



Coffee with the counselors: High School Graduation & A-G Requirements

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Objectives:

We will learn:

- How credits work
- GPA
- Graduation requirements
- A-G requirements

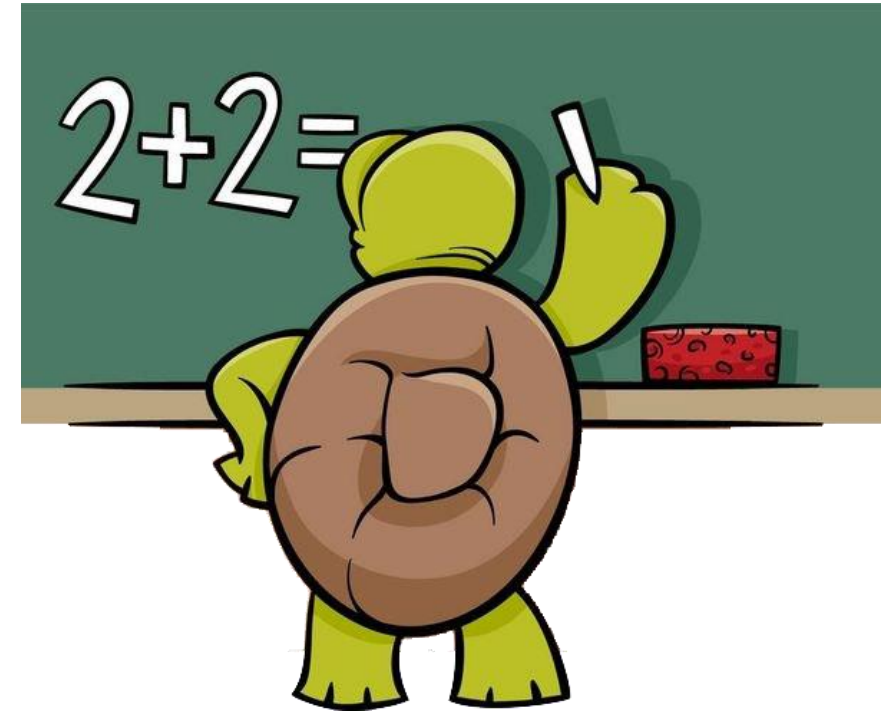




How credits work

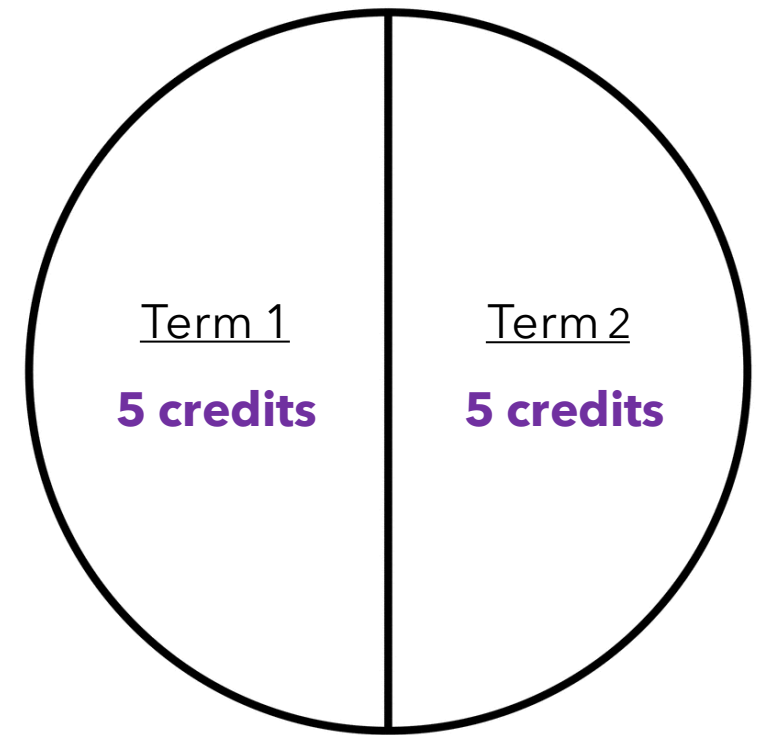
How do credits work?

- Every class is equal to 10 credits, except for advisory.
- When students pass a full class, they earn 10 credits
- Those credits start adding up
- To graduate high school, they will need to have a total of **230 credits**



Semester Classes

- Divided into two parts
- Term 1 (September- January) = Semester 1
- Term 2 (January- June) = Semester 2
- Ex: All English and Math classes are semester classes
- Enrolled in these classes the entire school year
- Two grades
- 5 credits earned each semester for a total of 10 credits



10 credits total

Full Year Classes

- Enrolled in these classes for only one term
- Ex: Art, Science, Careers, History etc.
- One grade
- 10 credits earned at the end of the term

Term 1 or Term 2

10 credits

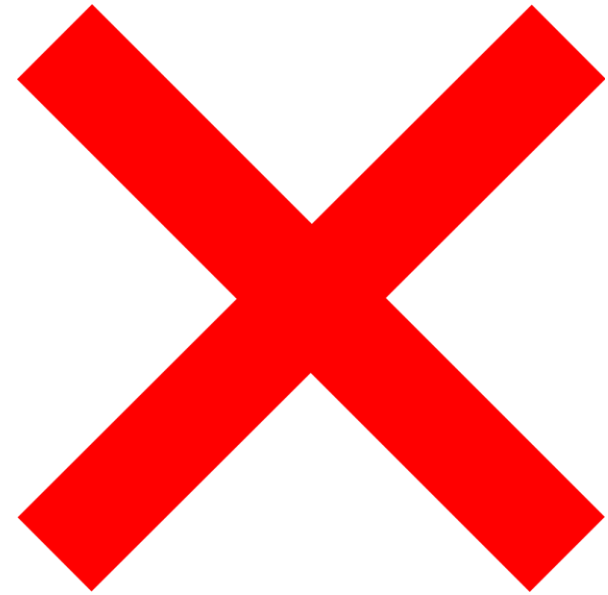
Passing a class successfully

- A passing grade is an A, B, C, or D
- This means 60% or better
- Passing a class= 10 credits
- "On track" to graduate



Failing a class

- A failing grade is an E
- This means 59% or below
- 0 credits received
- "Not on track" to graduate



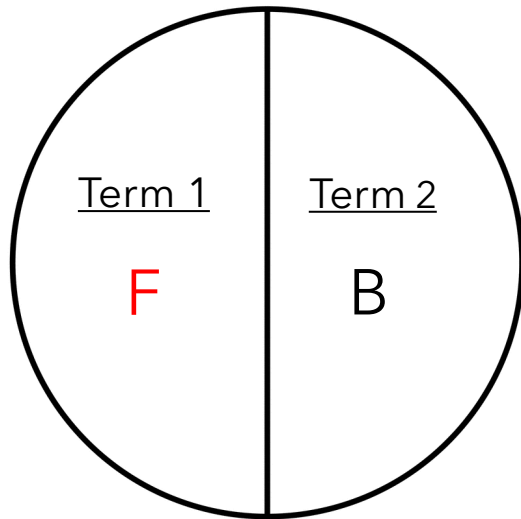
When students fail a class

- They will need to repeat the class by:
 - ❖ Going to Summer School (MANDATORY)
 - OR**
 - ❖ Retaking the class, the following school year
 - ❖ Counselor decides what is the best option for student



Failing a Semester Class

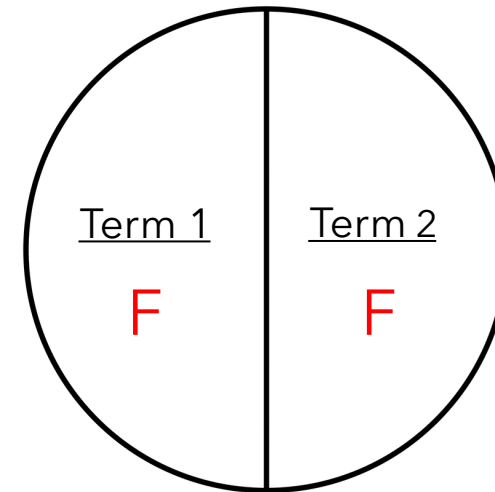
Geometry



Student earned: 5 credits

Student will retake: ONLY Semester 1

Geometry



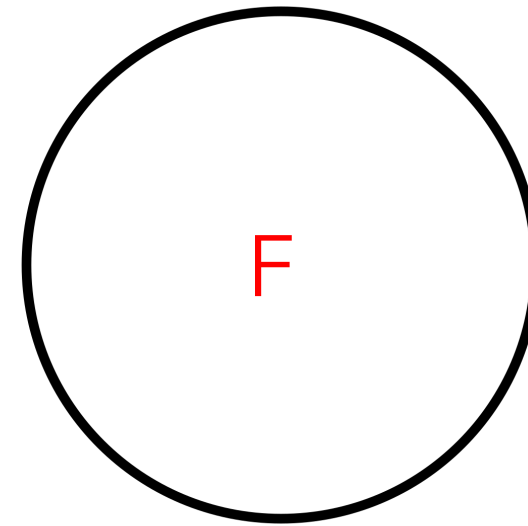
Student earned: 0 credits

Student will retake: BOTH Semester 1 & 2

Failing a Full Year Class

- If you fail a full year class, you will need to repeat two semesters of the class
- Full year classes are only taken during one term, but still consist of two halves at a faster pace

World History



Student earned: 0 credits

Student will retake: BOTH Semester 1 & 2

Summer School- Announcement

- Students who are assigned summer school will be informed in May.
 - Tentative start date: June 28, 2021
 - More information to follow
- Summer school will only be available to students who failed a class Term 1 of this school year previous terms
- Summer school will not be offered for students who fail a class term 2
 - Those students who fail class(es) will have to wait until the following year or summer.



Summer School- Continued

- Students recover credits for failed classes on APEX Learning.
- APEX learning gives students access to a digital curriculum that is available 24/7.
- To earn credit for a course, students must read through the lessons, take notes, take quizzes, CSTs and a final exam.
- Students typically have 3-4 weeks to complete a class. (More information to come in the next couple of weeks)
- They also can receive assistance from their summer school teacher during summer school hours.



GPA

What is a GPA?

- GPA= Grade Point Average
- Measures academic achievement by taking the average of all grades earned
- All grades are assigned a value
- A= 4, B=3, C=2, D=1, F= 0

GPA Example

Student 1

Grade Report

- World History = B (3)
- Biology = A (4)
- English II = B (3)
- Geometry = A (4)

$$3+4+3+4= 14 \text{ points}$$

$$14 \text{ points} \div 4 \text{ grades} = \underline{3.5 \text{ GPA}}$$

Student 2

Grade Report

- World History = C (2)
- Biology = B (3)
- English II = D (1)
- Geometry = F (0)

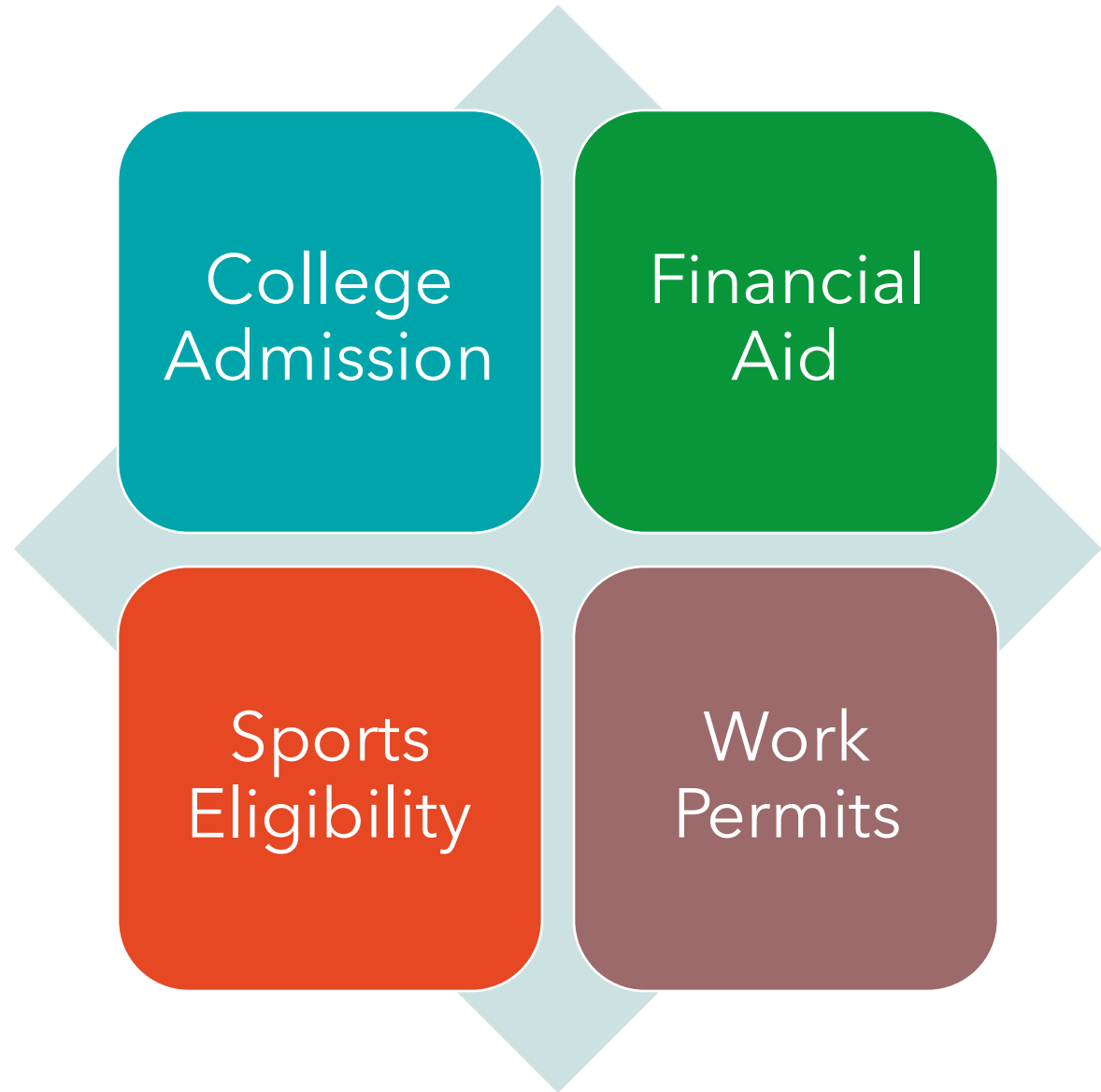
$$2+3+1+0= 6 \text{ points}$$

$$6 \text{ points} \div 4 \text{ grades} = \underline{1.5 \text{ GPA}}$$

How is GPA affected?

- The lower the grades, the lower the GPA
- The higher your grades, the higher the GPA
- Students can always work to improve your GPA by:
 - Setting a goal to get better grades in the future
 - Retaking a class with a grade lower than a D
 - ☐ Retaking a class does not erase the original grade, but does add more points in your GPA calculation
 - ☐ Helps with college admission

Why does
GPA matter?





ABLE Charter School Graduation Requirements

Effective 2020-2021

ABLE Charter School Graduation Requirements

Curricular Area	State of California Required Courses	UC/ CSU A-G Required years	ABLE Courses/ Credits required
A. History-social Science	3 courses	2 years	4 courses/ 30 credits
B. English	3 courses	4 years	4 courses/ 40 credits
C. Math	2 courses	3 years	3 courses/ 30 credits
D. Science	2 courses	2 years	3 courses/ 30 credits
E. Language other than English	1 course	2 years	2 courses/ 20 credits
F. Visual and Performing Arts	1 course	1 year	1 course/ 10 credits
G. College prep elective	n/a	1 year	6 courses/ 60 credits
Physical Education	2 courses	n/a	1 course/ 10 credits

Subject Area/ Course	Required
a. HISTORY-SOCIAL SCIENCE	30.00
World History	10.00
U.S. History	10.00
Government	5.00
Economics	5.00
b. English	40.00
English I	10.00
English II	10.00
English III	10.00
English IV	10.00
b. Mathematics	30.00
Algebra	10.00
Geometry	10.00
Advanced Math	10.00
b. Science	30.00
Earth Science (Physical Science)	10.00
Biology (Life Science)	10.00
Chemistry (Physical Science)	10.00
b. Language other than English	20.00
Spanish I	10.00
Spanish II	10.00
b. Visual & Performing Arts	10.00
VAPA	10.00
g. College Prep Electives	60.00
Electives	60.00
Physical Education	10.00
PE	10.00
Total Credits Required:	230.00

A low-angle shot looking up at several black graduation caps with yellow tassels flying through the air against a clear blue sky. The caps are at various heights and angles, creating a sense of motion and celebration.

Total ABLÉ credits required to graduate

230



Remember...

- Although Ds are considered passing, in order to be eligible to attend a 4-year university students will need to pass with a C or better.
- If student receive a D in a class their admission can be rescinded

Changes to previous graduation requirements



Only 3 years of math required



Only 3 years of history required



60 elective credits required



D's are now considering passing and will count towards high school graduation credits



230 credits to graduate



A-G requirements

What are A-G requirements?

- The A-G College Entrance Requirements are a sequence of high school courses that students must complete (with a grade of a C or better) to be minimally eligible for admission to the University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU)

**15 Year-long courses required;
Must complete 11 of those courses before senior year**

California State Universities



23 Campuses

1. California State University, Bakersfield
2. California State University Channel Islands*
3. California State University, Chico
4. California State University, Dominguez Hills
5. California State University, East Bay
6. California State University, Fresno
7. California State University, Fullerton
8. Humboldt State University
9. California State University, Long Beach
10. California State University, Los Angeles
11. California State University Maritime Academy *
12. California State University, Monterey Bay
13. California State University, Northridge
14. California State Polytechnic University, Pomona**
15. California State University, Sacramento
16. California State University, San Bernardino
17. San Diego State University
18. San Francisco State University
19. San José State University
20. California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
21. California State University San Marcos
22. Sonoma State University
23. California State University, Stanislaus

Universities of California

9 Campuses

1. UC Berkeley
2. UC Davis
3. UC Irvine
4. UCLA
5. UC Merced
6. UC Riverside
7. UC San Diego
8. UC Santa Barbara
9. UC Santa Cruz



What are the differences between college requirements and graduation requirements?

- Graduation requirements are NOT the same as college requirements. Usually, students can graduate from high school but be a few courses short of meeting the A-G requirements. Graduation requirements may include courses that colleges don't care about like PE.

One of the biggest things to remember is that, while high schools consider a D to be a passing grade for graduation, UC's and CSU's do not.

A class must be passed with a C- or better for a UC or CSU to count it

All other universities
besides CSU & UC's may
have different requirements



Check their websites for their requirements

A-g requirements

	Subject	years
A	History/Social Science	2
B	English	4
C	Math	3
D	Laboratory Science	2
E	Language other than English	2
F	Visual and Performing Arts	1
G	College Preparatory Electives	1

ABLE graduation
requirements align with
A-G requirements!

A- History/ Social Science

- 2 years required (CSU/ UC)
- 3 years required (ABLE)



1. 9th Grade

2. 10th Grade World History

3. 11th Grade U.S. History

4. 12th Grade US Government U.S. Global and Economics

B- English

- 4 years required (CSU/ UC)
- 4 years required (ABLE)

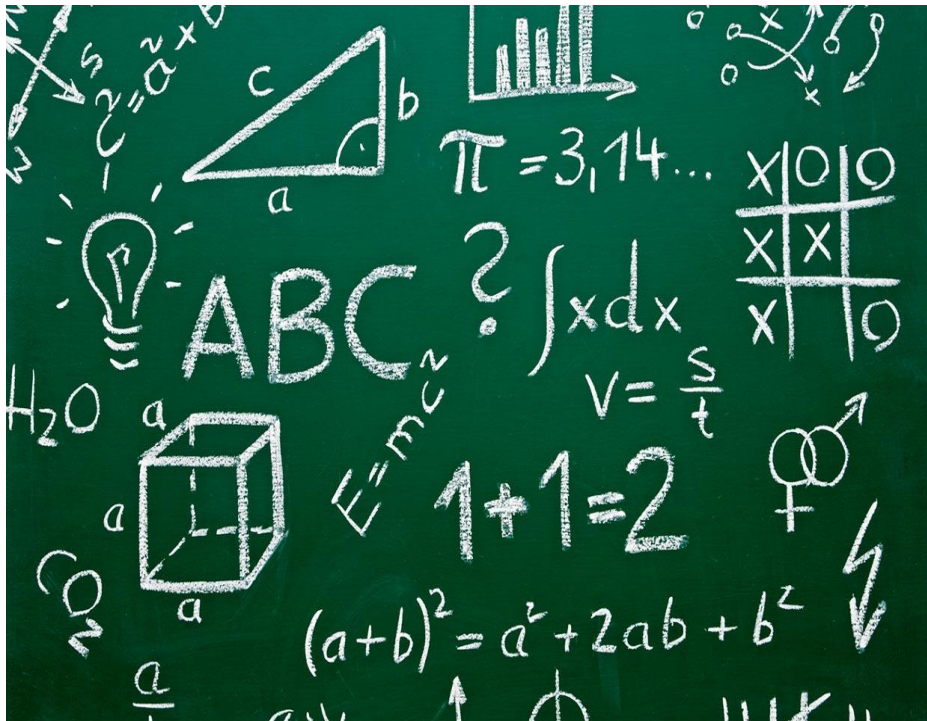


1. 9th Grade	English I
2. 10th Grade	English II
3. 11th Grade	English III
4. 12th Grade	English IV

C- Math

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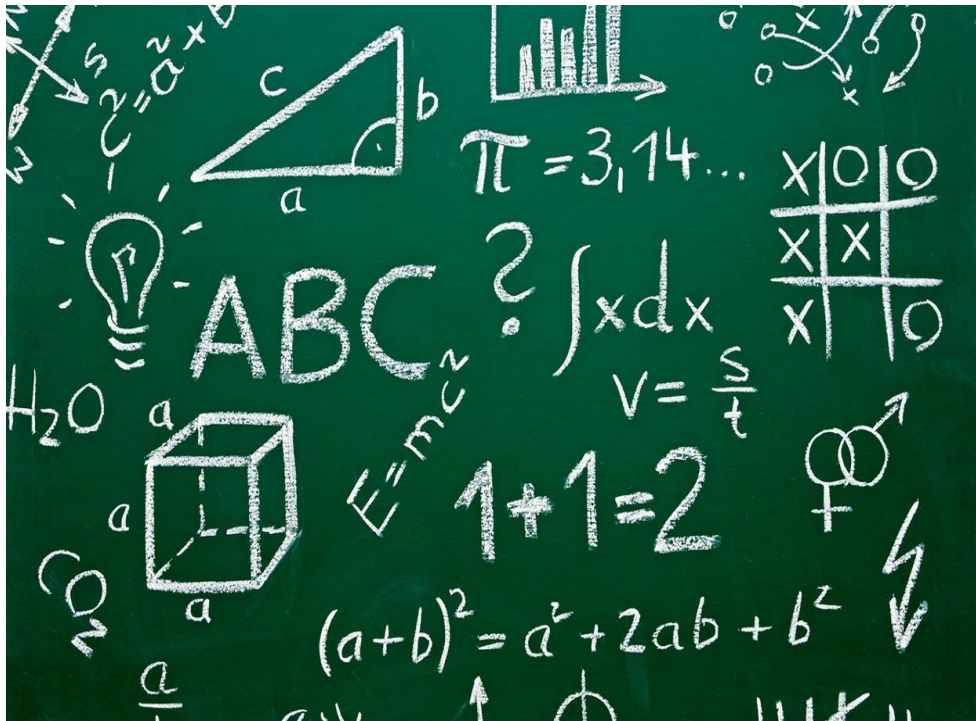
- **3 years required; 4 years recommended (CSU/UC)**
- **3 years required (ABLE)**



1. 9th Grade	Geometry	
2. 10th Grade	Algebra I	
3. 11th Grade	Algebra II	
4. 12th Grade	Pre-Calculus (Optional)	AP Calculus (Optional)

C- Math

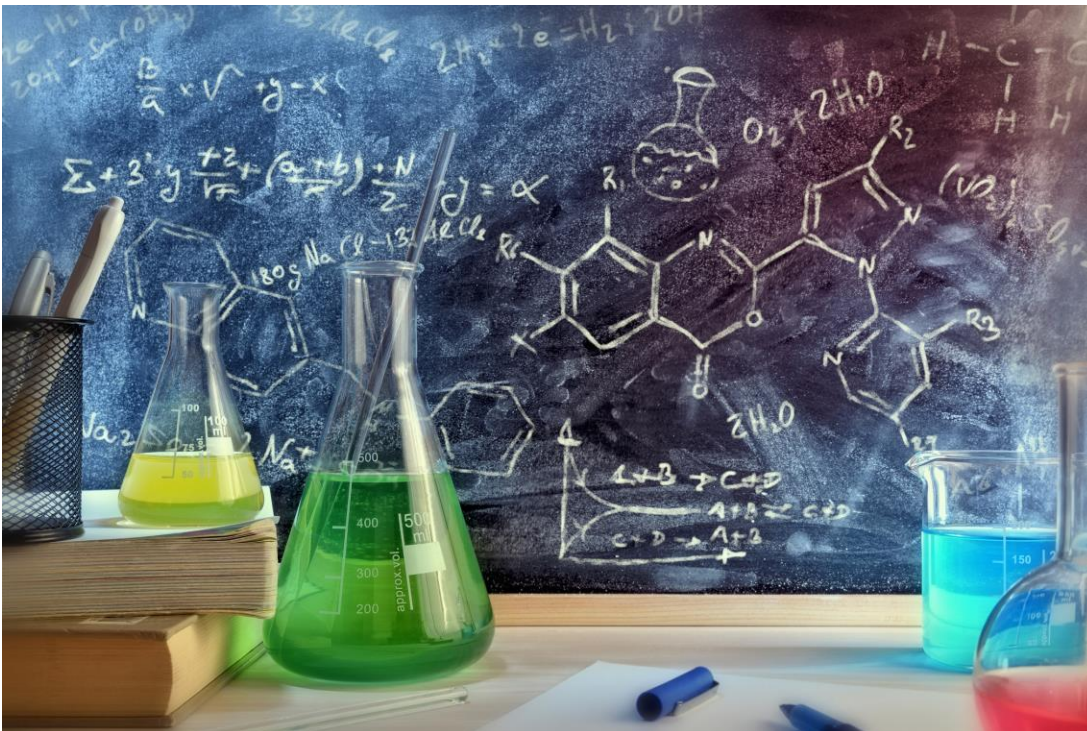
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- **3 years required (ABLE)**



1. 9th Grade	Algebra I	
2. 10th Grade	Geometry	
3. 11th Grade	Algebra II	
4. 12th Grade	Pre-Calculus (Optional)	AP Calculus (Optional)

D- Laboratory Science

- 2 years required; 3 years recommended.
- 1 yr of physical science & 1 yr of biological science (CSU/ UC)
- 3 years required (ABLE)



1. 9th Grade	Earth Science	
2. 10th Grade	Biology	
3. 11th Grade	Chemistry	
4. 12th Grade	Physics (Optional)	Anatomy (Optional)

E- Language other than English

- 2 years required; 3 years recommended (CSU/UC)
- 2 years required (ABLE)



1.	Spanish I
2.	Spanish II
3.	Spanish III (Optional)

F- Visual and Performing Arts

- 1 year required (CSU/UC)
- 1 year required (ABLE)



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| 1. | Art I |
| 2. | Advanced Art |
| 3. | Dance I, Dance II, Dance III |
| 4. | Yearbook |

G- College Preparatory Electives

- **1 year required (CSU/UC)**
- **60 Credits (ABLE)**

Anatomy

College and Career Readiness III

Critical Thinking

Leadership

Learning Lab

Psychology

Any additional year you take of a-f requirements

Colleges count GPA differently

- UC's and CSU's, will only count the grades from A-G courses, and only from your sophomore and junior years. The grades you earned freshmen year don't count in GPA for UC's and CSU's, although you still must get at least a C- to get credit for freshmen classes and be a-g eligible. Seniors must also pass senior classes with a C- better to remain a-g eligible.



Moral of the story...

- If students pass all their ABLE classes with a C- or better, they will have met the A-G requirements needed to apply to a CSU or UC



Questions?

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THANK YOU!