

Yearly Guidance Focus

Sophomore year - Exploration: It's time to explore and investigate careers and colleges. Think about what you enjoy, what you're good at and what is important to you! Research what it takes to achieve these options and try to find activities now to help gain experience.

Transition

Exploration

Research

Selection

How can families help? Spend time in exploration together! There are so many options that it CAN be overwhelming. Breaking things down to explore one by one, like we are doing tonight, can help increase understanding and excitement about the possibilities to continue education beyond high school!



10TH GRADE 2026-27 Counselor Breakdown ¹

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**Counselors are available in the office
during break or lunch for questions, no
appointment needed!**



Let's Start the Exploration!



**THE FOUR SYSTEMS OF HIGHER
EDUCATION IN CALIFORNIA!**
(GREAT CHOICES OUT OF STATE TOO!)

Out of state, Military options, Technical schools and Adult school programs are also great option & will be covered next year!





Why the focus on CA Schools?

We have a GREAT higher education system in California and we want all students to understand their local options!



Best Colleges in America 2025

Money Magazine | All 22 Universities

2025-26 America's Top Colleges

Forbes | 21 Universities

2026 Best Colleges in the U.S.

The Wall Street Journal | 14 Universities

2025 California Mobility Index

College Futures Foundation | 22 Universities

2025 Best Bang for the Buck: West

Washington Monthly | All 23 Universities

U.S. News 2027 Best Colleges rankings by campus

Campus	Public	National
UC BERKELEY	1	20
UCLA	1	20
UC SAN DIEGO	6	29
UC DAVIS	8	34
UC IRVINE	8	34
UC SANTA BARBARA	14	44
UC MERCED	30	69
UC RIVERSIDE	37	80
UC SANTA CRUZ	50	109

Also, knowing how to navigate THESE systems will help students transfer that knowledge into the exploration and research of OTHER opportunities across the country and the world!



California Community Colleges

Designed as 2 Year Programs (Varies)

- Associate Degrees
- Vocational Certificates
- Transfer Track
- Some may offer limited bachelor programs (*Rio has automotive!*)



Low Cost Tuition and Fees

- \$46 a unit (many classes are 3 units)
- Promise Grant may cover all tuition costs
- Additional funds for books, food, supplies are available for many students

Admission Requirements

- No subject requirements, but A-G recommended
- Must be 18 or HS graduate
- Placement determined by HS grades



California State University

Designed as 4 Year Programs - Applied Focus

- Bachelor or Arts/Sciences Degree
- Master Degrees
- Teaching Credentials

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LOCAL SCHOOL!



Admission Requirements

- A-G completion with C's or higher
- CSU GPA must be at least 2.5
- Stem Majors consider math and science GPA more heavily!



Cost: Tuition and Fees

- Total COA about \$27,000 (including room & board!)
- Tuition & fees alone about \$7,800
- Grants can cover full cost of tuition!



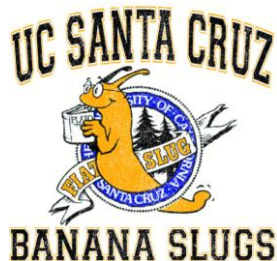
NO SAT or ACT CONSIDERED!



University of California

Designed as 4 Year Programs - Research Focused

- Bachelor or Arts/Sciences Degree
- Master Degrees
- Doctorate Degrees



Cost: Tuition and Fees

- Total COA about \$41,000 (*with room & board!*)
- Tuition & fees alone \$15,300
- Tuition and fees covered for families earning \$80,000 or less

Admission Requirements

- A-G completion with C's or higher
- UC GPA must be at least 3.0
- Personal Insight Questions
- Consideration of activities, awards, community service and outside passions!

**NO SAT or ACT
CONSIDERED!**



Independent Colleges & Universities

Can be 2 or 4 Year Programs

- Associates Degrees
- Bachelor or Arts/Sciences Degree
- Teaching Credentials
- Master Degrees & Doctorate Degrees



ArtCenter



Cost: Tuition and Fees

- Total COA varies widely, \$20 – \$90,000
- Generally more expensive than CSU or UC, BUT may offer great financial aid packages!



Admission Requirements

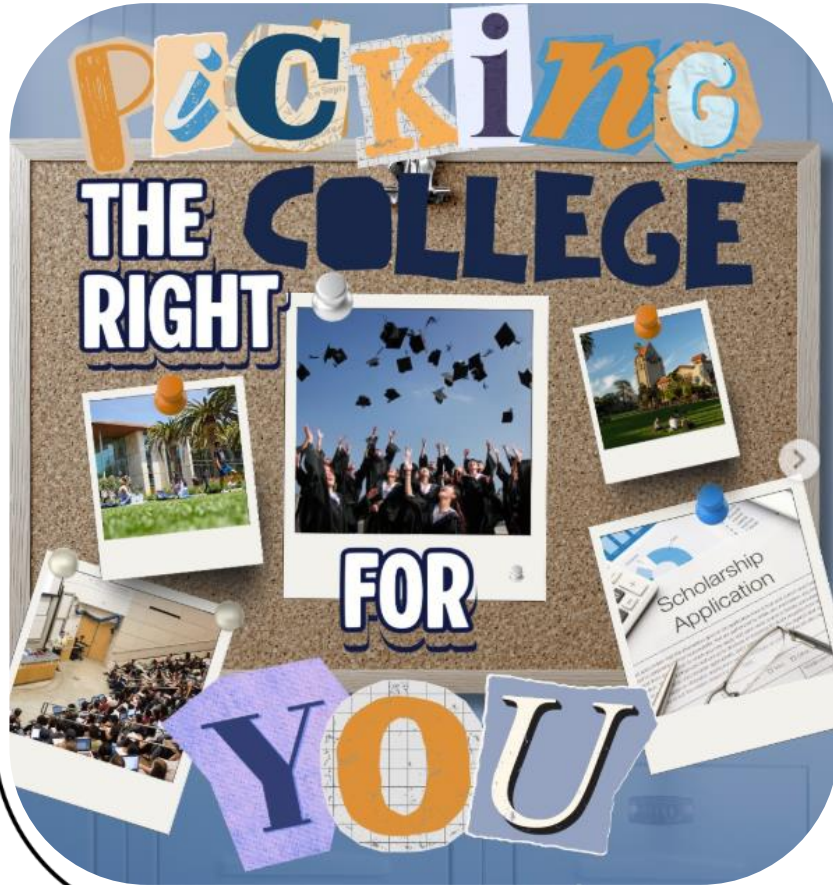
- A-G pattern typical, but varies by school
- Cumulative GPA considered
- Essays and letters of recommendation typical
- Listing of activities, awards, service
- SAT or ACT may be required / optional



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What type of school is the right fit?



Academic Fit Considerations

Selectivity ★ Major Selection

Class Size ★ Resources

Social Fit Considerations

Location ★ Size ★ Environment

Activities and Clubs

Financial Fit Considerations

Tuition Cost ★ Room & Board

Financial Aid Programs



CaliforniaColleges.edu is accessible!



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 can still register your account if
you haven't done it yet!



Great resources for exploration!

10th Grade Modules

1

Reworking Life and Career Goals

In Progress >

2

Exploring Colleges

In Progress v

Plan to attend a college that fits your needs.

There are so many colleges out there. Learn how to begin drafting a college list based on what kind of college experience you want and how it will prepare you for your career.

Lessons

Resources

Completed To Do's

Status



Exploring Colleges Based on Fit and Needs



0/2 v

In Progress



Creating Different Life Plans

No Resources

0/1 v

In Progress



Preparing for 11th Grade



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In Progress



How about a family road trip?

Let Chat GPT or CoPilot do the initial planning for you!

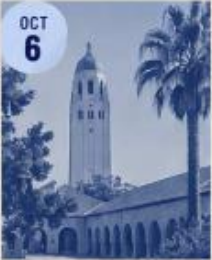
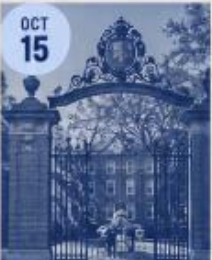
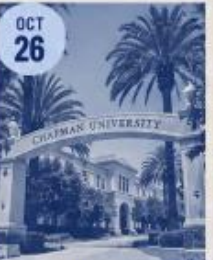
"Create a road trip plan for a family that lives in Hacienda Heights that wants to visit CSU San Marcos as well as UC Merced and maybe a few more schools along the way. Include interesting site to visits along the way. Make the plan for 6 - 7 days."

Day 1: Hacienda Heights → UC Merced

- **Morning:** Depart early and stop for lunch in **Fresno**.
 - Visit **Fresno Chaffee Zoo** or **Forestiery Underground Gardens**.
- **Afternoon:** Arrive in **Merced**.
 - Check into a hotel.
 - Explore **UC Merced** with a **guided campus tour** (book in advance at [UC Merced Tours](#)).
- **Evening:** Dinner downtown at **Taste of Little India** or **Coffee Bandits**.



Not travelers? Explore here!

OCT 6  STANFORD 🕒 6:30 - 7:30 PM 📍 MEDIA CENTER	NOV. 5TH  UC RIVERSIDE 🕒 12:49 - 1:19 PM 📍 MEDIA CENTER	OCT 9  UC SANTA BARBARA 🕒 12:49 - 1:19 PM 📍 MEDIA CENTER	OCT 12  ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY 🕒 12:49 - 1:19 PM 📍 WELLNESS ROOM (D-9)
OCT 15  BROWN 🕒 3RD PERIOD (ONLY 11TH & 12TH) 📍 WELLNESS ROOM (D-9)	OCT 19  CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY 🕒 12:49 - 1:19 PM 📍 WELLNESS ROOM (D-9)	OCT 26  CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY 🕒 12:49 - 1:19 PM 📍 WELLNESS ROOM (D-9)	OCT 27  UC IRVINE 🕒 12:49 - 1:19 PM 📍 MEDIA CENTER

56TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT ANNUAL

COLLEGE CAREER FAIR

Saturday, October 17

Registration: 9 a.m.

Fair: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Closing Ceremony: 1 p.m.

Keep an
open mind
& explore all
kinds of
possibilities!

Bassett High School

755 N Ardilla Ave

La Puente, CA 91746



Additional Resources

College Access Plan (CAP) offers FREE college readiness support for students and families. **Anyone and everyone** is welcome. Check in with the after school program!



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

3:45 - 5:45pm

MON & WED

WILSON

ROOM: G-12



QUESTIONS?



perla@collegeaccessplan.org



How to ensure your student is on track for all these options?

Log in to your
PARENT Aeries
account!

Need help to access? Give
our office a call at 626-
934-1111 to ensure your
email address has portal
access!



The screenshot shows the Aeries Student Information System login interface. At the top right, there is a language dropdown menu set to "English". The Aeries logo, consisting of a stylized blue and red 'A' above the word "Aeries" in blue, is prominently displayed. Below the logo, the text "Student Information System" is written in red. A white input field for "Email" is centered below the header. Underneath the input field is a red button with the word "NEXT" in white capital letters. At the bottom of the page, there are two links: "Forgot Password?" and "Create New Account".



First - Graduation is a must!



230 CREDITS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION

40 English

30 Math

30 Science

30 Social Science

20 Physical Ed.

20 LOTE/VAPA/CTE

60 Electives

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



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

6 CLASSES + 6 CLASSES + 6 CLASSES + 5 CLASSES = 230 CREDITS!



Sophomore Conferences Open!

Grade Level Conference Timeline

Aug-Oct: Seniors

Jan-Mar: Juniors

Oct-Dec: Sophomores

Mar-May: Freshmen

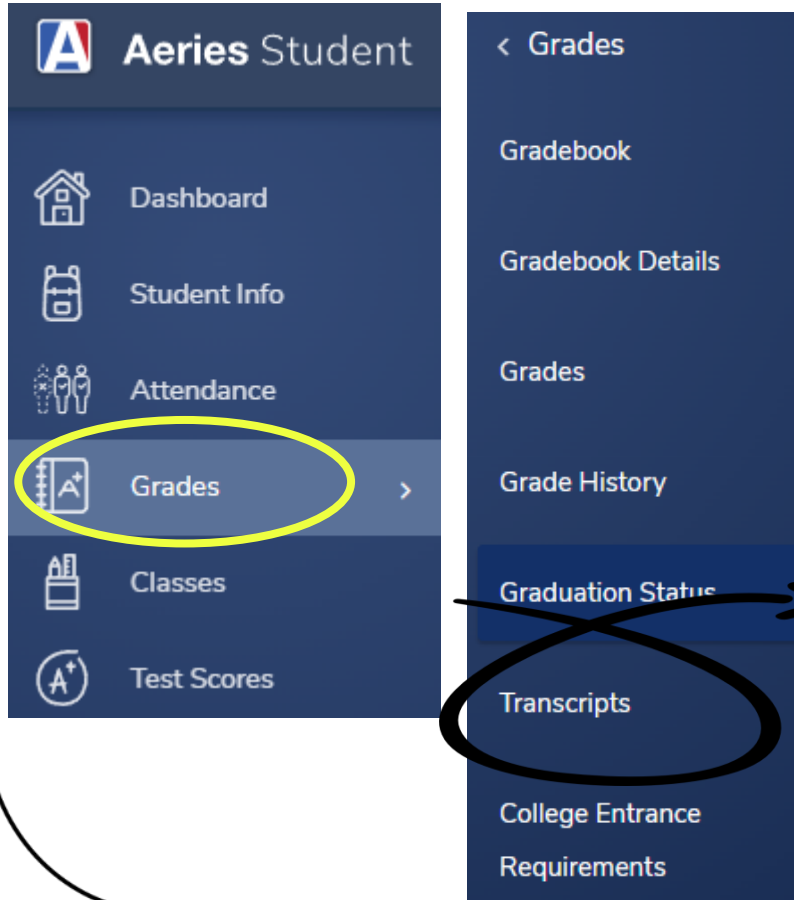
Students select their appointment on Canvas and are responsible for informing their teacher and coming to the office on time!

These are individual meetings with each student to go over their progress, plans and address any concerns!

Ask when they scheduled and follow up with them after it occurs to check understanding!



Review Credits On Aeries!



Under 'GRADES' on the left, select "Transcript"

This screen will have lots of information to show your student's progress!



Review your Transcript Summary

GPA's

This process will recompute the student's built-in gpa and any district gpas defined below.

(W) Total GPA

Credit Att/Compl

Class Rank/Size

3.25 3.25

60.00 60.00

153 of 378



The first GPA is the weighted GPA - used by private colleges but NOT CSU/UC's!

Credits completed should be at 60 or higher to be considered 'on track'



Class rank is based on your total weighted GPA; this changes often over the years!

Course History

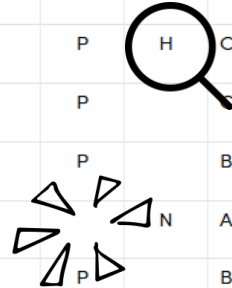
☐ Sort by Subject ☒ Sort by Date Descending

Be sure to sort so newest classes are on top!

2024-2025 | Glen A. Wilson HS

Grade 9 | Spring

Schl	Year	Tm	Grd	Crs ID	Std Course Title	RT	CP	N/H	Mark	Atmp	Comp	Special Crs Title	Indicators	More
542	2024-2025	2	9	19278G	Comp Sci Essent		P		B	5.00	5.00			More
542	2024-2025	2	9	20034C	Integr Math 1H		P	H	C+	5.00	5.00			More
542	2024-2025	2	9	2903B	ENGLISH 1		P			5.00	5.00			More
542	2024-2025	2	9	4130E	SPANISH 1		P		B	5.00	5.00			More
542	2024-2025	2	9	6500	PE 9			N	A-	5.00	5.00			More
542	2024-2025	2	9	6860D	BIOLOGY		P		B	5.00	5.00			More



Not quite on track?

1ST.

SUPPORT STUDY HABITS! Don't ASK if they have homework - help them set aside time to STUDY! Reach out to teachers if there are discrepancies between what your student says and what the grade says.



PLAN ON SUMMER SCHOOL! 10, maybe even 15 credits can be made up this way; plan for the six weeks right after school ends. More on this in a minute!



THINK ABOUT THE RIGHT CLASSES FOR YOUR STUDENT!

Everyone has different strengths, responsibilities and priorities: encourage junior year classes that match your student's interests and time commitments!



Academic Planning In Progress!

High School Graduation View		UC College Requirements View				CSU College Requirements View				Transcript		Current		Planned	
Subject Area	Credits Needed	9th Grade					10th Grade					11th Grade			
		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
A-English 1	0/10	ENGLISH 1 (2903B)		ENGLISH 1 (2903B)											
B-English 2	5/10						ENGLISH 2 (2933B)								
C-English 3	0/10											ENGLISH 3 (2963B)			
D-English 4	0/10														
G-World studies/Cultur	5/10						World History (7451A)								
I-U. S. History	0/10											US History (7439A)			
K-Civics	5/5														
L-Economics	5/5														
M-Mathematics	5/30	Integr Math 2H (20035C)		Integr Math 2H (20035C)			Integr Math 3H (20050C)					Pre Calculus H (5399CH)			

Classes listed under 11th grade will become the COURSE REQUESTS for next year once locked in February!

Please review with your student!

During conferences counselors will discuss options and summer school!



Need homework help?

Afterschool Tutoring

Free in-person homework support with classroom curriculum for students in grades 9-12, offered at all Hacienda La Puente Unified School District high schools. Students must be enrolled in the after-school program in order to participate.

Wilson High School

Days: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays

Time: 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Looking for a place to hang out, get some homework done, or have some fun after school? The Boys & Girls Club After-School Program is officially open! If you're enrolled, come check in at the Snackateria Lounge starting at 3:30 PM. We'll have supper from 3:30-4PM, plus snacks, games, music, and much more!

Our tutors can help
with homework,
studying, assignments,
or anything you need
to catch up on!

English Registration Form



Spanish Registration Form

ENROLL YOUR CHILD

Scan the code to complete the enrollment form

www.mytutorpartners.com



Summer School Preview



TRADITIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL @ WILSON

- ADVANCEMENT, credit recovery and grade improvement
- 6 weeks, May 24 -July 1, 2027 from 7:30am - 12:50pm

VIRTUAL SUMMER SCHOOL - Puente Hills High School *(if conflict with traditional)*

- ADVANCEMENT, credit recovery and grade improvement
- 6 weeks, May 24 -July 1, 2027 with varying check in hours
- **MANDATORY IN PERSON confirmation day, tentatively Friday May 21st!**

APEX Online Classes - IN ADDITION TO IN PERSON SUMMER SCHOOL

- Space and class options are limited
- Credit recovery and grade improvement
- From **1:10 - 3:40pm** during in person summer school dates



MSAC HS Referral - limited to SCHEDULE CONFLICTS with in person or virtual

- Fully online, A-G and NCAA approved
- Online teacher and tutorial support
- 6 weeks, June 14-July 22, 2027



10TH GRADE CSU/UC A-G Eligibility Reminder

A History/Social Science
2 Years required



1
Required

2
Required

No more than graduation...

B English
4 Years required



1
Required

2
Required

3
Required

4
Required

The same as graduation...

C Mathematics
3 Years required/4 years recommended



1
Required

2
Required

3
Required

The same as graduation...

D Laboratory Science
2 Years required/3 years recommended



1
Required

2
Required

No more than graduation...

E Foreign Language
2 Years required/3 years recommended



1
Required

2
Required

F Visual and Performing Arts
1 Year required



1
Required

G College Prep Elective
1 Year required



1
Required

These last three
are where
things get a
little different!

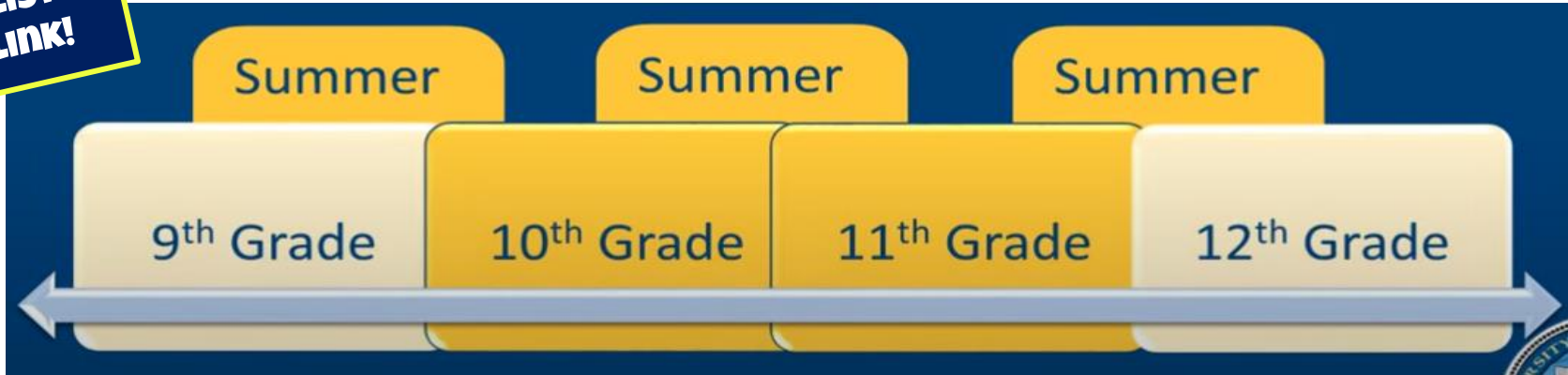
Grades must be **C** or better for A-G!



The CSU/UC admission GPA Calculation³ is different than the transcript GPA!

This GPA has started!

**WILSON
COURSE
LIST
LINK!**



The CSU and UC System will only use A-G classes taken **AFTER** the 9th grade to calculate the admissions GPA.



Importance of GPA for College

- A high GPA indicates hard work, dedication and commitment to academic success – all **qualities that matter** to colleges and universities!
- GPA is one of the **main factors** that colleges and universities look at when reviewing applications for admissions.
- Colleges also look for an **upward trend** in GPA. If there are struggles, they like to see grades get better over time.
- **NOTE: Having a slightly lower grade in a very challenging course such as Honors or AP U.S. History, may look better on your record than a high grade in a regular, less challenging course for some schools- BUT don't overwhelm yourself!**



FY: High School Grade 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

NO. But if her GPA was 3.0 she would have!



10TH GRADE UC and Private Schools look beyond GPA ⁴

Is your student ready for more rigor?

Honors Classes: These courses are designed to prepare students for college. They are more demanding and require a more rigorous workload than college prep courses to help students think more critically.

Advanced Placement (AP) Classes: AP classes are college style classes offered in high school. Upon completion of an AP course, students take an AP exam. Qualifying scores may earn college credits. **Please note, payment deadline is November 5th!*

Community College Classes: Many college classes are open to high school students and are tuition free. This is a great way to explore something we do not offer and show your passion. **Remember, grades earned begin the college GPA and should never be taken lightly!*



College classes can be the Dual Enrollment offered HERE at Wilson or when YOU GO TO the college to take the class based on your interests or goals. *It's FREE to do this!!*



IB Diploma & IB Career Program

IB Programs

- ✓ Full Diploma Program
- ✓ Career-related Certificate
- ✓ Course Scholars



REQUIRED IBDP Classes

IB English HLY1 + IB English HLY2

IB Psychology HLY1 + IB Psychology HLY2

One additional HL Y1/Y2 class
(either in LOTE or Theater Arts)

AND 3 IB SL classes:

IB Biology SL

IB MATH (MAI) SL

IB Theater SL OR IB LOTE SL

IBCP requires: IB PPS (elective) in 11th and 12th, one HLY1/Y2 sequence and one SL class along with pathway completion.

Completion of Biomed, Computer Science, or
Engineering Pathway required for IBCP!



Encourage Involvement!



UC and Private Colleges seek to admit students who will make **meaningful contributions** to campus life. By being active in the high school and community, students demonstrate the potential for being a leader, and skills in **collaboration** and **teamwork**!

Extracurricular Activities: Consider participating in clubs, sports or performing arts programs. It's fun and sustained involvement and holding leadership positions in extracurricular activities demonstrate commitment and initiative.

Community Service: Volunteer at an organization whose mission inspires you, or where you can gain skills in your interest area! Colleges look for individuals who see themselves as part of the broader community.



Jobs and Internships: Having a part-time job or an internship shows responsibility and maturity and gives insight into careers.

FYI, many clubs use Instagram...



College and Career Readiness

PREPARED

-  **Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments:** Score of Level 3 "Standard Met" or higher on both English language arts/literacy (ELA) and mathematics
-  **Advanced Placement (AP) Exams:** Score of 3 or higher on two AP exams
-  **International Baccalaureate (IB) Exams:** Score of 4 or higher on two IB exams
-  **Completion of Dual Enrollment:** Two semesters or three quarters of college coursework with a grade of C- or better in academic/CTE subjects where college credit is awarded
-  **University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU) a-g requirements:** Complete a-g course requirements with a grade of C- or better plus one of the Additional Criteria from the box below
-  **Career Technical Education (CTE) Pathway:** Pathway completion with a grade of C- or better in the capstone course plus one of the Additional Criteria from the box below

Additional Criteria

-  Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment Scores:
 - Level 3 or higher on ELA and at least a Level 2 "Standard Nearly Met" in mathematics, or
 - Level 3 or higher on mathematics and at least a Level 2 in ELA
-  One semester/two quarters of Dual Enrollment with a grade of C- or better in academic/CTE subjects
-  Score of 3 on one AP exam or score of 4 on one IB Exam (for a-g requirement only)
-  Completion of CTE Pathway (for a-g requirement only)

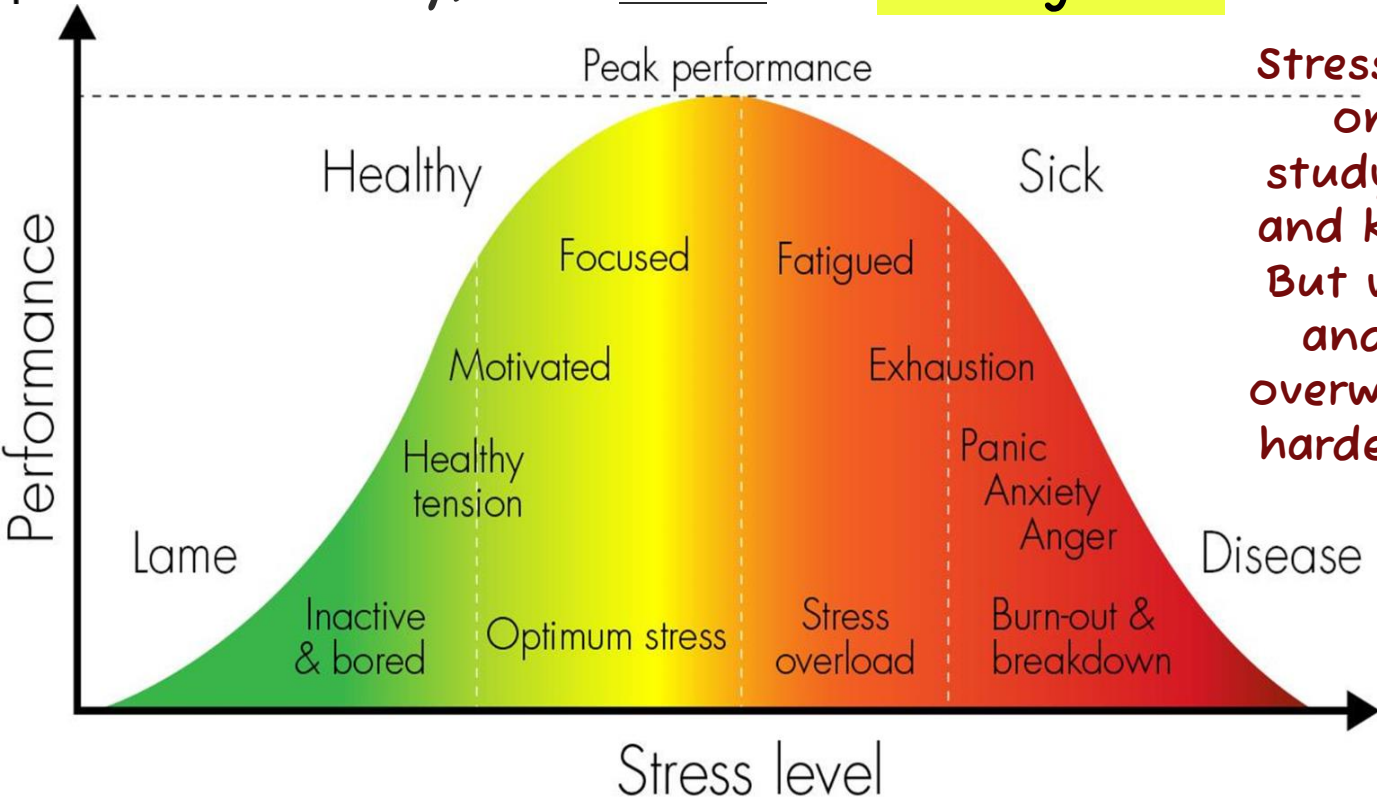
Get that graduation sash and highlight strengths and interests!

Here are ways students can demonstrate college and career readiness:



10TH GRADE Be aware of stress and burnout!

Stress isn't always a bad thing. In fact, it's necessary and healthy, but ONLY at **manageable** levels.



Stress pushes us to stay on track with our studying and classwork and keeps us motivated. But when stress, worry, and anxiety start to overwhelm us, it makes it harder to focus and get things done.

Ask for help BEFORE things turn RED!



You Can Make A Difference!

Teen Mental Health | from Teens Themselves



A recent survey by NAMI asked teens age 12-17 about their own mental health

**Teens are facing
mental health struggles**

64% feel the world is more
stressful now than when
parents were their age

**Teens are comfortable
talking about mental health,**
but often don't start the conversation

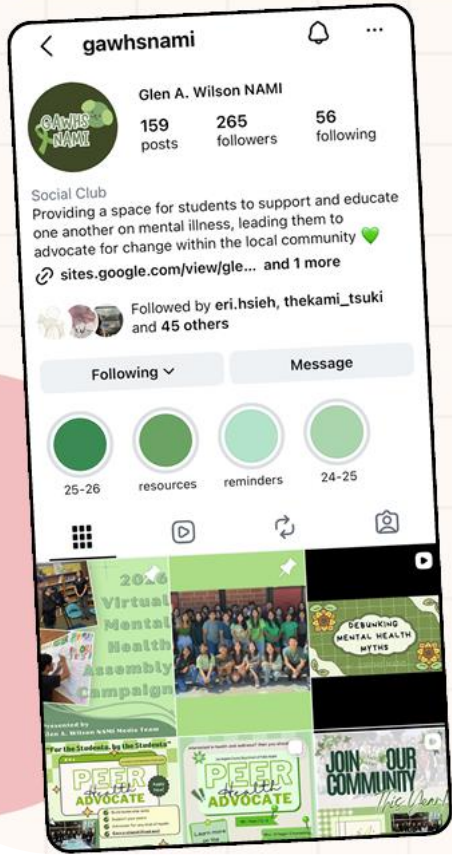
Two-thirds say they're open to
talking, but only 48% talk with
parents about their mental health
and only **22%** talk with friends



Glen A Wilson NAMI

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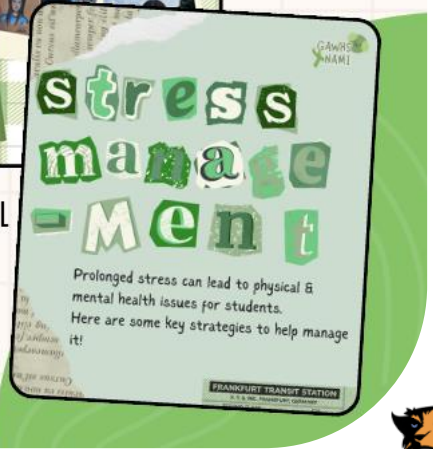
recap of events!



NAMI Pomona Feature



informational graphics





Glen A. Wilson High
Home of the Wildcats

COUNSELING

Access Tonight's Presentation!

Sophomore Parent Night: 10/8/2026

Location: Media Center @ 6:30pm



Presentation Slides

My Counselor

Graduation Requirements

Recovery

Career

College Planning

University of California UC

California State University
CSU

Community College

Independent Colleges

CAP: College Access Plan

Financial Aid

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Thank you for coming!

