



UHS COUNSELING

JUNIOR PLANNING

MEETING

CLASS OF 2026

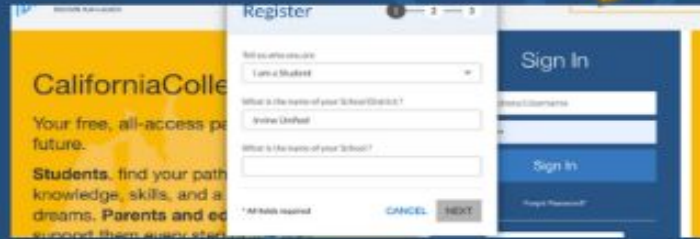


CaliforniaColleges.edu

3 Steps to Register Your Account

1 Go to CaliforniaColleges.edu

- Register Your Account
- Select **"I am a Student"**
- Name of School - Use **"Irvine Unified"**
- Click **Next**



2 Enter Your Information

- Enter the following student info
 - **First Name (Legal Name)**
 - **Last Name**
 - **Student Local ID (9-digits)**
 - **Current Grade Level**
- Click **Next**



3 Sign in with Google

- You should see your IUSD student email at the top of the registration box
- Click the button at the top to sign in with Google



- UC & Cal State applications can be launched through California Colleges
- Your classes will be imported to your UC/Cal State app once synced
 - Some manual entry/course matching may be required



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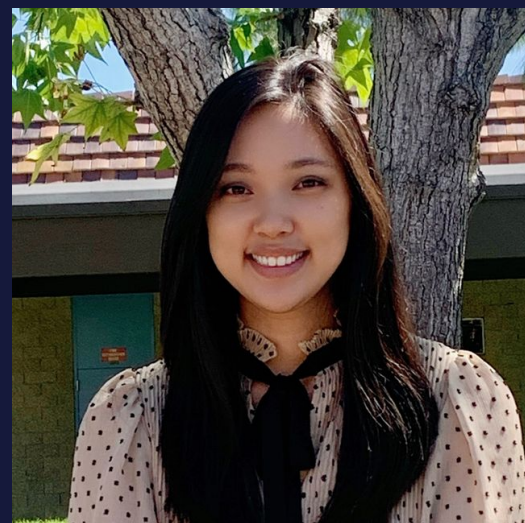
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Meet the Counselors



MRS. CHUNG
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MRS. STRAUSHEIM
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MRS. ADAMS
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Prior to this meeting...

- Pre-Survey
 - If you have not yet done so, take a moment to complete the pre-survey.



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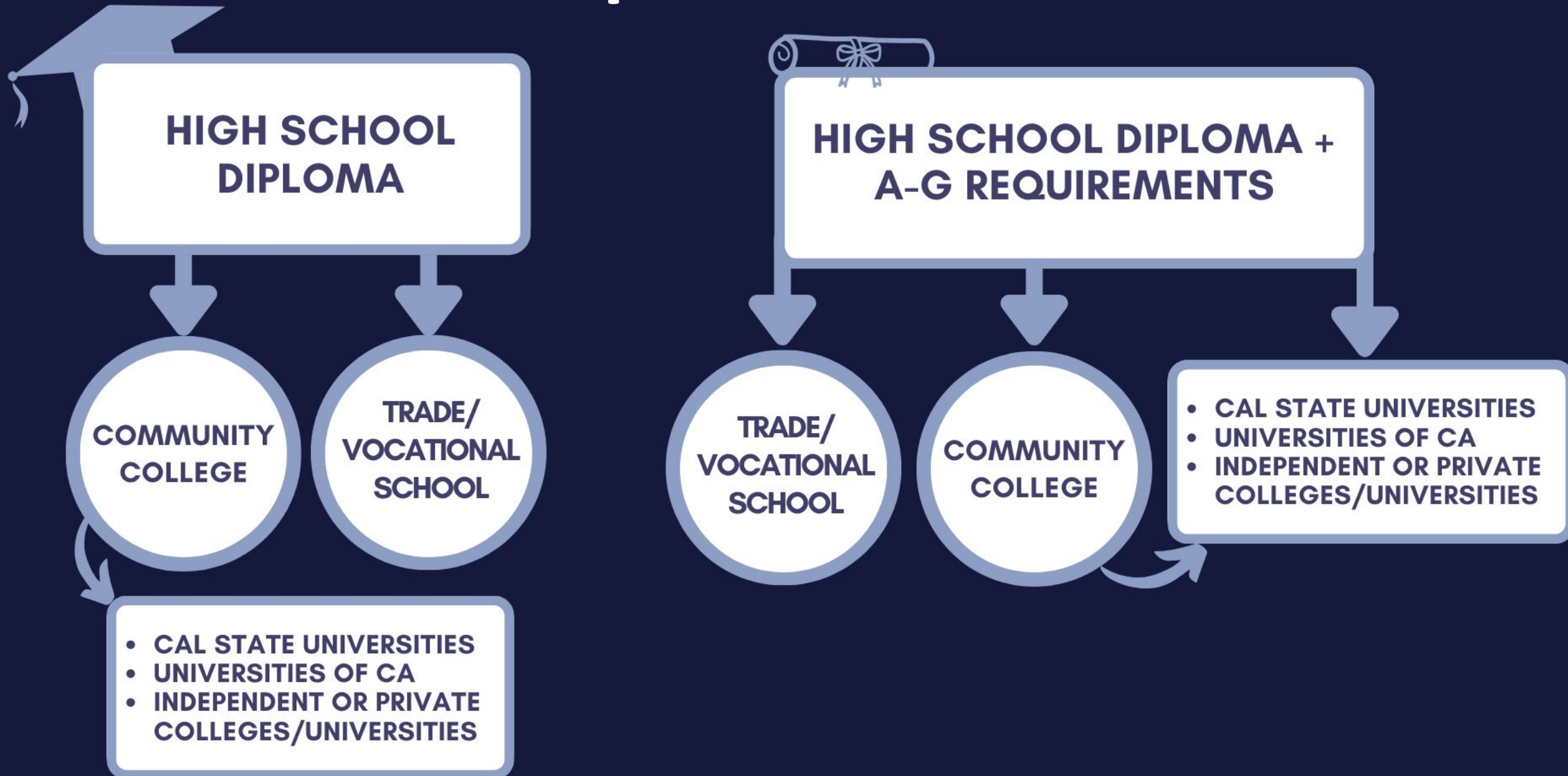
- Junior Planning Meeting Video
- Canvas

Learning Objectives

- **Understand College Admissions Requirements**
- **Identify differences between the College Application Process for various schools**
- **Complete course selection for senior year to meet graduation and/or a-g requirements**

High School Diploma vs. “A-G” Requirements		
CONTENT AREA	<u>HS DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS</u>	<u>A-G REQUIREMENTS</u> (UC & CSU Requirements)
Grade Requirement	D- or higher	C- or higher
English	4 years	4 years
Mathematics	2 years Must include Math 1	3 years required, (4 years recommended) Requires successful completion of Math 3
Science	2 years	2 years required, 3 recommended 1 year physical and 1 year biological science
Social Science World History US History Economics Political Science	3 years (1 year) (1 year) (1 semester) (1 semester)	2 years (1 year) (1 year)
World Language/Fine Arts/CTE	1 year	2 years World Language (3 years recommended) <u>AND</u> 1 year Visual/Performing Arts
Physical Education	2 years	
Health	1 semester	
Electives	70 additional credits = <u>215 credits total</u>	1 year from approved a-g course list

Educational Options After Graduation



Reasons to Attend Community College



AFFORDABILITY

\$1,246 per year for tuition
FREE two years for CA residents
(CA Promise Program)

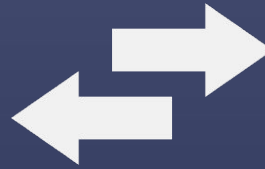


ACADEMIC FLEXIBILITY



PERSONALIZED ATTENTION

IVC Honors Program: 3.25
unweighted academic GPA



TRANSFER AGREEMENTS

TAG (Transfer Admission Guarantee):
6/9 UC schools participate & 94-97% of
transfers come from community college
TAP (Transfer Alliance Program): UCLA



SCHOOL/LIFE BALANCE



UNDECIDED MAJOR

Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)

Average GPA of Students Admitted to UC System (Non-Selective Majors)

	High School <i>Middle 25-75%</i>	Community College <i>Middle 25-75%</i>	TAG Program?	TAG GPA
UC Berkeley	4.15 - 4.29	3.61 - 3.96		N/A
UC Davis	4.0 - 4.26	3.43 - 3.89	✓	3.2 - 3.5
UC Irvine	4.04 - 4.27	3.62 - 3.83	✓	3.4
UC Los Angeles	4.20 - 4.30	3.77 - 4.00		N/A
UC Merced	3.41 - 4.04	3.11 - 3.69	✓	2.8 - 3.0
UC Riverside	3.66 - 4.15	3.11 - 3.73	✓	2.7 - 3.6
UC San Diego	4.10 - 4.28	3.45 - 3.92		N/A
UC Santa Barbara	4.13 - 4.29	3.55 - 3.91	✓	3.4
UC Santa Cruz	3.87 - 4.22	3.12 - 3.76	✓	3.0

CSU Overview

- 23 campuses
- 2.5 GPA minimum needed to apply
 - 2.4 - 2.0 may be considered for admission based upon supplemental factors (including household income, GPA in math/science, etc.)
- SAT/ACT scores not considered for admission
- Campus impact
 - More selective admission criteria
 - 3 categories: non-impacted, some majors impacted, impacted in all majors

Campuses not impacted (24-25)

- Maritime
- Dominguez Hills
- Monterey Bay



UC Application

- Nine campuses, one application
 - <https://apply.universityofcalifornia.edu/my-application/login>
 - Application opens: August 1st
 - Filing period: October 1st -November 30th
 - Due: November 30th
- Do not send any official test scores or transcripts
 - Students self-report grades and scores, and submit official information only to the UC you will attend
 - SAT/ACT scores NOT considered for admission
- No letters of recommendation accepted/required
- Personal Insight Questions - 4 out of 8



UC Admissions

Factors for Comprehensive Review:

- Academic GPA in A-G Course Completion (3.0 Minimum)
 - For more information on GPA calculation, see the UC GPA handout in the Canvas Module for Junior Meetings
- Quality of Courses
- Honors & AP Courses
- ELC
- Senior Year Courses
- Quality of Academic Performance
- Outstanding Academic Performance
- Outstanding Academic Accomplishments
- Improvement
- Special Talents, Achievements, Awards
- Special Projects
- Overcoming Special Circumstance
- Location



UCLA Admissions Data

Admissions Data

Last refresh: 12/2/2024

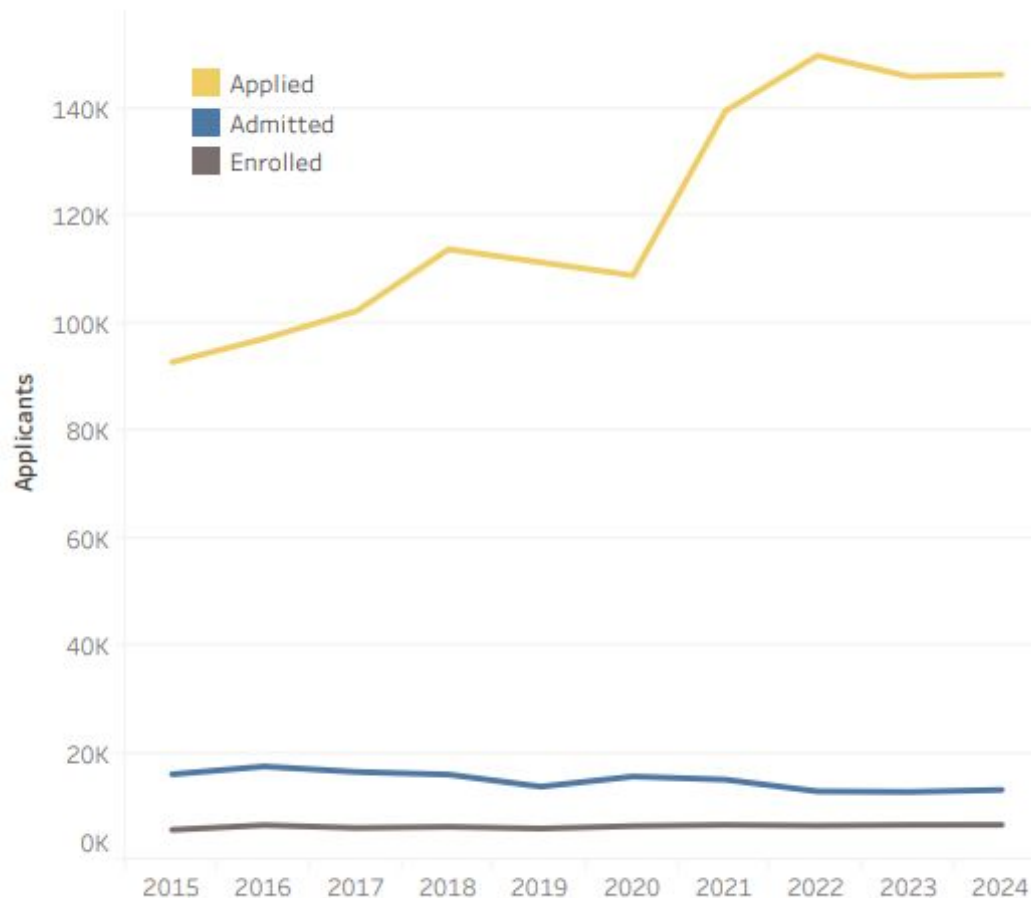
Admissions Trends

Admit Level

Freshman

Year

2015 to 2024



Admit Level - Freshman

	Applied	Admitted	Enrolled	Admit Rate
2024	146,276	13,114	6,610	9%
2023	145,910	12,737	6,585	9%
2022	149,815	12,844	6,462	9%
2021	139,490	15,028	6,587	11%
2020	108,877	15,602	6,386	14%
2019	111,322	13,720	5,920	12%
2018	113,761	15,970	6,240	14%
2017	102,242	16,456	6,038	16%
2016	97,121	17,474	6,545	18%
2015	92,728	16,016	5,680	17%

Private/Out of State Universities

What to Consider When Applying

- Private colleges can offer generous financial aid packages
- Western Undergraduate Exchange
 - Reduced tuition & fees w/ schools in partnering states
- Every school has different requirements
 - Research requirements for colleges you're interested in
- SAT/ACT Testing
 - Check specific school websites
- Most schools accept the Common Application
 - www.commonapp.org

College Recommendations

- Private and out of state schools may require teacher and/or counselor recommendations
 - Check specific school websites for requirements
- Counselor Recommendations
 - Counselor recommendation packet on Canvas
- Teacher Recommendations
 - Teachers who know you well, give advance notice



Out of State Schools

Merit/need-based scholarships can offset out of state fees.

Pay reduced tuition and fees through Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE).

Participating States

- Alaska
- Arizona
- Colorado
- Hawai'i
- Idaho
- Montana
- Nevada
- New Mexico
- North Dakota
- Oregon
- South Dakota
- Utah
- Washington
- Wyoming

For more information, please visit www.wiche.edu/wue.

Standardized Testing

SAT/ACT Testing

- CSU: Test Blind
- UC: Test Blind
- Private Schools: Most are test optional. Check specific school websites for the most current information
 - More private schools are bringing back the SAT/ACT requirement
 - For example, MIT, Georgetown, Purdue, Harvard, Brown, Cal Tech, Dartmouth, Yale, and more

Application Deadlines

Regular Decision

Standard deadline for colleges.

Early Action

Considered non-binding. You will receive your admission decision earlier, but you are not required to attend.

Early Decision

Binding decision: If you are admitted, you must attend the college

Restrictive Early Action

You may not apply to an EA, ED, or REA program at any other private college/university in the US.

Rolling Admission

Considers each application as soon as required information has been received.

Should I Apply Early or Regular?

Factors to Consider:

- College search complete or still exploring options?
- School is a top choice (ED: #1 choice) with multiple reasons it is a match academically, socially, geographically, financially
- GPA/Transcript through 11th Grade
 - 7th semester considered for RD only
- SAT/ACT testing (If required by school applying to)
 - Complete or planning to re-test?
- Timeframe of application due dates
 - Additional 2 months to complete essays/applications for RD

What does it mean to apply broadly?



Safety
Schools

Target
Schools

Reach
Schools

Reference the Senior Survey and specific school data

*Please be cautious in drawing conclusions from this information. The numbers are useful only as a general guide to selectivity and not as a predictor of your chances for admission to a particular campus.

Keep In Mind...

Ivy Leagues are hyper-selective.

95% of students accepted to Columbia and Brown were in the top 10% of their graduating class.
Only 149 students from all of California were admitted to Princeton's class of 2026.

School	Apps Received	Total Accepted	Acceptance Rate
Harvard	56,937	1,942	3.41%
Columbia	57,129	2,246	3.93%
Brown	51,302	2,609	5.08%
Princeton	39,644	1,782	4.50%

We always encourage students to apply to 1 or 2 reach schools.

Students also need to investigate less selective schools that they would be happy to attend.



HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Your school counselor is here to help!



BALANCE

Consider all factors, including rigor of selected courses, extracurriculars, and responsibilities outside of school.



SLEEP

It is recommended that teenagers average 8-10 hours of sleep each night.



STRESS

MANAGEMENT – know your limits! We all experience stress differently and can utilize coping skills.



SUPPORT ON CAMPUS

School Counselors, Project Success, Mental Health Specialist, Teachers, Admin, Coach, etc.

HOW CAN I ACCESS MY SCHOOL COUNSELOR?

WALK-IN BASIS

Before school from 8-8:30 am, during snack, or lunch



OFFICE HOURS

Students must sign up in 5 Star

BY APPOINTMENT

Open periods (1st, 2nd, 5th, 6th)

After School (7th and 8th period)

Appointments can be made here: <https://linktr.ee/unicounseling>



EMAIL YOUR COUNSELOR

This is the easiest way to contact your counselor to ask questions



Ms. Moran
Counseling Secretary

Personal and Social Resources

The following support is available on campus for all students



School Counselors

See alpha breakdown

Provide mental health and wellness, academic, and college and career support for all students



Project Success Support Specialist

Anela Rhodeman

Provides small group support to build resiliency skills



Mental Health Specialists

Dr. Tohidian and Mrs. Butler

Collaborate with school counselors to provide additional mental health support, crisis response services, and resource linkages to students and families

Summer School 2025

June 16 - July 25

Summer School Options:

- **Learning Recovery**
 - Monday - Friday @ WHS
 - Counselors will put recommendations in Aeries
- **Virtual Enrichment**
 - Health, PE, Driver's Ed
 - Live instruction through zoom twice per week

Registration Information (Virtual Enrichment Only):

April 11th from 4-6 PM @ CHS
(See IUSD.org for more info)

Important:

Political Science and Economics are only available for Early Graduation students in summer school.
Please remember to sign up for both during your senior year!

GRAD CHECK

Student Name: _____ Student ID # _____
Legal Name (last) (first)

Minimum requirements for a 4 year university (215 credits):

All courses must be completed with a grade of C- or better.

CP English 1 _____ CP English 2 _____ CP English 3 _____ CP English 4 _____
Math 1 _____ Math 2/Enhanced Math 2 _____ Math 3/Enhanced Math 3 _____
Biology _____ Chemistry _____
Global _____ US History _____ Political Science _____ Economics _____
World Language 1 _____ World Language 2 _____
Visual/Performing Art _____ Academic Elective (g) _____
PE _____ (quarters)
Health _____ (5.0)

Minimum requirements for a High School Diploma (215 credits):

All courses must be completed with a grade of D- or better.

English _____ English _____ English _____ English _____
Math 1 _____ Additional Math Class _____
Science _____ Science _____
Global _____ US History _____ Political Science _____ Economics _____
World Language 1, Visual/Performing Art, or CTE _____
PE _____ (quarters)
Health _____ (5.0)

- 10 credits of ELA1 and 10 credits of ELA 2 will count toward English credit for graduation.

Please find your grad check:



= complete



= in progress

blank = need to take in senior year

"D" or **"F"** = must be repeated for eligibility to a 4 year university and/or for graduation.

Keep in mind...

- Seniors must be enrolled in at least 5 courses
- Balance is key
- Finish Health, Visual Performing Arts, PE, etc.
- 215 credits needed for graduation

Senior Course Selection and Next Steps

Senior Year Scheduling

- Seniors must be enrolled in at least five courses
- It is important for you to challenge yourself. However, balance is key.

Finish Health, Visual Performing Arts, P.E., etc.

ROP Courses

- Students can see Mr. Hernandez in the College/Career Center for ROP sign up

Next Steps for Students

- Senior Meetings in September 2024

Sample Senior Year Schedule

1. English → (ERWC 4, AP English Lit., Graphic Novel/Sci Fi Lit., or Creative Writing/Fantasy & Fairytale Lit.)

2. Economics/Political Science (CP or AP)

3. Math or Elective

4. Science or Elective

5. Elective



i.e. Social Science, VAPA, CTE, PE, Sport,
Language, Health, or additional science course

6. Elective or Open period

7. Optional open elective

****Minimum 5 courses***

****7 courses if enrolled in an open elective***

Open Electives

Musical Wheel

Intro to Musical Theater

Musical Theater Performance

Broadway Bound

Drama 1, 2, and Adv.

Technical Theater, Int. & Adv.

Adv. Theater Production

Dance Tech. 1, 2 & Production

UHS Choir

Canta Bella

Madrigals

UNlson Choir

Pop/Rock Acapella Choir

String Orchestra

Concert Orchestra

Philharmonic Orchestra

Symphony Orchestra

Concert Band

Symphonic Band

Wind Symphony

Wind Ensemble

Guitar Studio 1 & 2

Music Technology

Marching Band

Color Guard

Songwriting

Improvisation

Art Studio, Int. & Adv.

Art of Fashion

Printmaking

Graphic Design & Adv.

Ceramics, Int. & Adv.

Visual Imagery & Adv.

Photojournalism

Video Production & Adv.

Journalism & Adv. Journalism

ASB

Athletics (only in 11th and 12th)

Choosing Classes for Senior

1. Follow this link, select courses & **show your counselor before submitting:**

<https://tinyurl.com/UHSCLASSOF2026>

2. Review “How to Enter Courses in Aeries” in your folder, log into Aeries, & enter courses using course numbers from Google form. Courses must be in Aeries before you leave this meeting today.
3. Complete the post survey below:



<https://tinyurl.com/y9hmma2z>

Last day to make changes to course requests: **May 5, 2025**