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Needs Assessment Results

- High School Graduation/College Preparation
- Interventions, Tutoring and Counseling
- Parental Involvement
- GATE, Honors, and Advanced Placement Classes

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Preparation for High School Graduation and College

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High School Graduation Requirements and Preparations for University of CA (UC) and California State University (CSU)

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SCUSD Graduation Requirements

- 40 Credits English
- 40 Credits History
- 20 Credits Math Algebra 1 and Geometry (40 recommended for a UC)
- 65 Credits Electives

Passage of CAHSEE, English and Math

Passage of the Algebra End of Course Exam

- 10 Credits Fine Arts
- 20 Credits Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics) 30 recommended for UC
- 20 Credits Physical Education
- 10 Credits Foreign Language (30 recommended for a UC)



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What is A – G?



The University of California and California State Universities require all students applying for entrance to have complete what is called the "A-G" requirements. These courses are to be academically challenging and require students to read, write, analyze and think critically so to prepare them for college. Students must receive a grade of "C" or better.

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A – G Requirements

History/social science (“a”) – *Two years*, including one year of world history, cultures and historical geography and one year of U.S. history, or one-half year of U.S. history and one-half year of American government or civics.

English (“b”) – *Four years of college preparatory English* that includes frequent and regular writing, reading of classic and modern literature, and practice listening and speaking.

Mathematics (“c”) – *Three years of college-preparatory mathematics* that include the topics covered in elementary and advanced algebra and two- and three-dimensional geometry.

Laboratory science (“d”) – *Two years of laboratory science* providing fundamental knowledge in at least two of the three disciplines of biology, chemistry and physics.



A – G Continued...

Language other than English (“e”) – *Two years of the same language* other than English or equivalent to the second-level of high school instruction.

Visual and performing arts (“f”) – *One year*, including dance, drama/theater, music or visual art.

College-preparatory elective (“g”) – *One year*, chosen from the “a-f” courses beyond those used to satisfy the requirements above, or courses that have been approved solely for use as “g” electives.

Parent/Student Testing Resources

- www.SCUSD.EDU
- Click on Offices & Departments tab
- Arrow down to Accountability Office
- Click on to Assessment, Research, and Evaluation
- Click on the Red Box to the Right

CalMapp
(SBAC)

College Application Process

- Grades
- Test Scores (Either SAT or ACT)
- Personal Statement
- Extra-curricular activities
- Letter of recommendations (Private schools only)
- Application Fee or fee waiver





SAT Information

- SAT required by CSU/UC and most private schools
- 2400 is a perfect score, average scores range from 1600 to 1800
 - Writing - 800
 - Reading - 800
 - Math - 800
- Future Test Dates: Register online at www.collegeboard.org
- Fee is \$49 and fee waivers are available through the counseling office



ACT Information

- ACT is also accepted by CSU in place of SAT
- ACT Plus Writing is accepted by the UC in place of the SAT
- Students should always check the college requirements prior to signing up for any test
- 36 is a perfect score, the average scores range from 25 to 28
- Future Test Dates and Registration:
<http://www.actstudent.org/regist/>
Fee for ACT w/o Writing \$34, ACT Plus Writing is \$49.50. Fee waivers are available in the Counseling Office.



Personal Statement & Letters of Recommendation

- CSU does not require a personal statement.
- What the personal statement should demonstrate (UC require Personal Statement):
 - Strength of character, ambition and demonstrated potential for leadership
 - Well-rounded school and community activities, making a contribution to society
 - Commitment to educational goals and have taken advantage of educational opportunities
- Letters of Recommendation are not required for UC/CSU.
- Most Private schools require letters of recommendation.



Financial Aid - FAFSA

- Seniors and parents will file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid starting January 1st.
www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Financial Aid consist of the following:
 - **Gift Aid** - Grants or scholarships that do not need to be repaid
 - **Work** - Money earned by the student as payment for a job on or off campus
 - **Loans** - Borrowed money to be paid back, usually with interest
- Before submitting the FAFSA, both the parent and student must apply for their personal PIN. This pin is used as your electronic signature when submitting FAFSA on-line. The website is www.pin.ed.gov.
- Our next FAFSA workshop will take place next January or early February of next year. TBA at our Fall Senior Parent Night meeting.



FAFSA4caster – Junior year

- Now is the time as Juniors to find out how you can afford college now by going to <http://federalstudentaid.ed.gov>
- FAFSA4caster will help you get an early start on the financial aid process by:
 - Providing you with an early estimate of your eligibility for federal student aid.
 - Giving you an experience similar to *FAFSA on the Web*
 - Allowing you to transfer all of your FAFSA4caster data to *FAFSA on the Web* once you are ready to apply for aid.
 - Providing you the option to apply for your Federal Student Aid PIN.
 - Increasing your knowledge of the financial aid process, and providing information about other sources of aid.



Scholarships

- Start looking now
- www.californiacolleges.edu
*Students are encouraged to make their own scholarship email address (i.e. studentname_scholarship@gmail.com)
- Visit the counseling office
- Most scholarship applications are to be completed Junior/Senior year
- Scholarships might ask for a certain GPA, test scores (if applicable), personal statement, extra-curricular activities, and letters of recommendation.



Taking Rigorous Courses In High School

Advanced Placement Classes

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“What is ‘Rigor?’”

- More math problems for homework?
- Longer essays?
- Read more and longer books?
- Tests every other day?

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Rigor is...

- Math problems which require higher level thinking skills
- Essays which demonstrate the ability for developmental thinking
- Exposure to diverse literature that requires students to analyze and synthesize
- Assessment which requires students to apply concepts learned rather than just recall facts



Rigor is...

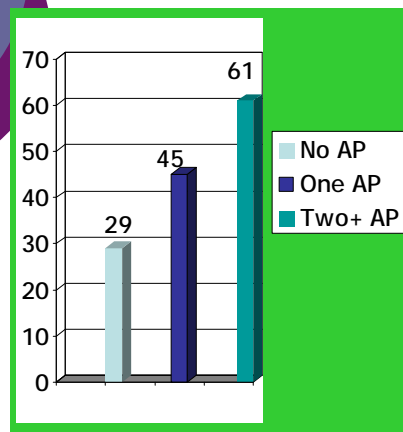
- A belief system that all students “Can Do” higher order thinking
- A support system to help students bridge the knowledge gap
- Teachers accepting the responsibility to ask more of their students and themselves
- An **Advanced Placement (AP) COURSE...**

“What is ‘AP?’”

AP Courses are college-level courses that students can take in high school.

- The courses are taught by high-school teachers and provide students with the opportunity to earn college credit while still in high school. More importantly, AP Courses provide students with the experience of working with rigorous, college-level class work **while in a familiar school setting with support.**

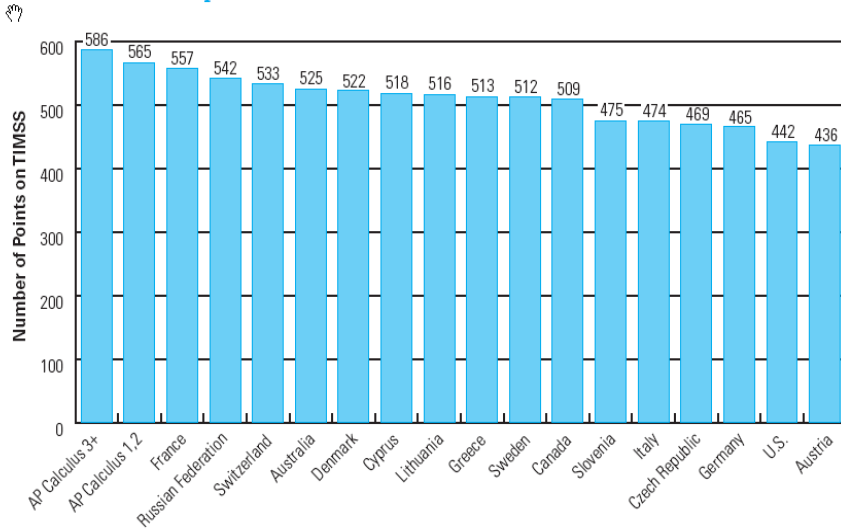
AP and College



Students who take AP courses and exams are much more likely than their peers to complete a bachelor's degree in four years or less.

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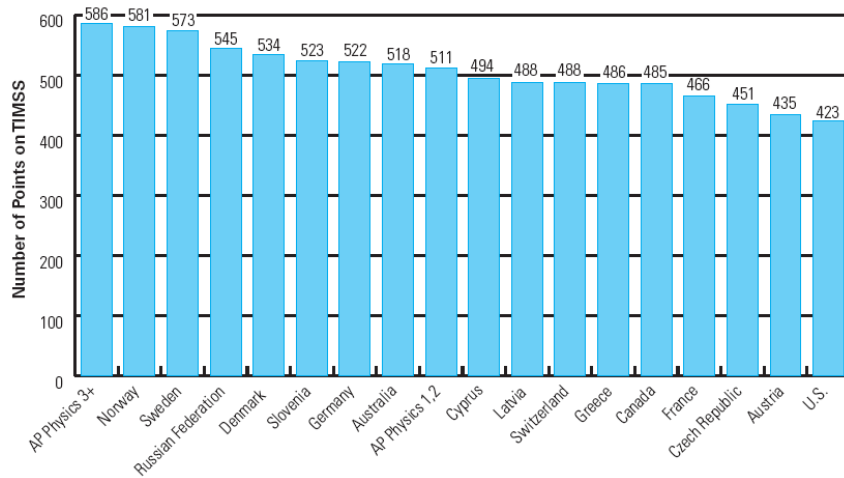
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“What AP Courses can I take?”

- There are 34 AP Courses in subjects like Calculus, English, US History, and Spanish.
- The courses that you can take will depend on what is currently being offered at your high school.
 - (see hand-out for specific courses offered in SCUSD)
- At the end of the AP Course, students typically take an AP Exam, a national exam that gives students the opportunity to earn college credit.

Official AP Course Offerings

Art History	Japanese Language	US History
Biology	German Language	Music Theory
Calculus AB	French Language	Physics B
Calculus BC	Chinese Language	Physics C Mechanics
Statistics	Comp. Government & Politics	Physics C Electricity and Magnetism
Chemistry	U.S. Government & Politics	Italian Language
Computer Science A	Human Geography	Spanish Language
Latin	European History	Spanish Literature
Macroeconomics	Studio Art Drawing	World History
Microeconomics	Studio Art 2D design	Environmental Science
English Language	Studio Art 3D design	Psychology
English Literature		

“Why should I take an AP Course?”

Reason 1:

Gain the Edge in College Preparation

- Get a head start on college-level work.
- Improve your writing skills and sharpen your problem-solving techniques.
- Develop the study habits necessary for tackling rigorous course work.

Impact of AP[®] on 5-Year College Graduation Rates

Student Group	AP Exam Grade of 3, 4, 5	AP Exam Grade of 1, 2	Took AP course, but not exam
African-American	28% higher	22% higher	16% higher
Hispanic	28% higher	12% higher	10% higher
White	33% higher	22% higher	20% higher
Low-Income	26% higher	17% higher	12% higher
Not Low-Income	34% higher	23% higher	19% higher

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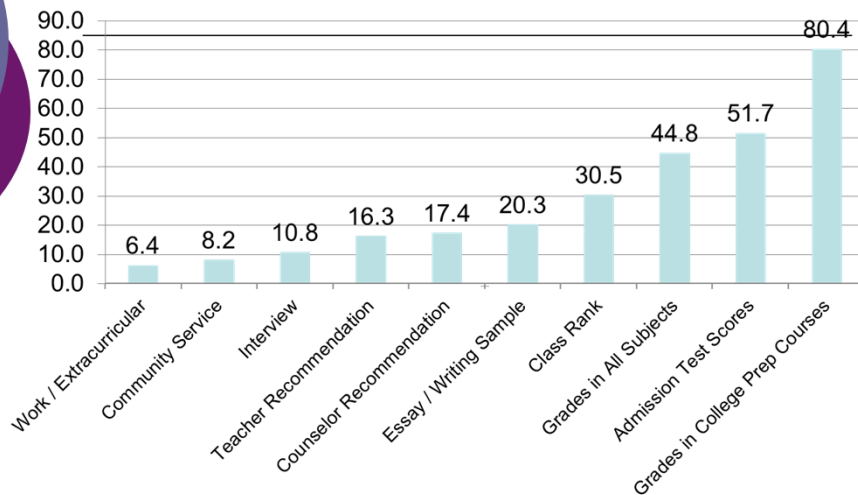
Reason 2: Stand Out in the College Admissions Process

- Demonstrate your maturity and readiness for college.
- Show your willingness to push yourself to the limit.
- Emphasize your commitment to academic excellence.

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Factors Influencing College Admission Decisions





Why should I take an AP Course?

Reason 3:


Broaden Your Intellectual Horizons

- Explore the world from a variety of perspectives, most importantly your own.
- Study subjects in greater depth and detail.
- Assume the responsibility of reasoning, analyzing, and understanding for yourself.



How do I get into an AP Class?

- Talk to your teachers
- **PSAT taken by all 10th graders-AP Potential**
- **AP classes offered in SCUSD schools**



Questions?

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