



**WELCOME TO  
FRESHMAN STUDENT  
&  
PARENT NIGHT  
CLASS OF 2014**

**YUBA CITY HIGH SCHOOL  
RIVER VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL  
ALBERT POWELL HIGH SCHOOL**



# Why are we here?

- The decisions your student is making now will impact what options are available at the end of his/her high school experience.
- It is important for you and your student to have all the necessary information and tools to make the best decisions for your student's future.

# YUBA CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS





# Yuba City Unified School District High School Graduation Requirements

**Requirement 1:** Pass the California High School Exit Exam  
(more commonly known as CAHSEE)

- CAHSEE : ELA and Math
- Must pass both sections-*with a score of 350 or higher on each (Proficient level is a score of 380 or higher so that is the target for every student!)*
- First attempt is during sophomore year



# Yuba City Unified School District High School Graduation Requirements

**Requirement 2:** Meet or exceed the minimum credit requirement

**CLASS OF 2014**

**RVHS = 280**

**YCHS = 220**

**APHS= 220**



# Yuba City Unified School District High School Graduation Requirements

## Requirement 3: Meet Subject Matter Requirements

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| ● English                                      | 40 credits                             |
| ● State Requirements                           | 5 credits                              |
| ● World History                                | 10 credits                             |
| ● U.S. History                                 | 10 credits                             |
| ● Amer. Gov't/Econ                             | 10 credits                             |
| ● Physical Education                           | 20 credits                             |
| ● Science (physical, life, 3 <sup>rd</sup> yr) | 30 credits                             |
| ● Mathematics (including Alg 1)                | 20 credits                             |
| ● Art <u>or</u> Foreign Language               | 10 credits                             |
| ● Additional Credits                           | 65 credits YCHS/AP<br>125 credits RVHS |

# CALIFORNIA A-G REQUIREMENTS





# What is it?

- Students must take A-G college preparatory pattern of classes to satisfy minimum subject matter eligibility requirements for the UC and/or CSU systems.
- Students need to have a grade of C or better in each of their A-G classes. *Remember that it is getting more and more competitive to get into any CSU and UC, so shoot for the highest grade possible in EVERY class!*



# A-G Requirements

A: Social Sciences	2 years
B: English	4 years
C: Mathematics	3 years (4 years recommended)
D: Lab Science	2 years (3-4 years recommended)
E: Foreign Language	2 years (3-4 years recommended)
F: Visual and Performing Arts	1 year
G: College Preparatory Elective	1 year

# A-G Requirements

- You can get a complete listing of all A-G approved courses for each high school by going to:

<https://doorways.ucop.edu/list/app/home?execution=e1s2>

- Students who meet A-G requirements are recognized at high school graduation with cords.
- Your school counselor is a great resource in understanding the A-G requirements. It is important to meet with your counselor to make sure your student is on track for A-G.





**NATIONAL COLLEGIATE  
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION  
(NCAA)**

**NCAA®**



# NCAA SCHOOLS

- NCAA colleges and universities are divided into three divisions; Division I, Division II and Division III.
- Diversity within the Divisions (big schools, small schools, different sports).
- Difference between Divisions
  - Mission/Philosophy
  - Rules
  - Emphasis on competition (i.e., national, regional)
  - National championships
  - Athletic scholarships

Source: <http://www.rih.org>



## NCAA Eligibility for Student Athletes

- If your student athlete plans to play a sport in a Division I or Division II school, he/she must be NCAA eligible and needs to register at the end of his/her junior year with the NCAA Eligibility Center at:

[www.ncaaeligibilitycenter.org](http://www.ncaaeligibilitycenter.org)

- For a list of Division I and Division II schools, please go to the following link:

<http://web1.ncaa.org/onlineDir/exec/divisionListing>

**CSU, Sacramento and UC Davis are Division I schools.**

**CSU, Chico is a Division II school.**

- For Division III schools, eligibility is determined at institution level.

# Four Parts of Initial Eligibility

- High School Graduation
- Minimum core grade-point average
  - GPA calculated using only core class grades
  - Must have a 2.00 or higher
- Minimum Sum ACT or SAT test score
  - Sliding scale based upon GPA

[https://web1.ncaa.org/eligibilitycenter/hs/d1\\_standards.pdf](https://web1.ncaa.org/eligibilitycenter/hs/d1_standards.pdf)
- Completion of 16 core courses.
  - Fall 2013: Division I and Division II students must meet 16 core course requirement.

\*\*\*\*\***Make sure your student is on track to completing the 16 core courses!**\*\*\*\*\*



# 16 Core Course Requirements

- 4 years English
- 3 years of Math (Alg. 1 or higher)
- 2 years natural/physical science (1 year of lab if offered by the high school).
- 1 year of additional English, math, or natural/physical science
- 2 years of social science
- 4 years of additional courses (from any area above, foreign language, or non-doctrinal religion/philosophy)

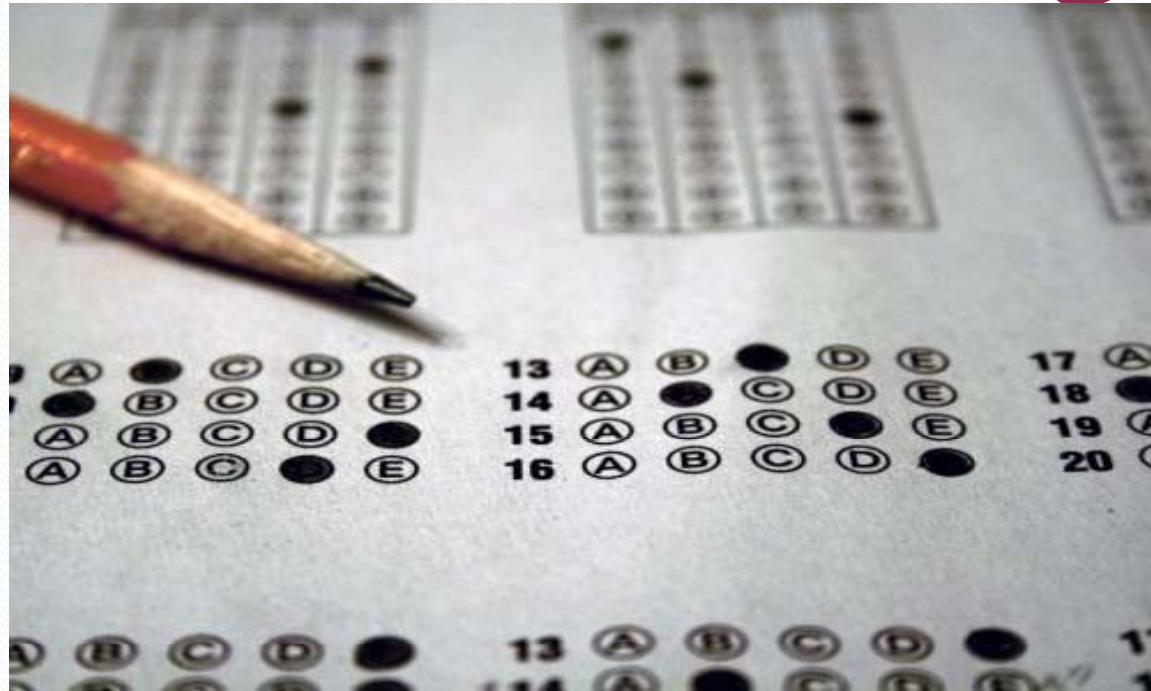
# NCAA Eligibility for Student Athletes

- You can get a list of what specific classes count as core courses at each high school at:

<https://web1.ncaa.org/hsportal/exec/hsAction>

- Know the rules to NCAA eligibility.....there are no exceptions! You can download the NCAA College Bound Athlete Guide at:  
<http://www.ncaapublications.com/productdownloads/CB11.pdf>
- If your student is an athlete at the high school level and you are not sure if he/she will play at college level, we highly recommend that your student meet NCAA eligibility to keep all options open.

# Testing, testing, and some more testing...





# PLAN

- Practice for the ACT
- Taken in the fall of 10<sup>th</sup> grade year
- Multiple choice test that measures English, Math, Science, and Reading skills.
- An interest, skills, and future plan survey is also completed by student.
- Provides detailed information about careers that best fit the student profile
- Provides specific information on strengths and areas that need improvement.

Resource: <http://www.actstudent.org/plan/>



# PSAT

- Practice for the SAT
- Taken in the fall of 11<sup>th</sup> grade year
- Measures math, reading, and writing skills
- Qualifies student for the National Merit Scholarship
- Provides specific information on strengths and areas that need improvement.
- Provides information on how the student compares to his/her peers

Resource: <http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/psat/about.html>



# SAT

- Generally taken in the spring of junior year and/or early fall of senior year.
- SAT /ACT required for all UC and nearly all CSU admissions
- Multiple choice test with a short essay
- Measures critical reading, writing, and math skills
- Students are penalized for a wrong answer so DON'T GUESS!
- Fee waivers are available to students on free or reduced lunch
- FREE sample questions available at:

<http://sat.collegeboard.com/practice/>

Resource: <http://sat.collegeboard.com/home>



# ACT Plus Writing

- Generally taken in the spring of junior year and/or early fall of senior year.
- SAT /ACT required for all UC and nearly all CSU admissions
- Multiple choice test with short essay
- Measures English, reading, writing, math, and science skills
- Students are given points for correct answers so there is *NO PENALTY* for guessing.
- Fee waivers are available to students on free or reduced lunch
- FREE sample questions available at:

<http://www.actstudent.org/sampletest/index.html>

Resource: <http://www.actstudent.org/index.html>

# SAT Subjects Tests

- Generally taken right after taking corresponding class
- 20 different subject test available in English, history, mathematics, science and languages.
- UC system HIGHLY RECOMMENDS that you take at least 2 subject tests.
- Many highly selective colleges recommend taking at least 2 subject tests.
- Impacted majors may also recommend/require subject test
- Multiple choice, 1 hour test for each subject area
- Can take 3 subjects tests at one sitting
- Fee waivers are available for students on free or reduced lunch
- Sample questions are available at:

<http://sat.collegeboard.com/practice/sat-subject-test-preparation>

Resource:

<http://sat.collegeboard.com/practice/sat-subject-test-preparation/approaches>



# ASVAB

- Can be taken once a year in 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grades
- Measures science, math, English, electronics, automotive, and mechanical skills
- Assists student with matching careers with skill set
- Taking the test ***DOES NOT*** mean you are signing up for the armed services.
- FREE for every 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grader
- Great tool for career exploration
- Sample questions are available at:

<http://www.asvabprogram.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=overview.testsample>

Resource: <http://www.asvabprogram.com/>

# GPA: Weighted and Unweighted





## Weighted Classes

- Very rigorous courses
- AP classes, 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> grade C level classes, and Honors classes have a weighted GPA
- A student in a weighted class has the potential to receive a GPA of 5.0 for that class instead of the traditional 4.0
- Weighted classes help to distinguish class ranking of student

## Unweighted Classes

- Traditional class in which the highest GPA a student can earn is a 4.0
- Most classes have unweighted GPA

# AP, Honors, and C level classes: What is the difference?





# AP Courses

- All AP courses are considered “Honors” courses
- College level courses offered at high school
- All AP classes are weighted in GPA
- Students have the opportunity to take the AP Exam at the end of the course. If the student scores a 3, 4, or 5 on the exam, he/she can earn college credit for that subject.
- AP courses require a significant amount of work that students must complete over summer before beginning the class.

Resource: <http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/apc/Controller.jspf>



## HONORS COURSES(other than AP)

- Advanced course of study and very rigorous
- Classes that are designated as “Honors” by the UC Office of the President are weighted in GPA

## C LEVEL COURSES

- Advanced level courses
- Not all C level classes are considered “Honors” classes as defined by the UC Office of the President.
- Only 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade C level classes can be considered “Honors” courses.
- 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade C level classes are considered advanced college preparatory high school courses
- 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade C level classes are NOT weighted in GPA

Resource: <http://www.ucop.edu/a-gGuide/ag/a-g/honors.html>

# CAL-GRANT, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade GPA, and how it affects your student?





## What is Cal-Grant?

- FREE money available to California students pursuing an undergraduate associate's or bachelor's degree or an occupational training program
- There are income and GPA guidelines to qualify
- There are three types of Cal Grants:

Cal Grant A requires a 3.00 GPA or higher

Cal Grant B requires a 2.00 GPA or higher

Cal Grant C does not require a minimum GPA but it is only available to students going to a technical/vocational school



## Why are we talking about financial aid when my student is only going to be a sophomore?

- Cal Grants A and B have a GPA requirement
- Grades from 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade years are used to calculate your Cal Grant GPA eligibility
- Unweighted GPA is used to determine eligibility.
- PE and remedial courses CANNOT be used in the Cal Grant GPA calculation

## Let's look at an example:

Student's grades

PE                      A

Eng 2B                B

Geometry            B

Biology               B

Spanish               B

AP World History   C

If this student kept grades like this, he/she WOULD NOT meet the GPA requirement for Cal Grant A!

**MAKE SURE YOUR STUDENT IS ON TRACK FOR CAL GRANT ELIGIBILITY!**



## Now that you are feeling overwhelmed with information.....

- Relax.....your student's school counselor is a resource that is available assist you with questions about college admissions, A-G, NCAA eligibility, Cal Grant GPA, etc.
- Recognize that planning for beyond high school starts now! Decisions made now will have impact in the future. We highly recommend that you and your student meet with your school counselor and develop a 4 year plan .

**YUBA CITY HIGH SCHOOL  
COUNSELING DEPARTMENT  
FOUR YEAR PLAN**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ID# \_\_\_\_\_ NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNSELOR \_\_\_\_\_ GRAD YR \_\_\_\_\_

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

SUBJECTS	CREDITS	FRESHMAN (9 <sup>TH</sup> )	SOPHOMORE (10 <sup>TH</sup> )	JUNIOR (11 <sup>TH</sup> )	SENIOR (12 <sup>TH</sup> )
1. ENGLISH	40	ENGLISH 10	ENGLISH 10	ENGLISH 10	ENGLISH 10
2. MATH (Algebra required)	20	MATH 10	MATH 10		
3. SCIENCE (1 Yr Life Science 1 Yr Physical Science) (3 <sup>rd</sup> Yr Science)	30				
4. SOCIAL SCIENCE	40	AA/ST. REQ. 10	WORLD HISTORY 10	U.S. History 10	AMERICAN GOVT ECONOMICS 5 5
5. PHYSICAL EDUC.	20	FRESHMAN P.E. 10	ELECT/SPECIALTY P.E. 10		
6. VISUAL & PERFORMING ART/FOREIGN LANGUAGE	10				
7. ELECTIVES					
8. SUMMER SCHOOL		SUMMER SCHOOL	SUMMER SCHOOL	SUMMER SCHOOL	SUMMER SCHOOL
<b>TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED</b>	<b>220</b>				

**AFTER SCHOOL I PLAN TO:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ WORK
- \_\_\_\_\_ ATTEND 2 YR COMMUNITY COLLEGE
- \_\_\_\_\_ ATTEND TECHNICAL/VOCATIONAL SCHOOL
- \_\_\_\_\_ START AT 2 YR & TRANSFER TO 4 YR
- \_\_\_\_\_ ATTEND 4 YR COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY
- \_\_\_\_\_ ENLIST IN MILITARY
- \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER (Specify)

**CAREER GOAL:**

What do you see yourself doing in the job world as an adult?

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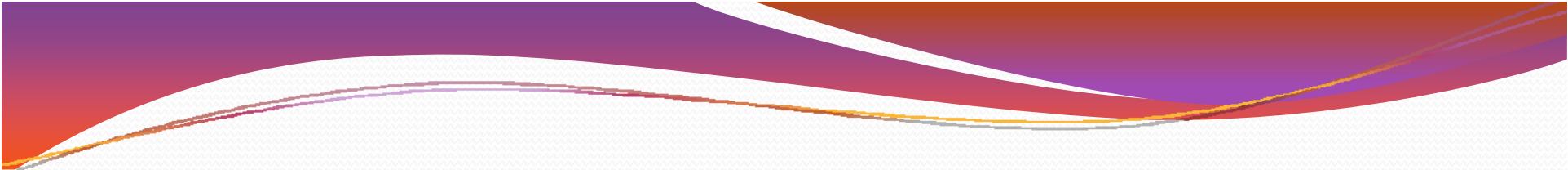
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- This powerpoint will be posted to each of the school's websites. If you are interested in having it emailed to you, please contact your school counselor.
  - QUESTIONS ?????

**THANK YOU FOR COMING!!**