

### Family/Parent Pledge:

I agree to carry out the following responsibilities to the best of my ability

- Provide a quiet time and place for homework and monitor TV viewing.
- Read to my child or encourage my child to read every day
- Ensure that my child attends school every day, gets adequate sleep, regular medical attention, and proper nutrition.
- Regularly monitor my child's progress in school.
- Participate at school in activities such as school decision making, volunteering and/or attending parent-teacher conferences.
- Communicate the importance of education and learning to my child.
- Respect the school, staff, students, and families.

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

### Tips for Financial Aid

**Tip 1:** Prioritize your efforts, starting with the federal government. Then turn to the private sector for additional assistance. Visit [FinAid.org](http://FinAid.org) to learn about all your funding opportunities.

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**Tip 4:** Apply for aid as soon as possible after January 1. Do not wait until you've filed your taxes or been admitted. The early bird always gets the worm — and sometimes the scholarship!

**Tip 5:** Inform financial aid administrators about atypical expenses or unusual financial circumstances. Certain adjustments may be made to assist you.

**Tip 6:** Investigate company-sponsored tuition plans. Many employers will invest in the education of their employees.

**Tip 7:** Apply! You can't win awards or receive funds for which you do not apply, so pay attention to deadlines.

**Tip 8:** Use free scholarship matching services like FastWeb at [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) to help you find the private sector assistance you need!



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Everett Middle School's

Parent Guide to College

# A – G Requirements

## What is the best time to prepare for College?

Answer: Now

## When does a UC require at least 11 of the A – G courses to be completed?

Answer: End of 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

## Credits/Classes needed to graduate in SFUSD: 230 credits

- A. History /Social Sciences 30 credits (3 years)
- B. English 40 credits (4vyears)
- C. Math 30 credits (3 years) but 4 is recommended for University
- D. Lab Sciences 20 credits - two years but 3 is recommended
- E. World Language 20 credits - two years - 3 recommended
- F. Visual and Performing Arts – 10 credits – 1 year
- G. Electives – 50 credits
  - PE – 20 credits (2 years)
  - Health Education – 5 credits 1 semester
  - College and Career Course – 5 credits 1 semester

## HS Graduation vs. State and UC requirements

A *D* is a passing grade for a HS graduation, it does not meet admission requirements for a UC or State schools

PE is required for HS graduation; PE is not required for College admission

College prep and Career classes are required for HS graduation. They are not required for College admission.

# STAR/CST Tips Scoring and Scoring Chart ( Kids)

**Tip 1:** Read the questions before reading the passage.

**Tip 2:** For reading passages, look for key words in the question, such as who, what, when, where, that tell you what to look for.

**Tip 3:** Read all the choices before choosing your answer. Sometimes there is more than one correct answer and you will need to choose "All of the above."

**Tip 4:** When answering questions about a reading passage, look back at the passage to help you with the answer. You don't need to rely on memory.

**Tip 5:** Answers about when and where the story takes place are often found at the beginning. Answers about a problem in the story are usually found in the middle. Answers about how the problem was resolved are frequently found at the end.

**Tip 6:** If you come to a word in a reading passage you don't know, look for context clues; other words in the sentence or paragraph that help to define or explain the unknown word.

**Tip 7:** Don't keep changing your answer; usually your first choice is the right one.

**Tip 8:** Watch out for negative words in the directions, such as NOT or OPPOSITE. These words often appear in bold or *italic* type, or in ALL CAPITAL LETTERS.

**Tip 9:** On the Star Test guess if you do not know the answer. Don't leave questions blank,

**Tip 10:** Don't keep changing your answer; usually your first choice is the right one.

**Tip 11: Make Sure** that you are bubbling in the answer on the correct number. Periodically double-check what number you are on.

## Plan Ahead

- Research the different high schools and what is the best school for you
- Complete high school applications on time
- Understand what classes you need to get into College (A – G requirements)