

Welcome to Freshman Family Night!

Class of 2030





**The PSTO is the ONLY parent run
group on campus that supports
EVERY student at
El Toro High School**



Join the ETHS PSTO Today!



What does PSTO do?

→ 3 Family Education Nights

- ◆ Drivers Training (Oct), Athletic Recruiting (Nov), Career/Tech OR Financial Aid (March)

→ Finals Treats, Bullring, Welcome and Awards Celebrations

→ Classroom needs through Education Boosters

→ 3 Staff/Teacher Appreciation Luncheons

→ Parent & Student Volunteer Opportunities

→ Membership PopUp Perk may include extra

Graduation Tickets!



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Connect with PSTO

- Join the PSTO Family Remind Group text “@pstofamily” to 81010
- Visit us at www.ethsPSTO.org
- Faith Lattomus- president@ETHSPSTO.org
- Tricia Ashimine- gradnite@ETHSPSTO.org



Agenda

1. ET Counseling Staff and resources
2. Graduation vs. A-G requirements
3. Options after high school
4. Preparing for college & career



ETHS School Counselors



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ETHS SSTs (Student Services Technicians)



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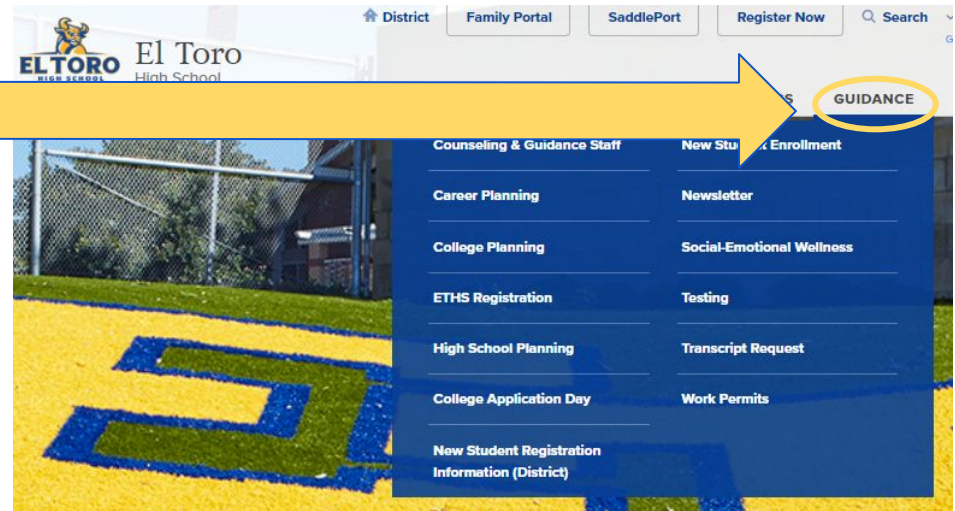
- Help to multilinguals on **any** school related subject
- In need of resources - *housing, food, medical, mental health, etc?*
- Ayuda a Multilingües sobre cualquier tema relacionado con la escuela
- Necesita recursos - vivienda, alimentos, servicios médicos, salud mental, etc?

Encourage your student to visit us in the Counseling Hallway before school, during Snack or Lunch, or after school

Visit our Counseling Website

Follow us on Instagram
@eths_counselors

Resources Google Folder
(end of presentation)



How Can We Help You?

SST's (Student Service Technicians) help with....

- Registration
- General Guidance Questions
- Class Scheduling
- Graduation Status & Requirements
- Community Service Form
- Proof of Residency

Counselors help with....

- College & Career Guidance
- Social-Emotional/Mental Health Support
- Academic Intervention
- Referrals for Additional Support



So Long Middle School...

What to expect from high school:

- Semester grading system
 - No more trimesters
 - Two semesters with final grades
 - Fall: August - December
 - Spring: January - June
- Same daily schedule
- Graduation Requirements



ETHS Graduation Requirements

SUBJECT	REQUIREMENT
English	40 credits
Math	30 credits
Science	30 credits
Social Studies	30 credits
Health	5 credits
Physical Education	20 credits
Visual or Performing Arts, World Languages or Career Technical Education	10 credits
Electives	55 credits
Total Credits:	220 credits

- Grades of “D” or higher to pass a class
- What classes count for PE credit?
 - PE
 - Athletics, Pep Squad
 - Marching Band, Color Guard
 - Power Walking, Weight Training (10th - 12th grade only)
- Community Service - 8 hours total (over 4 years)
 - Due by December of their senior year
 - List of options posted in Counseling Hallway



A-G Requirements

- Grades of "C" or higher are required
- 2 Years in the same World Language course
- 1 year of a Visual or Performing Art (VAPA) course

El Toro High School



Guidance Department
updated 1/2017

A-G Requirements

for UCs and Cal States

A	HISTORY 2 years required	 
B	ENGLISH 4 years required	   
C	MATHEMATICS 3 years required <u>through</u> Algebra 2	  
D	LAB SCIENCES 2 years required—3 recommended	  
E	FOREIGN LANGUAGES 2 years required—3 recommended	  
F	VISUAL/PERFORM. ARTS 1 year required	
G	COLLEGE PREP ELECTIVE 1 year required	

Grades of "C" or higher are required for all A-G courses.



Graduation & A-G Requirements

	<u>High School Graduation</u> Pass with at least a D	<u>A-G Requirements</u> Pass with at least a C
English	4 years	4 years
Math	3 years	3 years (Alg 1, Geo, Alg 2), 4 recommended
History	3 years	2 years
Science	3 years	2 years, 3 recommended
PE	2 years	None
Elective	1 year of CTE or VAPA or Lang	1 year Visual and Performing Arts
World Language	1 year of CTE or VAPA or Lang	2 years of the same language, 3 recommended
Health	1 semester	None



Credit Recovery

What if my student earned a D or F?

- Graduation vs. “A-G” requirements
- Options
 - Summer School - information available in March/April
 - Night School - Credit Recovery (weekly)
 - During school - Period 1 or take the same class again (daily)
 - Silverado High School

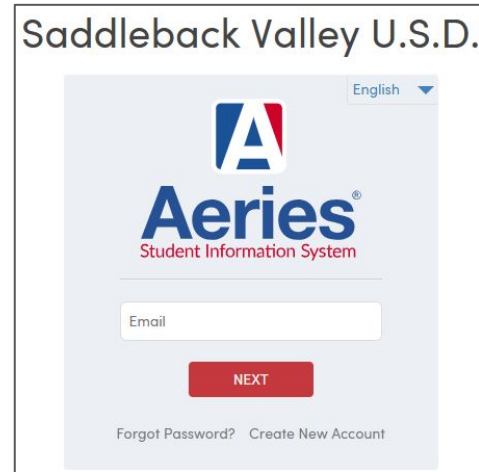
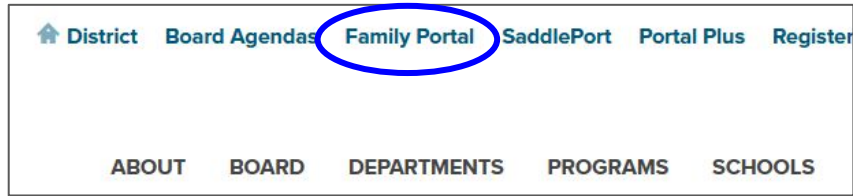
* * For Credit Recovery, please contact your student's SST * *



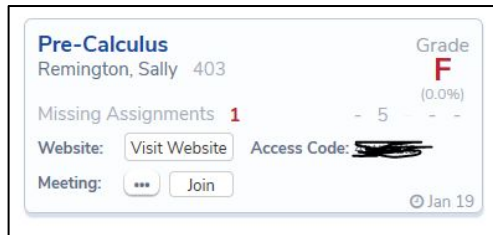
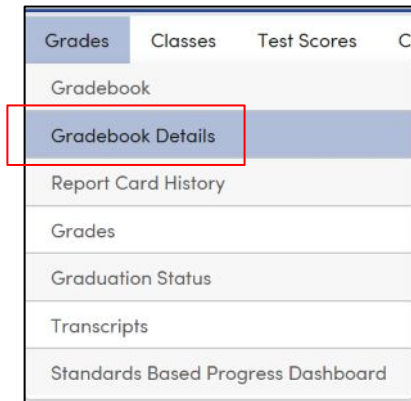
Aeries Family Portal

How do I access my student's information?

- Go to www.svusd.org, click on Family Portal



Aeries Family Portal - Gradebook Details

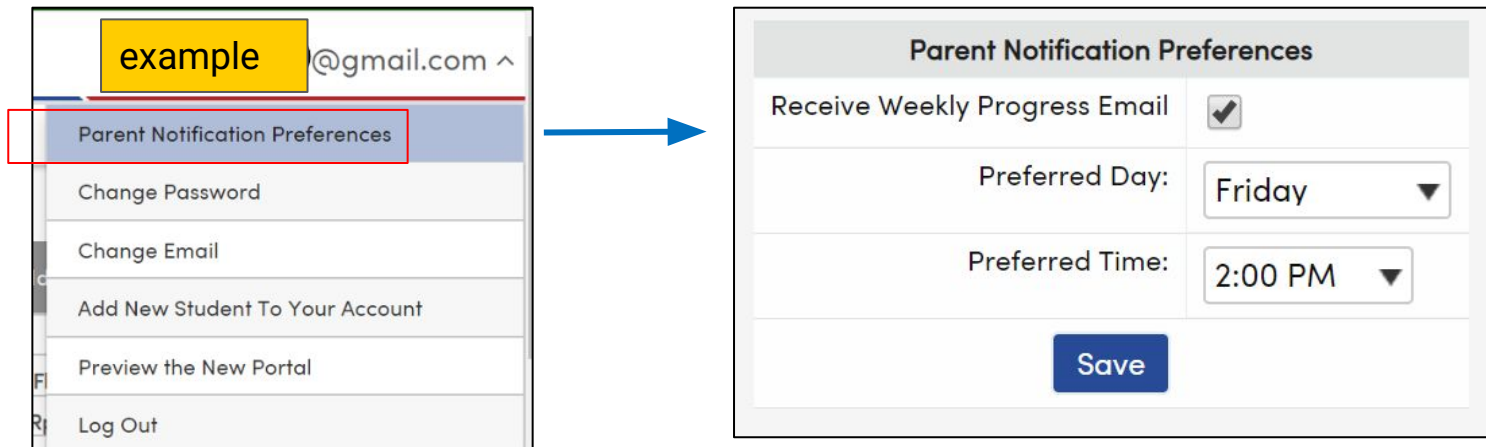


1 - 4.1 Day 1 Homework/Notes Date Completed: 01/08/2021 Due Date: 01/08/2021 Grading Complete: True Date Assigned: 01/05/2021 Due Time: Score 0 / 2 Complete 0 / 2 0.00%
2 - 4.1 Day 2 & 4.3 Day 1 Homework/Notes Date Completed: 01/10/2021 Due Date: 01/10/2021 Grading Complete: True Date Assigned: 01/05/2021 Due Time: Score 0 / 2 Complete 0 / 2 0.00%
3 - 4.3 Day 2 Homework/Notes Date Completed: 01/13/2021 Due Date: 01/13/2021 Grading Complete: True Date Assigned: 01/11/2021 Due Time: Score 0 / 2 Complete 0 / 2 0.00%
4 - quiz 4.1&4.3 Tests/Quizzes Date Completed: Due Date: 01/15/2021 Grading Complete: True Date Assigned: 01/13/2021 Due Time: Score 0 / 10 Complete 0 / 10 0.00%

If you have any questions regarding the assignments or grades listed, please contact the teacher directly.



Aeries Family Portal - Weekly Progress Checks



Attendance

- Attendance is a significant predictor of student success.
- Partner with us in ensuring your child is in school each day.
- Check your child's attendance regularly via the Student/Family Portal.



Attendance

Absences must be cleared **within 3 days** upon returning to school.

- By phone: (949)-586-6333 ext. 236152
- By email: **ETHSAttendance@svusd.org**
 - Emails **WILL** be verified and not taken from student's personal email. They must come from the parent's email.

If there is an error with attendance, please contact the teacher directly.



Tutorial

- Tutorial provides students with an opportunity to get support from a teacher, prepare for a test, complete homework, etc.
- Make sure that your student is attending Tutorial for classes they need more support in.
 - Check their FlexTime appointments



Post High School Options

- Military
- Work
- College
 - Community College
 - Trade/Technical School
 - 4 Year College
 - CSU's, UC's
 - Out of State
 - Public & Private colleges



Community Colleges

- High school diploma or age 18 required to attend
- Options
 - Certificate program
 - Associate Degree
 - Transfer to 4-year university
- Concurrent Enrollment: K-12 students may take courses for **elective** credit during high school!
 - Free classes
 - Must complete paperwork with your school counselor
 - Questions? Contact our Saddleback College Counselor.
Contact information is available in our Resource Google Drive
(end of presentation)



UC's and CSU's - Public 4 Year Universities

University of California (UC)



- 9 campuses
- Applicants must meet the A-G subject requirements with a **minimum 3.0 GPA**
- Comprehensive review
 - GPA, Personal Insight Questions

Cal State University (CSU)



- 23 campuses
- Applicants must meet A-G subject requirements with a **minimum 2.5 GPA**
 - GPA, course load, rigor, and activities



Private & Out of State Colleges

Private Colleges:

- Admission requirements vary by institution
- Tuition is usually more expensive than at public universities, but financial aid is available
- More student/professor interaction
- Ability to complete degree in 4 years
- Letters of recommendation almost always required



Out-of-State Colleges:

- Explore!
- Admission requirements vary by institution
- Out-of-State Tuition
 - Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE)

SAT/ ACT - Refer to school of interest for testing requirements.

NCAA / NAIA - If you are interested, you register in the beginning of 11th grade.



Preparing For College

- College/Career Research - Check out [CaliforniaColleges.edu](https://californiacolleges.edu)
- **Grade Level Checklist** - Posted on the ETHS Guidance website & in the shared *Resource Google Folder* (end of presentation)



EL TORO HIGH SCHOOL 9TH GRADE CHECKLIST

Fall (September - November)

- Become familiar with the [high school graduation requirements](#).
- Develop strong study habits and time management skills.
- Learn about college admission (such as the [A-G requirements](#)).
- Meet with your [school counselor](#) to discuss what you can do today to plan for college.
- Choose a challenging class schedule with honors and/or AP classes.
- Get involved in extracurricular activities, such as on-campus clubs and sports.
- Create a rough draft of a resume to start a log of your activities, classes, and awards.

Winter (December - February)

- Begin to [explore careers](#). What job would you like to have one day? What experience or education is required?
- [Explore colleges/universities](#). What types of schools are you interested in attending?
- Find volunteer opportunities. Be sure to submit your [community service form](#)!

Spring (March - June)

- Meet with your counselor to build a strong schedule for Grade 10.
- Visit your [Student Services Technician](#) to sign up for summer school if you need it.
- Ensure you are still implementing strong study habits and time management skills. Finish the year strong!
- Research activities, classes, volunteer opportunities, and job postings for the summer.

Summer (June - August)

- Complete [community service hours](#) or find a job.
- Visit colleges to start finding what you like about campuses.

Go Chargers!



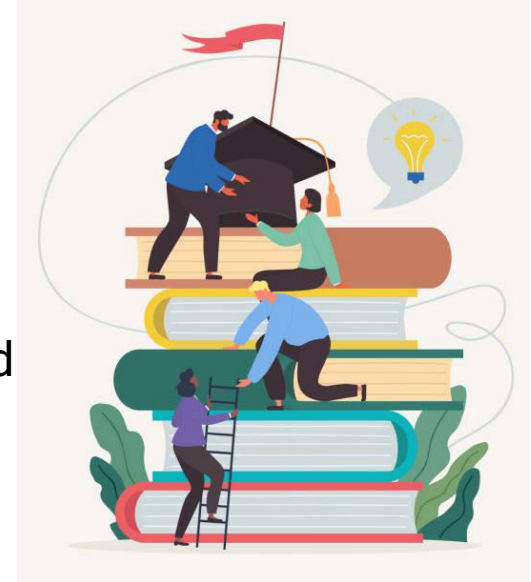
- Student will sign into their existing account on **CaliforniaColleges.edu** using their SVUSD email. If they do not remember their password, they can reset by clicking “Forgot Password?”
- Once logged into their account, they will update their school & grade by going to ***My Account*** (upper right corner) and click ***Edit*** under ***School Info***.



We Need Your Help!

- Have open, honest conversations with your student about their mental health, emotions, and stress levels
- Support involvement in pro-social activities
- Create a quiet, calm, and organized homework environment together
- Encourage healthy eating, frequent exercise, healthy amounts of sleep
- Remember every student is different - reach out for help and seek support for your student

and



Reminders & Tips

- Check the Family Portal frequently for an update on grades. Teachers should update grades every 2 weeks.
- Reach out to teachers to address concerns as early as possible. It helps get everyone on the same page.
- During Back to School Night (**tonight!**), find out the procedures for each class, i.e.. how does the teacher post homework and where, are they using the book or other materials, do they accept late work, etc.
- Talk to your student often about their post-high school plans.



Stay Updated

Counseling Communication

- *News You Could Use!* bulletin board in the Main Office
- ET Counselor Instagram (@eths_counselors)
- Monthly Counseling Newsletter
- “Counselor Corner” in Charger Weekly News and Bullseye Production

Student Support

- Future Ready Thursdays (College & Career Visits)
- Wellness Wednesdays (Mental health related workshops & activities)



SVUSD College & Career Fair 2026 - at LHHS



Wednesday, October 7, 2026



Laguna Hills High School



5:00–8:00 PM - Presentations



**6:00–8:00 PM - College &
Career Representatives**

REGISTER:

www.svusdcollegefair.org

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2026

SAVE THE DATE!

OCTOBER 7TH @ LHHS



5PM – 8PM

PRESENTATIONS



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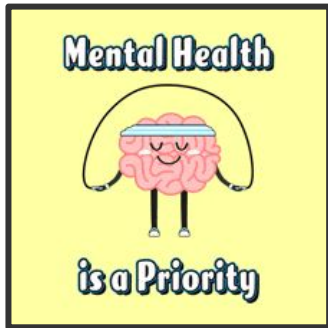
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Mental Health Resources



- **Soluna** - Free Mental Health App for all CA Students (13-25 years old)
 - Interactive tools, peer connection, care navigation, 1:1 coaching
- [**SVUSD Mental Health Resources**](#)
 - Multiple resources (LGBTQ, Grief Counseling, Counseling Centers etc.)
- **988 Suicide Crisis Hotline**
 - Dial 988 or Call 800-273-TALK
- **Crisis Text Line**
 - Text "Hello" to 741-741
- **Mental Wellness Counseling**
 - Ask your student's counselor to refer to the District
- [**HAZEL Health**](#)
 - Parent referral or counselor referral
- [**Western Youth Services One Door**](#)



Thank you!

Please scan the QR code
for digital resources
(or [click here](#)).



**Questions? Please
email your student's
School Counselor.**

Miss Felix (A-Cru): audrie.felix@svusd.org

Mrs. McKelligan (formerly **Kurisu**) (Cu-Ho): kami.kurisu@svusd.org

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