



Granada High School

Class of 2022

Post-High School Planning Presentation

Planning for Life After High School

Post-High School Options:

- Four-Year College
- Community College
- Vocational School/Training Program
- Military, Military Academy, ROTC Program
- Join the Workforce

Granada High School Graduation Requirements

History / Social Science	35 units
English	40 units
Mathematics	20 units (Must include the completion of Algebra I)
Lab Science	20 units (Biology and a Physical Science)
World Language or	30 units in at least two of these three categories:
Visual / Performing Arts or	For example: 1 year of VPA and 2 years of World Language or
CTE (Career & Technical Education)	2 years of CTE and 1 year of VPA
Electives	70 units
PE	20 units
Health	5 units
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Total	240 units

Four-Year College

CSU/UC, Private, Out-of-State

High School Course Requirements for CSU/UC Eligibility

A. History / Social Science	2 years
B. English	4 years
C. Mathematics	3 years / 4 years recommended
D. Lab Science	2 years / 3 years recommended
E. Foreign Language	2 years / 3 years recommended
F. Visual & Performing Arts	1 year
G. College Prep Elective	1 year

All courses must be completed with a C or higher

California State University (CSU) Minimum Eligibility

- 2.5+ GPA
 - The high school GPA will be calculated based on the A-G course grades, passed with a C- or higher, in 10th & 11th grade.
 - Note that courses completed with “Credit” during trimester 3 of sophomore year will not be included in the calculation of the GPA.
 - Students with a GPA between 2.00 and 2.49 may be evaluated for admission based upon supplemental factors.
- The CSUs will continue to temporarily suspend the use of the ACT or SAT exams in determining admission eligibility for all CSU campuses for the 2022-2023 academic year.
- This temporary change of admission requirements will also apply to impacted CSU campuses and programs. Campuses and programs designated as impacted may utilize higher A-G GPA thresholds for applicants, as well as identify supplemental criteria and their relative weights, in making admission decisions.

[High School Guidance - First-Time First-Year Students](#)

University of California (UC) Minimum Eligibility

- 3.0+ GPA
 - The high school GPA will be calculated based on the A-G course grades, passed with a C or higher, in 10th & 11th grade.
 - Note that courses completed with “Credit” during trimester 3 of sophomore year will not be included in the calculation of the GPA.
- Currently, UC will not consider SAT or ACT test scores when making admissions decisions or awarding scholarships. We encourage you to continue to check each UC campus website for more information.
 - [UC Berkeley Admissions Policy on Standardized Testing](#)
 - [UC Santa Barbara Eligibility & Selection](#)
 - [UCLA Freshman Requirements](#)

[How UC Applications Are Reviewed](#)

UC/CSU Local Guarantees

UC Campuses - [Eligibility in the Local Context \(ELC\)](#)

- If you rank in the top 9% of the GHS junior class, you will be eligible for ELC. ELC status adds value to your application and is one of the factors considered when applications are reviewed. Additionally, ELC students not admitted to any of their campus choices are offered a spot at a UC campus that has space, if minimum UC requirements are met.

UC Campuses - [Statewide Guarantee](#)

- If you're in the top 9% of California high school graduates and aren't admitted to any of the UC campuses you apply to, you'll be offered a spot at another campus if space is available and minimum UC requirements are met.

CSU Campuses

- Granada High School students are guaranteed admissions to Cal State East Bay when minimum eligibility is met.

CSU and UC Applications & Timelines

California State University (CSU):

- Application available: October 1
- Application submission begins: October 1
- Application deadline: November 30

University of California (UC):

- Applications available: August 1
- Application submission begins: November 1
- Application deadline: November 30

No priority is given to students who submit their application early.

High School Course Requirements for Private & Out-of-State Eligibility

All private and out-of-state colleges have different requirements for minimum eligibility. We encourage you to check the admissions websites for these colleges to make sure you meet minimum eligibility.

Benefits of Out-of-State Colleges

- Benefits of applying to out-of-state colleges:
 - No impact - students are often able to graduate after four years
 - [Western Undergraduate Exchange \(WUE\)](#) - an agreement among member states and territories, through which 160+ participating public colleges and universities provide steep nonresident tuition savings for Western students. Tuition savings depend on the college, GPA requirements and majors.
- Popular out-of-state colleges that our students attend include: University of Nevada, Reno, University of Arizona, Arizona State University, University of Oregon, Oregon State, Boise State, University of Idaho and many more.

Benefits of Private Colleges

- Benefits of applying to private colleges:
 - No impaction - students are often able to graduate after four years
 - Small class sizes
 - Merit based & need based scholarships available
- Popular private colleges that our students attend include: St. Mary's College, University of the Pacific, Grand Canyon University, Azusa Pacific University, University of San Diego, University of San Francisco and many more.

Private and Out-of-State College Applications & Timelines

- Online applications can be found on [Common App](#), [Coalition](#) or the individual college website.
- Application due dates will vary by college.
- If prompted, enter your counselors information within your application. Your counselor will submit a 'counselor report' which usually includes a copy of your transcript.
- Applications may require [Letters of Recommendation](#).
- Students should submit their applications when they are complete, don't wait for recommenders.

EARLY ACTION vs. EARLY DECISION

EARLY ACTION – Submit early, get results early.

No benefit in admissions decision

Apply to as many colleges as you want

EARLY DECISION – Submit early, get results early.

Significant benefit in admission decision.

One school only. Binding contract to attend if admitted.

College Application Essays

- CSU: None
- UC: Personal Insight Questions
 - Students will have 8 questions to choose from. Students must respond to only 4 of the 8 questions. All are given equal consideration in the application review process.
 - Responses are limited to a maximum of 350 words.
 - Students can start planning for these now. Prompts and tips are available [here](#).
- Common App: Personal Statements / Essays
 - Not all Common App colleges require essays.
 - Students can start planning for these now. Prompts are available [here](#).

SAT and ACT Updates for the Class of 2022

- CSU will continue to temporarily suspend the use of SAT and ACT exams in determining admission eligibility for all CSU campuses for the 2022-2023 academic year. Click [here](#) for more information.
- UC will not consider SAT or ACT test scores when making admissions decisions or awarding Regents and Chancellor's scholarships. Click [here](#) for more information or check individual campus websites.
- For out-of-state and private colleges, please check the college's website for more information on their testing policies for the class of 2022.
- If a student chooses to take the SAT/ACT, they must do so by December 2021.
 - Register for the SAT [here](#)
 - Register for the ACT [here](#)
- If the college application allows for test scores, students may self-report their scores on the application but must send official scores to the college if/when the college requests them.
- For students who choose not to submit test scores to a college that is test-optional, their application will still receive full consideration.
- For additional College Board announcements as of January 2021, click [here](#).

Senior Year Counts - Finish Strong

- You will enter your senior courses in your applications. Your trimester 1, senior grades, may be part of your admissions GPA calculation if the college application deadline is after December.
- All senior year final grades will be submitted in June 2022, to the college you commit to. Seniors must complete required courses with a C or higher.
- Students are encouraged to challenge themselves senior year.
- Taking math and science during senior year is encouraged to stay competitive for college admissions.

Students Should Apply Broadly

- We encourage all seniors to apply to 5-8 four-year colleges
- When creating your "college list" we encourage you to include schools that fall into these three categories: Reach, Fit and Fallback. When deciding on your Reach, Fit and Fallback schools, these should also be schools you'd be happy to attend, if admitted.
- Fallback schools can be:
 - Non-impacted or less impacted CSUs - Learn more about CSU impaction by clicking [here](#).
 - UC Merced and UC Riverside
 - Out-of-state Colleges
 - Las Positas College or another community college

College Planning Resources

Helpful websites to help students with college planning:

- [Big Future - College Board](#)
- [California Colleges](#)
- [CSU - Choosing a Campus](#)
- [Overgrad](#) - GHS students have access to a free account
- [College Confidential](#)
- [College Navigator](#)

Community College

California Community Colleges

Why go to a Community College?

- It's less expensive
- No minimum GPA or SAT/ACT scores needed for admissions
- Certificate, degree and transfer opportunities
- Career/major exploration
- Free to apply
- Opportunity to stay close to home
 - There are 116 California Community Colleges and one is right here in Livermore.

[Explore the California Community College System](#)

California Community Colleges (CCC)

- Certificate programs
 - Preparation for direct job entry
- Degree Programs
 - AA/AS
- Transfer Programs
 - UC Transfer Admissions Guarantee (TAG)
 - Six UC campuses offer the TAG program for CCC students who meet specific requirements
 - By participating in TAG, students may receive early review of academic records, early admission notification and specific guidance about major preparation and general education coursework
 - Students can still transfer to a UC campus that is not part of TAG
 - A Degree with a Guarantee - CSU Transfer (ADT)
 - Students who complete an Associate Degree for Transfer (either an AA-T or AS-T) are guaranteed to be eligible for admission to a non-impacted similar major at a California State University campus.

What does Las Positas College Offer?

- [Certificate programs](#)
- [Degree Programs](#)
- [Transfer Programs](#)
- [Financial Aid](#)
- [Athletics](#)
- [Student Organizations](#)

Las Positas College Application Time

Six Steps to Success:

1. Apply for admissions (Las Positas College application opens in October 2021)
2. Apply for Financial Aid (FAFSA/CADAA applications open in October 2021)
3. Complete an online orientation
4. Complete your guided self-placement
5. Complete a Student Education Plan
6. Register and pay for classes

These dates and steps may vary depending on the community college

Vocational School/Training Programs

Train for a specific line of work

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Vocational schools train students for a specific line of work, (healthcare, automotive technician, carpenters, electricians). Vocational schools are different from typical college programs because the programs are less academic and more job-focused.

Students can explore these opportunities with some of our local programs:

- [ABC Norcal](#)
- [Carpenters Training Committee for Northern California](#)
- [Cal Apprenticeships](#)

Military

Branches of the Military, Military Academies & ROTC
Programs

US Military

Each year, Granada High School has several students who enlist in the military. Students enlist in the military for various reasons including honoring our country and to receive advanced technical training in a variety of careers.

To learn more about the military, recruitment and enlistment, students should connect with one of our assigned recruiters. Students can also visit the local recruitment offices in Livermore.

[Discover what it takes to join the Military and learn how a career of service can lead to a fulfilling life.](#)

Military Academies

Students who are interested in applying to a military academy should connect with a recruiter from the specific academy early. The application process for the military academies sometimes begin during junior year.

US Military Academies

- [US Military Academy](#)
- [Naval Academy](#)
- [Air Force Academy](#)
- [Coast Guard Academy](#)
- [Merchant Marine Academy](#)

ROTC Programs

The Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) is a college program offered at more than 1,700 colleges and universities across the country that prepares young adults to become officers in the US military.

In exchange for a paid college education and a guaranteed post-college career, participants, or cadets, commit to serve in the military after graduation.

Each service branch has its own take on ROTC.

- [Army ROTC](#)
- [Navy ROTC](#) (Aspiring Marine Corps officers can also participate in Navy ROTC)
- [Air Force ROTC](#)

Career

Join the workforce after high school

Join the Workforce After High School

Another option after graduation is to join the workforce straight out of school. Some students feel that they need to earn money to pay for further schooling, are not sure what to do with their life yet, or have already had a job with growth opportunities that could turn into a lifelong career.

Helpful resources for joining the workforce:

- Create a resume
 - Build a resume with [California Career Zone](#) (must make a free account)
 - [High school resume examples and tips](#)
- Research careers with the [Occupational Outlook Handbook](#)
- Learn about careers using the virtual [Tri-Valley Career Fair](#)

Junior Year Checklist

- ❑ Check with your counselor to make sure you are on-track for graduation and four-year college admissions.
- ❑ Create a brag sheet. Click [here](#) for more information and a template.
- ❑ Research colleges/majors/careers.
- ❑ Create your college list.
- ❑ Get involved on campus and in the community (volunteer, join a club, get a job, play a sport).
- ❑ Visit college campuses (in-person or virtually). GHS is hosting virtual spring college visits. Click [here](#) for more information.
- ❑ Attend virtual college fairs - [NACAC](#), [WACAC](#) & [BigFuture Days](#)
- ❑ Connect with colleges you are interested in (sign-up for mailing lists, register for virtual events/information sessions).
- ❑ Register for the [SAT](#) or [ACT](#) (check college websites to see if it is required for admissions).

Things to Expect From Us During Your Senior Year

- Senior Information Night
 - Presentations will include in-depth information for applying to four-year colleges and community colleges
- College Application Assistance/Workshops
- Financial Aid Night
- College Visits
 - Students have the opportunity to meet with admissions representatives from various colleges during lunch
- Tri-Valley College Fair
- Las Positas College Information Session

Introduction to Financial Aid

- All students and their parents/guardians are encouraged to complete the [FAFSA](#) or [CADAA](#). Applications open in October 2021.
- Granada has a list of scholarships available for students. Students are encouraged to check this [list](#) often and apply for any scholarships they are eligible for. Students are encouraged to check this list starting in August, if not before.
- Students should apply for scholarships through their high school, community, employers, parent/guardian's employers, colleges and through scholarship search engines.
- For more information about applying for financial aid and scholarships, please click [here](#).

Earning College Credit While in High School

- Concurrent enrollment with Las Positas College
 - Students have the opportunity to take courses at Las Positas College through concurrent enrollment. Registration for concurrent enrollment at Las Positas College is all done electronically. Click [here](#) for more information.
- Take a ROP or CTE course at Granada.
 - Granada offers various ROP and CTE courses, many which offer college credits to students who successfully complete the course.
 - Check with your counselor or Mrs. Watson for more information about these courses or check out all the courses we offer in the GHS course catalog (available in March) or visit the [Tri-Valley ROP website](#).
- Take an AP or IB course while in high school and pass the AP or IB exam in May 2022. Check each college's website for more information about receiving college credit through an AP or IB exam.
 - [UC AB/IB exam credits](#)
 - [CSU AP exam credits](#)

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Additional Resources for Students

[GHS College & Career Center](#)

[Upcoming Virtual Events](#)

[GHS Counseling Department](#)

[Big Future Major & Career Search](#)

[California Career Zone](#) (take an interest inventory, build a resume, research careers and more)

[Tri-Valley Career Fair](#) (virtual platform this year)

[College Board Opportunity Scholarships](#)

Thank you!

Please note that, due to the pandemic, information that is provided in this presentation is constantly changing and we will update the information if/when it is available. Please continue to check our website and the colleges websites for updated information as well.

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