

# WELCOME TO HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Class of 2024:

The 2020 - 2021 school year is not starting the way we had all hoped it would. You are starting your high school career with distance learning and so are the educators. We will be learning together and experience challenges together, while also experiencing many moments of success and innovation. Just remember, we are in this together!

To ensure you are starting your high school career on the right foot, SAUSD Higher Education Coordinators have worked together to bring you some resources to get you started on the college and career readiness path.

The Higher Education Center is a one-stop information and service center that brings precollege opportunities and creates experiences that help students prepare for their college and career readiness goals. Make sure to stay in contact with your Higher Education Coordinator, and your school counselor, who are there to help you reach your academic and personal goals! Click on your Higher Education Coordinator below to connect with your school's virtual Higher Education Center.



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## **Six Easy Steps to Distance Learning Success**

- 1. Make sure you have a working chromebook and wi-fi.
- 2. Find a quiet place to participate in all your classes. Follow your school's schedule and be organized.
- 3. Be on time to your Zoom or Google Meets.
- 4. Check daily: Google Classroom or Canvas for assignments.
- 5. Check your email several times a day.
- 6. Maintain open communication with teachers and counselors.

#### College Board Blog: How to Start Planning for College in 9th Grade

Even though you are just beginning high school, it is a good idea to start thinking about life after your diploma. This includes the types of jobs that might interest you, and how to best prepare for those jobs. You can start looking into college and training programs now by using online tools such as California Colleges, California Career Zone, and the College Board BigFuture websites. We recommend that you work to be college eligible so you have a variety of options to choose from when you graduate from high school. Here is a list that can help you plan for college:

- 1. Meet with your high school counselor. Discuss your likes and dislikes, and ideas you have for careers.
- 2. Create a four-year high school plan on <u>California Colleges</u> to make sure you are on track to graduate and are taking the correct classes for college admission.
- 3. Get involved in school activities. In a virtual setting, you can still join clubs and participate in leadership development. This can include visual and performing arts programs, sports, volunteer organizations, school clubs, and our after school ASSETs program.
- 4. Learn about <u>financial aid</u> for college. It's never too early to put money aside for college. This includes applying for scholarships.
- 5. Improve your reading, writing, and math skills. Make a conscious effort to read articles, books, blog posts that cause you to think critically. Then write responses to what you have read in a journal, or just write creatively in a journal (this could be a digital journal!). Practicing these skills will help you become more confident in your interactions with others. Following the steps in solving a math problem can train your thinking to reflect, draw upon what you already know, and apply it to new situations. Thus, math skills can help you learn how to problem solve in real life situations.

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### What courses do you need to be eligible to apply to a university?

The A-G Requirements are important for you to attend a university. They are a series of high school courses that will make you minimally eligible to apply to a university. You'll be happy to know that most of the **Santa Ana Unified High School** requirements are aligned with the A-G courses needed to be admitted into a university, but you want to make sure you go the extra mile to be a competitive student, so you can get into the school of your dreams! Students must pass all 15 of the **A-G courses with a grade of C or better** and maintain a grade point average of at least a C, or at some schools a B average or 3.0 grade point average to be eligible. However, you will need to strive to be competitive so you can be admitted into more competitive universities.

High School Subject Area	UC Requirements for Freshmen Admissions (Example: UC Irvine)	CSU Requirements for Freshmen Admissions (Example: Cal State Fullerton)
English	Four years of approved courses.	Four years of approved courses.
Mathematics	Three years, including algebra, geometry, and intermediate algebra.  Four years recommended.	Three years, including algebra, intermediate algebra, and geometry.
Social Sciences	Two years of history/social science, including one year of U.S. history or one-half year of U.S. history and one-half year of civics or American government; and one year of world history, cultures, and geography.	Two years, including one year of U.S. history or U.S. history and government and one year of other approved social science.
Science	Two years with lab required, chosen from biology, chemistry, and physics. Three years recommended.	Two years, including one year of biological and one year of physical science with lab.
Language Other Than English	Two years in same language required. Three years recommended.	Two years in same language required.
Visual and Performing Arts	One year of visual and performing arts chosen from the following: dance, drama/theater, music, or visual art.	One year of visual and performing arts chosen from the following: dance, drama/theater, music, or visual art.
Elective	One year of an A-F course beyond minimum required for that subject area.	One year of an A-F course beyond minimum required for that subject area.
Minimum Required GPA's	3.0 GPA	2.0 GPA (Recommended 2.5 GPA or higher)

California Department of Education: <a href="https://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/gs/hs/hsgrtable.asp">https://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/gs/hs/hsgrtable.asp</a>

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<sup>\*</sup> Private College admission requirements resemble the A-G course requirements, but admission is at their discretion.

#### Dear Freshmen,

High School is going to change your lives forever! For one thing, accountability in the classroom is very important. You have to take care of your



grades seriously because they count towards your high school graduation and admission into the college of your dreams! Success in your classes builds a strong foundation for future aspirations. One of the most important things that colleges will be reviewing is your grade point average at the high school level. Here is a breakdown of how you can learn to calculate your grade point average:



Courses Taken	Earned Grades
English 9 Honors	Α
Geometry	A
Biology Honors	В
P.E. (Athletics)	В
World Geography	// B
Drama	В

Grades	Total Number of Courses Taken	Grade Points Per Course	Total Points
Α	2 🖟 🖟	X4 =	8
В	4	X3 =	12
С	0	X2 =	0
D	0	X1 =	0
F	0	X0 =	0
SUBTOTALS	6 (Courses)		20 (Total Grade Points)
*AP/HONOR POINTS	2		2 (AP/HONORS Points)
TOTALS			22 (Total Score)

<sup>\*</sup> All AP/Honor Courses will receive an extra point towards your GPA when you earn an A, B, or C in the course.

Total Grade Points divided by Total # of Courses = Grade Point AverageTotal

22 (Grade Points) / 6 (Total # of Courses) = 3.66 GPA

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Have a great year!



If you have issues with your chromebook or need a hot-spot for wifi-access, contact your school Library for assistance.

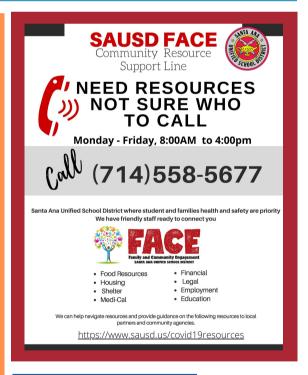


School	Start	End
Adams	10:00	1:00
ALA-1 (1st street)	11:00	12:45
ALA-2 (4th street)	11:30	1:30
Carr	11:15	1:15
Carver	10:30	1:00
Century	11:50	12:40
Chávez	11:45	1:15
Davis	11:00	1:00
Diamond	10:30	1:00
Edison	11:30	1:00
Esqueda	10:30	1:30
Franklin	11:30	1:15
Fremont	10:30	12:30
Garfield @ Walker	10:30	12:30
Godínez	10:30	1:00
Greenville	10:00	1:00
Griset	11:00	1:30
Harvey	10:00	1:00
Heninger	11:30	1:15
Héroes	10:30	12:30
Hoover	10:30	1:30
Jackson	11:00	1:15
Jefferson	10:00	1:00
Kennedy	10:30	12:30
King	10:45	1:15
Lathrop	11:30	2:00
Lincoln	10:00	1:30

School	Start	End
Lowell	11:30	1:15
MacArthur	10:00	1:00
Madison	11:30	1:15
Martin	11:00	1:00
McFadden	11:30	1:30
Méndez	10:30	12:30
Mitchell	10:30	1:00
Monroe	11:30	1:15
Monte Vista	10:30	1:00
Muir	10:30	12:30
Pío Pico	11:30	1:15
Reach	11:00	1:00
Romero-Cruz	12:00	1:30
Roosevelt-Walker	11:00	2:00
Saddleback	11:30	1:30
Santa Ana HS	11:30	1:30
Santiago	11:30	1:30
Segerstrom	11:00	1:30
Sepúlveda	11:30	1:15
Sierra	10:30	12:30
Taft	10:00	1:00
Thorpe	10:00	1:00
Valley	11:00	1:30
Villa	10:30	12:30
Washington	11:00	1:00
Willard	11:30	1:30
Wilson	10:00	1:00











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