bright future.

Students, find your path and build knowledge, skills, and a plan to achieve your dreams. **Parents and educators**, guide and support them every step of the way.

Register Your Account

Register

1 — 2 — 3 — 4

Tell us who you are

I am a Parent/Guardian

What is the name of your child's School District ?

Hacienda La Puente Unified

What is the name of your child's School ?

Glen A. Wilson High

* All fields required

CANCEL

NEXT

Your Child's Information

Your Child's First Name

Willie

Your Child's Last Name

Wildcat

Your Child's Student ID Number

123456789

Your Child's Date of Birth

01/01/2012

You will be asked for your student's school, name, birthdate and Wilson ID number !



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GREAT INFO FOR YOUR STUDENT!



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Family Dashboard

My Students, College, Career, and Financial Aid

Find everything you need here to help your student successfully prepare for life after high school. To support your students as they learn new terms, access our [Vocabulary](#) list.

MY STUDENTS



Willie Wildcat

Glen A. Wilson High

[Add Another Student](#)

COLLEGE

[Learn about Admission Requirements](#)

[Help Your Student Find the Right College Fit](#)

[Support Your Student with the Application Process](#)

[What to do after Applying to College](#)

CAREER

[Help Your Student Prepare for the Work World](#)

[Help Your Student Find the Right Career Fit](#)

FINANCIAL AID

[Financial Aid Basics](#)

[Determining Aid Based on Circumstance](#)

[Help Your Student Apply for Financial Aid](#)

[What to do after Applying for Financial Aid](#)



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LESSONS HELP KEEP STUDENTS ON TRACK!



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My Plan College Career Financial Aid



My Plan

Preparing for life after high school starts now. Use My Plan to organize your thoughts, track steps, and develop a clear plan for the future.

Lessons

Academic Planner

Life Planner

My Career Plan

My College Plan

My Goals

My Journal

My Experiences

My Documents

College and Career

Financial Aid

College and Career Lessons

To Do (15) ▾



1

Setting Yourself Up for Success

In Progress >

Lessons

Resources

Completed To Do's

Status

Learning to Persist

No Resources

0/1 ▾

In Progress

Accomplishing Your Goals

No Resources

0/2 ▾

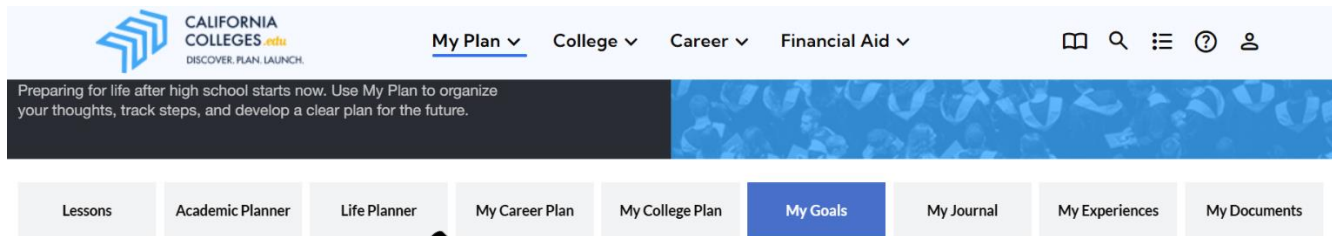
In Progress

Some lessons may be done in classes, but students have full access at all times!



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STUDENT'S COMPLETED THIS GOAL SETTING



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Lessons Academic Planner Life Planner My Career Plan My College Plan **My Goals** My Journal My Experiences My Documents

ACADEMIC GOALS

#01 - Set a goal involving your academic achievement during your first year of high school.

Check out their goal and help support and applaud their efforts!

Specific: What are you hoping to do? Be as specific as possible - details will help you succeed.

I would like to maintain grades of B or better in my English class for this semester.

Measurable: How will you know you reached this goal? Think of a clear sign of success.

I will see B grades in English on each of my progress reports and my final transcript.

Achievable: Is this goal doable? You want to be optimistic but realistic.

Yes, this goal is doable because I know my English teacher is supportive and I am willing to ask for help when I need it.

Relevant: How will reaching this goal make a positive difference in your life?

Doing well in my English class will help me be successful in my other classes too and make me more prepared to continue learning even after high school.

Timely: When do you want to reach this goal?

I want to reach this goal each grading period this semester.



HELP THEM STAY ON SCHEDULE!

Time Management Weekly Schedule

Use this schedule to block out your commitments e.g. school, sport, extracurricular activities, work etc. Then work on blocks of free time to set your time for homework and study hours - be sure you focus on your priorities.

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
7:30am							
8:30am							
9:30am							
10:30am							
11:30am							

Don't ask if they have homework - even if there is no homework DUE, there are still things to study and review!



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HIGH SCHOOL IS NEW & IT CAN BE STRESSFUL!

There are LOTS of resources on the counseling website! If you feel your student needs additional supports, please reach out to their counselor!

Services FREE for students with medi-cal:



Pacific Clinics
ADVANCING BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE

Check with your insurance provider...



FindYourWords.org



Free access for all students

USC Telehealth

NOT SURE HOW TO TALK TO YOUR PARENTS?

Talking to a parent about mental health can be scary for a number of reasons. Click this link for some of the most [common concerns people give for not talking to their parents and some tips for overcoming them.](#)



TeenzTalk.org™

We are a platform for all youth to come together and be heard in an uplifting, brave environment.

care/solace

** Click here to start an anonymous search **

Calming the Chaos of Mental Health Care.

IT GETS
BETTER
PROJECT



All About Stress

Why do we feel stress? How does it show up in our bodies? And can stress ever be good?

[Learn more >](#)

988 SUICIDE & CRISIS
LIFELINE

No matter where you live in the U.S., you can easily access 24/7 emotional support.

Call or text 988 or visit 988lifeline.org/chat to chat with a caring counselor.

We're here for you.



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COLLEGE ACCESS PLAN (CAP) RESOURCES

College Access Plan (CAP) offers **FREE** college readiness support for students and families. **Anyone and everyone** is welcome. Stay tuned for more details!

CAP HELPS STUDENTS...

- Build a college list
- Submit college applications
- Submit FAFSA or Dream Act
- Write college essays
- Explore careers and majors
- Find scholarships



DROP-IN HOURS
3:30-5:30PM

MON & WED

WILSON
ROOM: TBD



QUESTIONS?



perla@collegeaccessplan.org



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PARENTS CAN VIEW RESOURCES IN THE COUNSELOR CANVAS PAGE TOO!

▼ Mental Health Resources

 [Wilson HS NAMI Resources](#) 

 [Wilson HS Resources Page](#) 

▼ Academic Support Resources

 [Study Skills Tip Sheet.pdf](#)

 [Quizlet is a GREAT resource to help you study!](#) 

 [Khan Academy is another good resource for study materials](#)

 [How to Avoid Cramming for a Test](#)

 [Tips to Maximize your Memory](#)



▼ Athletics - Stop by the athletics office in ASB for any

 [Wilson Athletic Clearance Steps](#) 

 [Interested in Playing College Athletics?](#) 

 [Guide for College Bound Student Athletes.pdf](#)

 [NCAA Initial Eligibility Standards](#)

▼ 9th Grade Classroom Presentations

 [AFTER presentation questions](#) 

 [2026 9th Grade Fall Class Presentation](#)

 [Goal Action Plan Handout](#)

 [Student Weekly Schedule Worksheet.pdf](#)

Easily access
resources!



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VIEW TONIGHT'S PRESENTATION & UPCOMING EVENTS!

COUNSELING

My Counselor

Graduation Requirements

Credit Recovery

Career Exploration

College Planning

University of California UC

California State University
CSU

Community College

Independent Colleges

CAP: College Access Plan

Financial Aid

Mental Health Resources

Parent Night Presentations

Scholarships

Summer Information

Future Wildcats

COFFEE WITH THE PRINCIPAL *in Media Center*

Hosted by Principal, Dr. Danielle Kenfield

Tues., September 22, 2026 @ 6:30 PM

Emotional Health and Wellness

- Managing Stress w/Healthy Options
- Cultivating Healthy Relationships
- School Resources

Tuesday, October 27, 2025 @ 6:30 PM

The State of College Admissions

- College Choice and Fit
- High Stakes Exams & Admissions
- Tips for Writing the College Essay

Wed., February 3, 2027 @ 6:30 PM

College Recommendations that Tell YOUR Story

- 4-Year High School Plan/Transcript
- Resume/Brag Sheet

Tuesday, March 2, 2027 @ 6:30 PM

The State of the School

- Review of Achievements & Gaps
- Goal Setting for 2026-27
- Improvement Recommendations

**THANK YOU FOR
ATTENDING!**

