

Graduation Requirements

Students must have completed 280 credits and complete all subject requirements by graduation date to earn a SJUSD diploma.



College & Career Ready Graduation Requirements



Class of 2023 & Beyond

San Juan Unified graduates will be prepared for life after high school. Our graduation requirements support the expectation of rigor and provide opportunities for students to be ready for college and a global, technology-driven workforce.



English 40 Credits Must include English 1-4 or the equivalent(s).	
Social Science 35 Credits Must include 10 world history credits, 10 US history credits, 5 American government credits, 5 economics credits and 5 social studies elective credits.	
Math 30 Credits Math through IM2 is a minimum.	
Science 30 Credits Must include at least 20 credits of lab science, including 10 physical science credits and 10 life science credits.	
PE & Health 25 Credits Must include 20 physical education credits and 5 health credits.	
World Language 20 Credits Must be 20 credits of the same world language to meet A-G.	
Visual & Performing Arts or CTE 10 Credits Must be 10 credits of the same VAPA to meet A-G.	

Total Credit Requirement
Traditional Schedule – 220 Credits
Block Schedule – 280 Credits

Each course semester = 5 credits.

Seal of Biliteracy

- What is it? Recognition by the state for having a high level of proficiency in both English and a world language.
 - Proficient in speaking, reading and writing
 - Students receive a medal for graduation and a seal on their diploma.

REQUIREMENTS

3.0 GPA in all English courses OR scoring “standard met” or higher on the CAASPP OR scoring a 3 or higher on an AP English exam.

AND....

Scoring 3 or higher on an AP language exam OR scoring 3.0 or higher in a 4th level of a world language OR passing a SCOE language exam.

English learners must reclassify in addition to passing the other requirements.

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• MULTILINGUAL SUPPORT DIVISION •

THE CALIFORNIA STATE SEAL OF BILITERACY

What is the State Seal of Biliteracy?
The State Seal of Biliteracy is a recognition by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction for graduating high school students who have attained a high level of proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing in one or more languages in addition to English. The State Seal of Biliteracy is marked by a gold seal affixed to the diploma or transcript.

Where can I find more information about the State Seal of Biliteracy?
More information about the State Seal of Biliteracy is available on the California Department of Education (CDE) State Seal of Biliteracy web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/ml/sealofbiliteracy.asp> or scan the QR code at the bottom of this poster.

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What are the requirements?

English proficiency,
demonstrated by:

+

Second-language proficiency,
demonstrated by:

=



Coursework

or

Assessment
(choose one)

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(choose one)

or

Coursework



Completing all English language arts (ELA) graduation requirements with a 3.0 grade point average (GPA) or above.



Passing the ELA California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) at the "standard met" level or above.



Passing world language AP exam with a three or above.



Completing a four-year high school course of study in the language with a 3.0 GPA or above. This could include coursework completed through dual enrollment at a college if approved by the school or district.



Passing an International Baccalaureate (IB) exam with a four or above.



Passing an ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test (WPT) and Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) with scores of intermediate mid or higher.



Passing the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing section of the SAT with a 480 or above.



Demoting oral proficiency in English by obtaining an oral language composite score of level 4 on the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC).



Passing an International Baccalaureate (IB) exam with a four or above.

Or passing a locally approved assessment that meets the rigor of an AP exam and tests all modalities of communication in the language.

and



Demonstrating oral proficiency in the language comparable to what is required to pass the oral portion of an AP or IB exam.

If the student is currently designated as an English learner, also:



Demoting oral proficiency in English by obtaining an oral language composite score of level 4 on the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC).

Scan for more information:



Questions? Talk to your counselor or email the CDE Multilingual Support Division at SEAL@cde.ca.gov.

Mark Your Calendars: Application Timelines



- **CSU Application:** Open August 1, can begin submitting October 1 Closes November 30
- **UC Application:** Opens August 1, can begin submitting October 1, Closes November 30
- **Community Colleges Applications:** Typically opens in December-February 2027
- **Private Colleges & Out of State Colleges:** Varies, be sure to check college's website
- **Cash for College Night** (help with the FAFSA for financial aid): January 20, 2027
- **FAFSA Application (financial aid):** Opens October 1, priority deadline is March 2, 2027 for Cal Grant

Financial Aid



- Complete FAFSA or CADAA
 - **Free Application for Financial Aid (FAFSA):** <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>
 - **California Dream Act Application (CADAA):** <https://dream.csac.ca.gov/landing>
 - Tuition at our local community college's is only free if you complete the FAFSA/CADAA application
- **OPEN Now!**
- Deadline March 2 for Cal Grant
- Need help? EC is hosting Cash for College Night on January 20, 2027

Who should complete the FAFSA[®] form? Any student, regardless of income, who wants to be considered for federal, state, and school financial aid programs. This includes grants, scholarships, work-study funds, and loans.

Transcripts, Parchment



- Counselors cannot send official transcripts to colleges, unless the college uses Common App or Coalition.
- Students must request for their transcripts to be sent directly from Parchment.
- UC's and CSU's will specifically request if they need a transcript, otherwise, students will not send a transcript until they have been admitted.
- Student Athletes: Transcripts can also be sent to the NCAA Clearinghouse.
- Takes up to 5 days to for transcripts to be sent.
- **Create account online. Visit Registrar's website and click Parchment:**
<https://elcamino.sanjuan.edu/resources/registrar>

Military/Armed Forces

- Speak with a military recruiter. College & Career Center has recruiter's contact information.
 - Take a trusted adult with you when speaking with a recruiter.
 - Ask about the ASVAB test
 - Tuition assistance for college may be available
 - Military training can be transferred to college credits
 - Leadership opportunities
 - Other options: Attend college and then join as an officer, or join college's ROTC program
 - Don't hesitate to ask questions
 - Reserve programs: Marines, Navy, Air National Guard and National Guard
- USMC - <https://www.marines.com/>
 - Army - <https://www.goarmy.com/>
 - Navy - <https://www.navy.com/>
 - Air Force - <https://www.airforce.com/>
 - Coast Guard - <https://www.gocoastguard.com/>
 - Air National Guard - <https://www.goang.com/>
 - National Guard - <https://www.nationalguard.mil/>
- Contact Mrs. Vieira for more information about when military recruiters will be on campus.**

Career/Technical Training Programs

- Many programs are offered through **community colleges**
- **Apprenticeships:** Depending on the type of work, there are apprenticeship programs:

<https://www.dir.ca.gov/databases/das/descOfAppr.html>

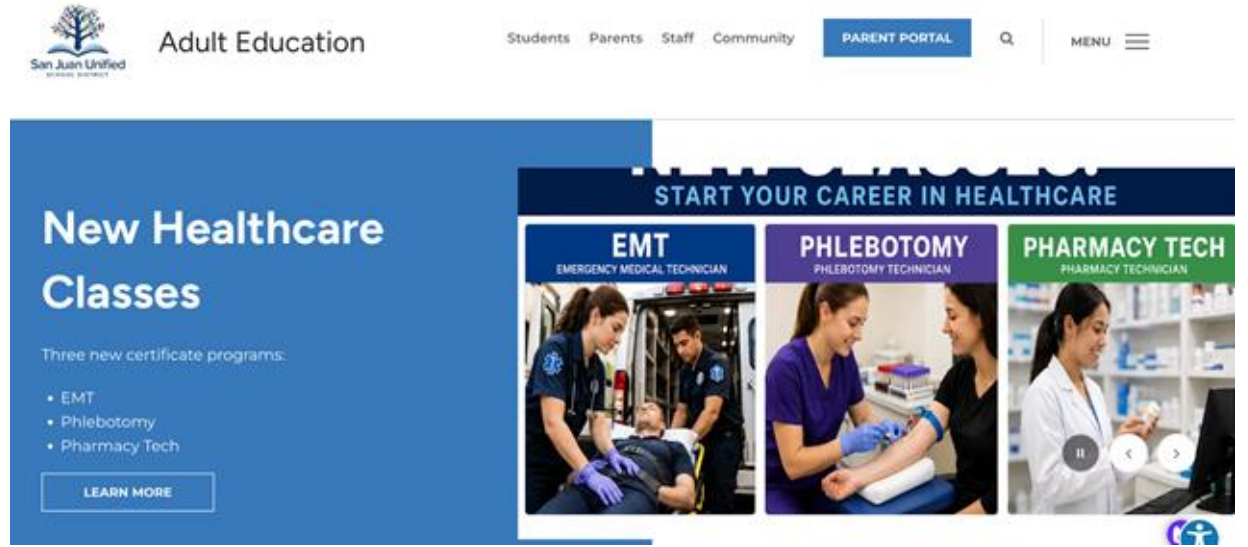
- Auto body, paint
- Mechanic
- Construction
- Electrician
- Cosmetology



SJUSD Adult Ed

<https://adulthoodeducation.sanjuan.edu/>

- EMT
- Phlebotomy
- Pharmacy Technician
- Medical Assisting
- Early Childhood Education Classes (Child Dev. Assistant Permit)
- Dental Assisting



How to Apply to Community College

- Register online. Keep note of your Student ID.
 - Folsom Lake College: <https://flc.losrios.edu>
 - American River College: <https://arc.losrios.edu/>
 - Cosumnes River College: <https://crc.losrios.edu/>
 - Sac City College: <https://www.scc.losrios.edu/>
 - Sierra College: <https://www.sierracollege.edu/>
- Complete orientation session, then meet with counselor to choose classes (virtual sessions are available)
- Los Rios (ARC) application opens February 2027
- Take advantage of “The First Year Experience”: <https://arc.losrios.edu/fye-at-arc>
- Connect with at least 1 of the Student Resources: <https://arc.losrios.edu/support-services>



Tips for filling out college applications

- You must report all courses and grades on your college applications, including dual enrollment.
- Use a personal email address. Do NOT use your SJUSD email.
 - Use an appropriate email!
- Check your email and college portals regularly.
- Keep a binder or secure document with your login information for each college. You will have a separate login for each campus you apply to.
- Double check your work. Once you submit your application you can't go back and edit.
- Use spell check.
- List everything accurately (grades, test scores, class titles, extra-curriculars, etc.)
- Do not have your parent or anyone else fill out your applications.

Tips (continued)

- Each term is equivalent to a semester. When completing the college applications, **be sure to select that El Camino is on the semester track.**
 - **Term 1=semester 1 or Fall**
 - **Term 2=semester 2 or Spring**
 - **Term 3=semester 1 or Fall**
 - **Term 4=semester 2 or Spring**
- Your counselor or Mrs. Vieira are happy to help you! Please schedule an appointment with us before submitting your applications.
- **Use “Semesters” NOT “Quarters” When Filling Out College Applications**

Don't Get Rescinded

- You must notify the colleges you applied to if you change your senior schedule.
- You must report any college courses you've taken (dual enrollment classes).
- If you get a D or F in any class, you must notify the colleges.

4-Year College Admissions

- California State Universities, CSU
 - University of California, UC
 - Private Colleges
 - Out of State Colleges

A-G Minimum Admissions Requirements for CSUs and UCs

- A. History/Social Science: 2 years
- B. English: 4 years
- C. Math: 3 years (passing IM3) (4 years recommended)
- D. Lab Science: 2 years (physical & life) 3 years recommended
- E. Language Other Than English: 2 years of same world language
- F. Visual & Performing Arts: 1 year
- G. College-Prep Elective: 1 year (chosen from subjects above)

These requirements align with SJUSD graduation requirements.
Students must have C's or higher in all A-G courses to apply to CSUs or UCs.



How to Apply to CSU:

- Application: <https://www2.calstate.edu/apply>
- Application Opens August 1, Can Submit October 1
- Deadline to Submit is November 30 (may be extended)
- \$70 to apply, fee waiver for families who qualify
- Have your transcript with you so you accurately report your courses and grades.
- DO NOT SEND YOUR TRANSCRIPT UNLESS YOU ARE SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED TO DO SO.

What you need to apply

CAL STATE APPLY

The application for fall 2025 is open! Start your journey today. Select "Fall 2025" from the menu below, and click Apply to start a Cal State Apply application.

Select **Fall 2026** ▼

Apply

Freshman Application Checklist

When you're ready to begin your application to the CSU, be sure you have these items on hand:

- ☐ **Unofficial transcripts (both high school and college transcripts, if applicable)** You'll be asked to enter all the courses you've completed on your CSU application; those that are currently in progress; and any you plan to take. Transcripts will be requested by campuses as needed.
- ☐ **Your Social Security number**, if you have one.
- ☐ **Your citizenship status**
- ☐ **Credit card or PayPal account** Application fees are due at time of submission.
- ☐ **Annual income** Your parents' if you are a dependent; your income if you are independent
- ☐ **Educational Program, Work and Extracurricular Participation Information** You will need to provide the years you participated in college preparation programs and your average number of hours per week of work and/or participation in extracurricular activities.
- ☐ **Information needed to apply to EOP (if applying)** See the [Apply to EOP website](#) for information about materials needed to complete the optional EOP application.
- ☐ **Test scores** Optional; if you have taken or plan to take the ACT, SAT, AP, IB exams, you may include the information on the application. Reporting test scores is not required. SAT and ACT scores will not be used for determining who gets admitted into the CSU. If you are accepted, the campus will use official test scores to for placement into mathematics and English courses.
- ☐ **California statewide student ID** Optional; every K-12 student in a California public school is assigned an ID number. The number should be printed on your transcript.

University of California, UC's



How to Apply to UC

<https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply-now.html>

What you'll need

It's a good idea to have everything prepared before you start your application so you're not trying to track down information at the last minute.

Here's what you'll need:

1. **Transcripts.** Don't submit your transcripts to UC at this point, but refer to them as you fill out the application to ensure the information you enter is accurate.*
2. **Annual income** for last year and the current year (your parents' if you're a dependent; your income if you're independent). This is optional unless you're applying for an application fee waiver or for the Educational Opportunity Program.
3. **Social Security number**, if you have one. We use this to match your application to things like your test score report, final transcript(s) and, if you're applying for financial aid, your Free Application for Federal Student Aid.
4. **Citizenship status.** You must enter your country of citizenship (or "No Selection"). If your country of citizenship is outside the United States, you'll need to provide your immigration status and your visa type.
5. **California Statewide Student ID** (optional). Each K-12 student in California public schools is assigned an ID number. If it's not printed on your transcript, ask your counselor or registrar.
6. **Credit card.** If you prefer to pay by check, you can mail your payment.

Financial aid is for everyone (including you).

54%

of UC's California undergrads pay no tuition

That's because UC has one of the strongest financial aid programs in the country. And we want you to get every penny of help you deserve.

• [Find out how financial aid can help you](#)



Nine campuses. One application.

Welcome to the University of California's application for undergraduate admissions and scholarships. By starting your application, you're taking your first step toward the best public university system in the world.

Create an account

UC Personal Insight Questions (PIQ's)

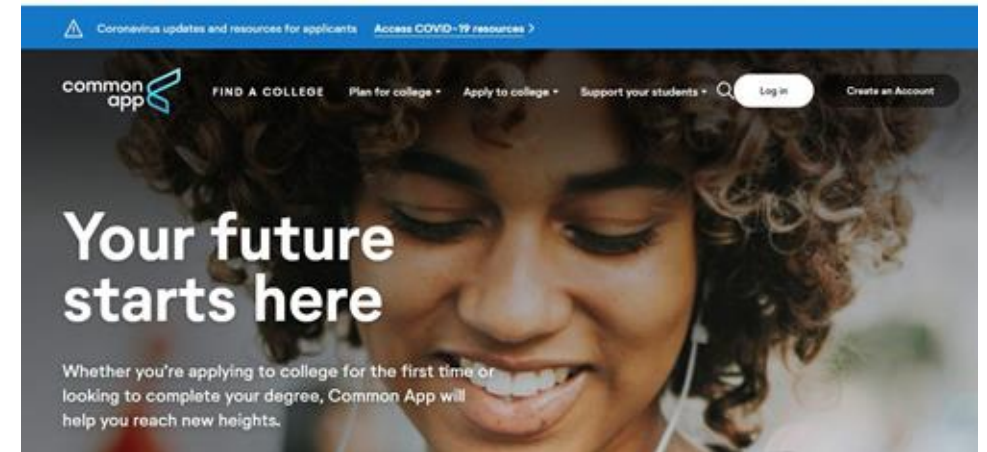
- Choose 4 out of 8 questions to respond to
- 350 words maximum per question
- Tips from UC:
 - Start early
 - Write persuasively
 - Use “I” statements
 - Proofread and Edit
 - Ask for Feedback. Use your own words. Do not plagiarize.
 - Save your work in a Word doc or in Google Docs. Copy and paste your answers to the UC application.
 - <https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/how-to-apply/applying-as-a-first-year/personal-insight-questions.html>

Private Colleges & Out of State Colleges

- Each campus has different deadlines. Check campus website for dates, deadlines, and requirements.
- Private college applications are either on Common App, Coalition, or on the college's website.
- Letters of Recommendations are required.
 - Ask your teacher/counselor in advance (give them at least 3 weeks notice)
 - Pick up a letter of recommendation form from counseling
- Start early

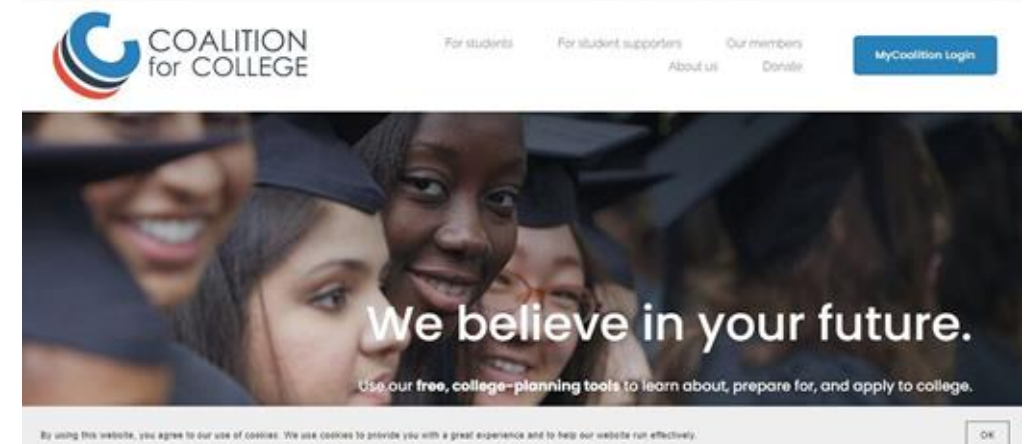
Common Application

- Application: <https://www.commonapp.org/>
- Only for private colleges. UC's and CSU's are not on Common App.
- You must "invite" counselor and teacher.
- Counselor will upload your transcript, letter of rec, and school profile
- Common App essay



Coalition Application

- Application: <https://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/>
- Only for private colleges. UC's and CSU's are not on Common App.
- You must "invite" counselor and teacher.
- Counselor will upload your transcript, letter of rec, and school profile
- Coalition essay



Letters of Recommendation

- Students will need letters of recommendation only for the following:
 - If applying to a private college
 - If applying for a scholarship
- Students need to ask their teachers and/or counselors at least 3 weeks prior to the letter being due.
- Students should complete the **letter of recommendation worksheet** and return it to the counseling office if they need a letter from the counselor.
<https://elcamino.sanjuan.edu/our-school/counseling>
- NEW: Parent/Guardian Brag Sheet
- Students do not need to a letter of recommendation for the UC, CSU, or community college applications.

EOP: Educational/Extended Opportunity Program



- What is it?
 - Support program designed to help first-generation college students, low-income and historically disadvantaged students.
- Support program that offers additional help with academic advising, tutoring, financial aid, counseling, and much more.
- Offered at CSU, UC, community colleges, out-of-state and some private colleges
- Might be named differently in other states (access program, opportunity program, first-generation support)

Student Athletes



- If you're not already registered with NCAA, please register as soon as possible.
- Register at: <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>
- Division 1 and Division 2 athletes:
 - Course requirements are different than college admissions requirements
 - You may still need submit SAT or ACT scores depending on your GPA
- Meet with your high school counselor to review your NCAA course requirements.

College and Career Center



COLLEGE &
CAREER CENTER

How We Can Help

- ✓ understand high school graduation & A-G requirements
- ✓ info. about 2 year, 4 year, vocational, & technical colleges
- ✓ dual enrollment program & high school enrichment classes
- ✓ military recruitments & ASVAB testing
- ✓ college & career exploration
- ✓ help with the college application process & deadlines
- ✓ financial aid support & info. about scholarships
- ✓ SAT and PSAT testing
- ✓ issue work permits

[Schedule Appointment](#)



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