

Preparing for Life Beyond High School

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Questions?

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- 3 yrs Social Studies
- 2 yr Foreign Language or Fine Arts
- 2 years P.E.
- 1 year Health
- 75 Excluded Credits
- Earn 5 credits each semester per class; you need at least 220 credits to graduate
- Pass a state-wide test (SAT or ACT)
- 6 semesters satisfactory citizenship

Why is continuing your education Important?

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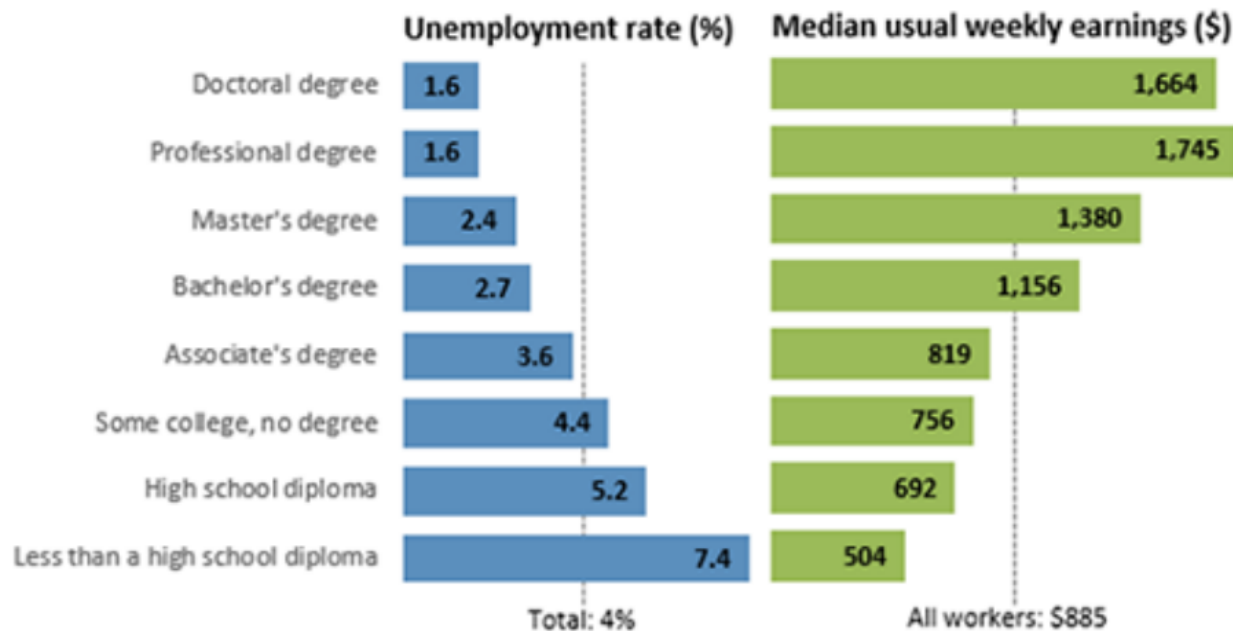


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Note: Data are for persons age 25 and over. Earnings are for full-time wage and salary workers.
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey.

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GPA

Grade Point Average

All grades in high school are converted into a numerical value.

4 points= A

3 points= B

2 points= C

1 point= D

0 points= F

Add the total points for all grades, then divide by the number of courses taken. You will have your GPA.

An extra point is given for high school Honors and AP Classes

A-G- College Entrance Minimum Requirements

- A- Social Studies- 2 years (US and World History)
- B- English- 4 years
- C- Math- 3 years, 4 rec. (Alg 1, Geometry, Alg 2 minimum)
- D- Science- 2 years, 3 rec. (Bio and Chem, Physics)
- F- Fine Arts- 1 year
- E- Foreign Language- 2 years, 3 rec. (must be same language)
- G- College Prep Electives- 1 year (approved list)

Grades must be a C or better (but A's and B's are what they want).
D's and F's do not count, and must be repeated.

UCs, Cal States, and many other colleges look at grades from 10th
and 11th grade only.

Testing

- SAT
- ACT
- We suggest that students try each once, then retry the better one in order to improve scores
- Practice versions can be taken as early as 9th grade (fall of 11th grade is the best time for the PSAT), regular versions should be taken beginning spring of 11th grade

Education Opportunities After High School

- Public System in California:
 - California Community Colleges
 - The California State University
 - The University of California
- CA Private/Independent colleges and universities
- Out of State Colleges
- Trade/Vocational Schools
- Military

Community Colleges

- Associates (AA) Degree
- General Education classes
- Credits transfer to university
- Concurrent enrollment-
- Earn credits while in high school or attending another college.
- Must graduate from high school to apply, test scores are not needed
- Cost Per Year- Tuition (about \$1,500), Total with books/supplies (about \$3,000), Total with room/board and all of the above (\$10,000-\$18,000)

California State Universities



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General Information

- 23 public schools
- Vary in competitiveness
- 2.0 minimum to apply
- Requires application, SAT/ACT
- Cost Per Year- Tuition (\$6,000-\$9,000),
Total with books/supplies (\$8,000-\$11,000),
Total with room/board and all of the above
(\$20,000-\$30,000)

University Of California

- UC Berkley
- UC Davis
- UC Irvine
- UC Los Angeles
- UC Merced
- UC Riverside
- UC San Diego
- UC San Francisco (grad)
- UC Santa Barbara
- UC Santa Cruz



University of California

General Information

- 10 public schools
- Research universities
- HIGHLY competitive
- Minimum of a 3.0 to apply
- Requires application, SAT/ACT, personal statement, additional activities
- Cost Per Year- Tuition (\$12,000-\$15,000), Total with books/supplies (\$14,000-\$17,000), Total with room/board and all of the above (\$29,000-\$36,000)

CA Private/Independent Colleges

- All sizes and programs
- Some are affiliated with religious groups
- Require applications, essays, letters of recommendation, SAT/ACT, other activities
- Cost Per Year (these vary drastically)-
- Tuition (\$30,000-\$48,000),
- Total with books/supplies (\$32,000-\$50,000)
- Total with room/board and all of the above (\$43,000-\$68,000)

Out of State Colleges and Universities

- A great option to consider! Due to overcrowding in CA schools, it's smart to look into other states.
- Offer incredible atmospheres (sports, programs etc.)
- With scholarships and aid, these sometimes end up costing the same or even less than UCs
- Vary in size, cost, and application requirements

Trade Schools

Trade schools offer career-focused education, which prepares students for success in diverse fields such as industrial technology, cosmetology, graphic design, medical billing and culinary arts.

Requirements for trade schools do vary. Some general ones are as follows:

- Need a high school diploma or equivalency
- Application and interview
- Standardized tests

How do colleges decide which students to admit?

- GPA earned during high school career
- The level of difficulty of high school courses
- Scores on national tests like SAT or ACT
- Written recommendations by teachers and guidance counselors
- Pursuit of academic interests outside of school
- Participation in school community activities such as sports, student government, music, drama, community service, and part-time jobs.
- High achievement in academic courses throughout middle and high school is key!

Community Service & Extracurricular Activities

- Discover your passion!
- Make a commitment! It's better to have a deep commitment with just a few activities, rather than a laundry list of activities you barely participate in.
- Have leadership roles within activities!

\$ Financial Aid Sources \$

- Federal (FAFSA)
- State (Cal Grants, Middle Class)
- Institutional (Endowment/Scholarship)
- Need Based Scholarships
- Merit/Athletic Scholarships
- Other Scholarships

What can I do in Middle School to Prepare for College and Beyond?

- Work hard- a strong work ethic leads to success in high school, college and beyond.
- Taking tough classes and doing well in middle school gives you more course choices in high school, which will help you get into selective colleges.
- Be aware of how social media can impact college admissions and getting a job!!!
- Work on your time management and organization skills, this will help you in high school too!

Future Resources at South H.S.

Naviance- a web-based program that our school uses. This includes college searches and matches, as well as personality tests that help determine strengths and future careers.

College visits- colleges from all over the country come to speak with our students (over 50 colleges this past fall)

Counselors- a great resource for planning your future! Students are assigned a counselor based on last name. The college and career counselor works with all students.



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