

SO, YOU'RE OFF TO

HIGH SCHOOL

WELCOME ALA WOLVES!  
CLASS OF 2023!



HELLO!

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# WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?

- SEMESTERS, CREDITS AND PASSING GRADES
- GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
- A-G/COLLEGE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS
- EARLY COLLEGE/DUAL ENROLLMENT
- HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
- GPA

# HIGH SCHOOL FUN FACTS

WHAT ARE THE NAMES FOR EACH GRADE LEVEL?

YOU WILL BE GRADUATING CLASS OF...?

WHAT IS THE MASCOT OF YOUR HIGH SCHOOL? YOUR SCHOOL COLORS?



# JUNIOR HIGH VS. HIGH SCHOOL

- ✗ ALA MIDDLE/VILLA/MENDEZ → QUARTER SYSTEM = 9 WEEKS
  - 4 QUARTERS PER SCHOOL YEAR; 7 CLASSES
- ✗ HIGH SCHOOL → SEMESTER SYSTEM = 19/20 WEEKS
  - 2 SEMESTERS PER SCHOOL YEAR; 7 CLASSES
- ✗ FINALS!

# JUNIOR HIGH VS. HIGH SCHOOL

- X NEW SCHEDULES AT THE SEMESTER
- X MOST CLASSES ARE YEAR-LONG
- X SCHEDULE CHANGES MADE BY COUNSELOR
- X CANNOT REQUEST CERTAIN TEACHERS OR PERIODS TO BE WITH YOUR FRIENDS



# WHAT ARE CREDITS?

- X CREDITS REFER TO THE VALUE YOU EARN WHEN YOU PASS A CLASS
- X HOW MANY CREDITS IS 1 CLASS WORTH?
  - 1 SEMESTER CLASS = 5 CREDITS
  - 1 YEAR LONG CLASS = 10 CREDITS



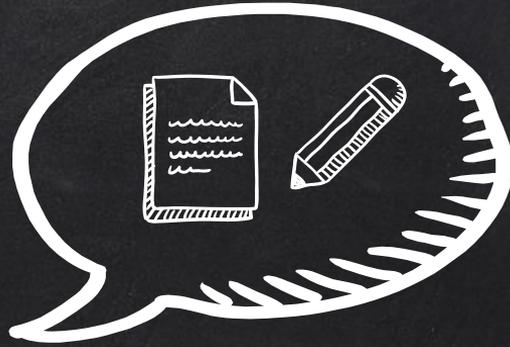
# CREDIT BREAKDOWN

2 SEMESTERS  
PER SCHOOL YEAR  
(FALL AND SPRING)

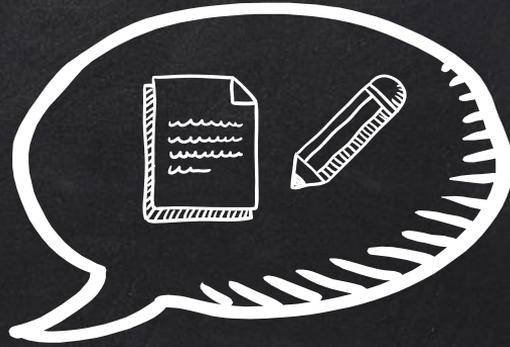
5 CREDITS  
EARNED PER  
CLASS,  
PER SEMESTER

5 CREDITS PER  
CLASS X 7 CLASSES  
=  
35 CREDITS PER  
SEMESTER

- X IN ORDER TO EARN CREDITS, YOU MUST EARN A "D" (60%-69%) OR HIGHER
- X A LETTER GRADE OF "F" (59% OR LOWER) IS NOT PASSING



HOW MANY CREDITS DO I EARN FOR ENGLISH  
9 (FRESHMAN ENGLISH – FALL AND SPRING)  
IF I GET A “B” BOTH SEMESTERS?



HOW MANY CREDITS DO I EARN FOR  
ENGLISH 9 IF I GET A "D" FIRST  
SEMESTER AND "F" SECOND SEMESTER?



# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS SAUSD

HISTORY/ SOCIAL SCIENCE	ENGLISH	MATH	SCIENCE	WORLD LANGUAGE	VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS	ELECTIVES	PE	TOTAL
3 YRS/30 CREDITS	4 YRS/40 CREDITS	3 YRS/30 CREDITS	2 YRS/20 CREDITS	2 YRS/20 CREDITS	1 YR/10 CREDITS	50 CREDITS	2 YRS/20 CREDITS	<b>220 CREDITS</b>



## WHAT IF I WANT TO GO TO COLLEGE?

- ✘ MUST COMPLETE “A – G” REQUIREMENTS WITH A “C” OR BETTER (VERY SIMILAR TO GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS!)

# "A - G" REQUIREMENTS

## A. HISTORY/SOCIAL SCIENCE: 2 YEARS REQUIRED

- X WORLD HISTORY
- X US HISTORY

## B. ENGLISH: 4 YRS REQUIRED

- X ENGLISH 9, 10, 11 AND 12

## C. MATH: 3 YRS REQUIRED, 4 YRS RECOMMENDED

- X ALGEBRA I
- X GEOMETRY
- X ALGEBRA II

## D. LAB SCIENCE: 2 YRS REQUIRED, 3 YRS RECOMMENDED

- X BIOLOGY
- X CHEMISTRY

## E. WORLD LANGUAGE: 2 YRS REQUIRED, 3 YRS RECOMMENDED

- X MUST BE SAME LANGUAGE FOR 2 YRS

## F. VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS: 1 YEAR REQUIRED

- X 3D DESIGN
- X ART

## G. ELECTIVES: 1 YEAR REQUIRED

- X AVID
- X PSYCHOLOGY
- X COUNSELING

# EARLY COLLEGE/DUAL ENROLLMENT

- X ALA HAS A PARTNERSHIP WITH SANTA ANA COLLEGE (SAC) TO OFFER AN OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO RECEIVE COLLEGE CREDITS WHILE COMPLETING HIGH SCHOOL COURSES
- X COURSES ARE OFFERED HERE AT ALA!!! AFTER SCHOOL!
- X ENROLLMENT IN THESE PROGRAMS ARE DONE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR
- X COURSES THROUGH SAC INCLUDE:
  - PSYCHOLOGY 100 (1 SEMESTER, 10 UNITS/CREDITS – AREA G: ELECTIVE)
  - COUNSELING 100 (1 SEMESTER, 5 UNITS/CREDITS – AREA G: ELECTIVE)
  - COUNSELING 121 (1 SEMESTER, 3 UNITS/CREDITS – AREA G: ELECTIVE)
  - **ART 100 (1 SEMESTER, 10 UNITS/CREDITS – AREA F: VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS)**
    - **EQUIVALENT TO 1 YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL VAPA CREDIT**
  - **SPANISH 101 (1 SEMESTER, 20 UNITS/CREDITS – AREA E: WORLD LANGUAGE)**
    - **EQUIVALENT TO 2 YEARS OF HIGH SCHOOL WORLD LANGUAGE CREDIT**
  - SPANISH 102 (1 SEMESTER, 10 UNITS/CREDITS – AREA E: WORLD LANGUAGE)
    - EQUIVALENT TO 3RD YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL WORLD LANGUAGE



## WHAT IF I FAIL A CLASS?

- X IF YOU FAIL A GRADUATION REQUIREMENT, YOU MUST REPEAT IT IN EITHER:
  - SUMMER SCHOOL OR
  - REPEAT DURING NEXT SCHOOL YEAR
- X IF YOU FAIL AN "ELECTIVE" CLASS, YOU CAN:
  - REPEAT THE SAME COURSE OR
  - MAKE UP THE CREDITS WITH A DIFFERENT CLASS

**NOTE: TO MAINTAIN A-G ELIGIBILITY, MUST PASS CLASSES WITH "C" OR BETTER**



## TYPICAL 9TH GRADE SCHEDULE

- X ENGLISH 9
- X ALGEBRA I
- X GEOGRAPHY
- X BIOLOGY
- X ELECTIVE (STUDIO ART, ART 100)
- X PE
- X PBL
- X SPANISH 101 (\*\*COLLEGE COURSE, AFTER SCHOOL\*\*)



## WHAT DO COLLEGES LOOK FOR?

- X TEST SCORES (SAT OR ACT)
- X CLUBS, ACTIVITIES, VOLUNTEER WORK, PBL
- X ESSAY RESPONSES
- X TYPE OF CLASSES YOU TAKE
- X GPA!!!



## GPA

### X MANY USES

- COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE (MINIMUM 3.0 GPA)
- SCHOLARSHIPS (VARYING REQUIREMENTS)

BECAUSE IT'S MADE UP OF ALL YOUR GRADES, YOUR GPA IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTORS FOR COLLEGE ADMISSION!



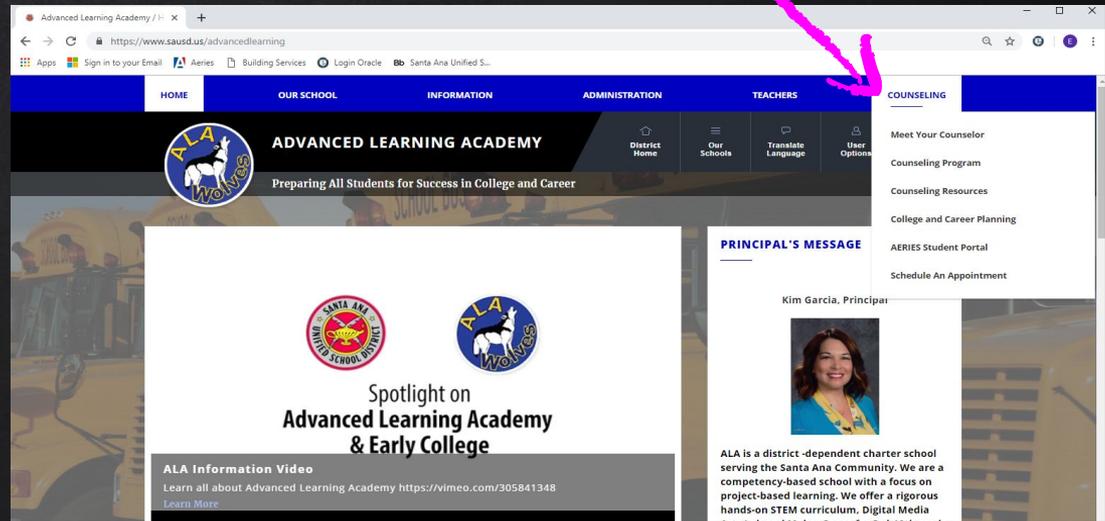
# HOW DO I CALCULATE MY GPA?

- X YOUR LETTER GRADE CORRESPONDS TO A POINT VALUE
- X ADD UP THESE POINT VALUES FOR ALL OF YOUR CLASSES
- X DIVIDE BY THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CLASSES

GRADE	GPA
A	4.0
B	3.0
C	2.0
D	1.0
F	0.0



- ✗ MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR, MS. OCHOA
- ✗ VISIT COUNSELING WEBSITE!!
  - [HTTPS://WWW.SAUSD.US/ADVANCEDLEARNING](https://www.sausd.us/advancedlearning)





THANKS!

Any questions?

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