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High School Graduation Options for CEP Students

Topics

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- Traditional Graduation & A-G Requirements
- Modified Graduation: California's Expanded Graduation Options for Students Experiencing Homelessness
- Resources for Graduation & College Planning

Traditional Graduation

What does it take to graduate from high school?

- The California Department of Education sets minimum standards
- Each school district can decide to set higher standards
- Most districts require a minimum of 225-230 credits to graduate
 - There are different GPA minimums depending on the school district
- Usually completed in four years

Result:

- Student receives a high school diploma
- Student can qualify for 4-year colleges and universities

Each school district lists graduation requirements on their website



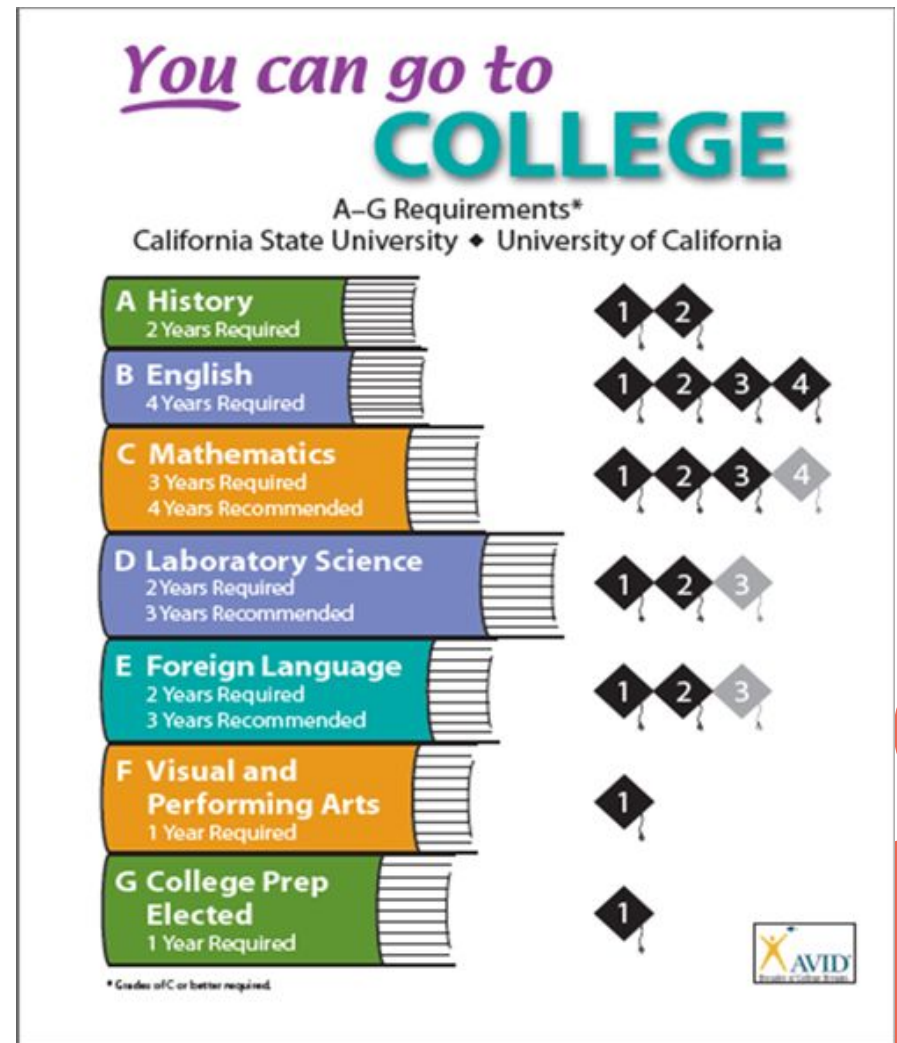
California Public University A-G Requirements

A-G Requirements

- Student must have a minimum GPA of 2.0
- Students qualify for California State University and University of California

Set Your Student Up for A-G Success:


- Introduce A-G Requirements early! Start talking about it before 9th grade.
- Encourage your student to prioritize A-G courses.
- Encourage your student to meet with their school counselor to ensure they are on track and are getting credit for out of district courses.



You can go to COLLEGE
 A-G Requirements*
 California State University ♦ University of California

Category	Required Years	Recommended Years
A History	2	
B English	4	
C Mathematics	3	4
D Laboratory Science	2	3
E Foreign Language	2	3
F Visual and Performing Arts	1	
G College Prep Elected	1	

* Grades of C or better required.



Modified Graduation: Assembly Bill 1806

Assembly Bill 1806: California's Expanded Graduation Options for Students Experiencing Homelessness

What is Modified Graduation?

- Applies to students covered by the McKinney-Vento Act
- Students can receive a high school diploma
 - With 130 credits and completion of California Department of Education required classes
 - By completing a 5th year of high school even if they will be over 18
 - Student can use their 5th year to meet traditional graduation requirements
- Student can receive partial or full credit for coursework completed at previous schools, even if the student did not complete the entire course

Modified Graduation: Assembly Bill 1806

Requirements:

- Student must have transferred schools during the summer after 10th grade or later
 - Transfer can be between districts or within a single district
 - Student cannot transfer just to meet this requirement
- Student must qualify under the McKinney-Vento Act at the time of transfer
 - Students living in shelters, transitional housing, cars, RVs, motels, encampments, couch surfing, or doubled up with other families for economic reasons
- Student must share housing status with the school district



Modified Graduation: Assembly Bill 1806

Result:

- The student will receive a high school diploma
- If the student graduated with 130 credits:
 - The student will need to go to a community college before transferring to a 4-year university
- If the student graduated with the traditional amount of credits during their 5th year, they can go to a 4-year university
 - The student will need to complete A-G requirements to attend a California Public University



How to Request Modified Graduation

Modified Graduation

- School counselors are required to notify students who qualify for modified graduation
- If your student qualifies for but wasn't identified as a McKinney-Vento student by the school district at the time of their transfer, they may not be notified
 - The student and their family can request modified graduation

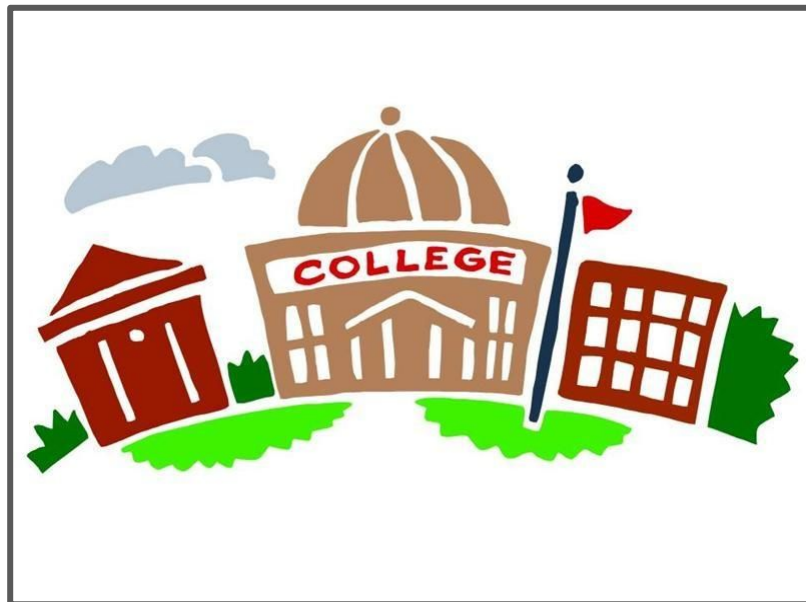
How to request Modified graduation:

- The student requests a meeting with their school counselor to review if they qualify for modified graduation
- If the student qualifies, the school counselor will:
 - Notify the School District's McKinney-Vento Liaison
 - Work with the student and their family complete paperwork and make a graduation plan
 - Ensure that the student receives full or partial credit for all courses taken at previous schools

Resources: Where to go for support

High School Graduation and College Planning

- School District Website
- School District McKinney-Vento Liaison
- School Counselor
- CEP Staff Partner
- School House Connection: <https://schoolhouseconnection.org/>
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- University or college financial aid office



References

CEP is grateful to the follow organizations whose resources provided guidance and background information.

- California Assembly Bill 1806: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201320140AB1806
- California Department of Education: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/>
- California Homeless Education Technical Assistance Centers: <https://www.hetac.org/>
- Oakland Unified School District: <https://www.ousd.org/>
- San Francisco Unified School District: <https://www.sfusd.edu/>
- San Lorenzo Unified School District: <https://www.slzUSD.org/>
- SchoolHouse Connection: <https://schoolhouseconnection.org/>
- West Contra Costa Unified School District: <https://www.wccusd.net/>