

Are you ready for high school?



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What's the plan??

High School students
create a plan to
graduate...

It doesn't just happen!

The plan can change and
grow but 'thinking ahead'
is essential.



- What do you need to succeed?
- Where are you headed?
- Who can help you get there?



Important Terms to know...

In high school, students earn units for each course they attempt...

- Each single semester class = 5 units.
- Students usually take **6 classes** each semester.
 - This would equal 30 units in one semester or 60 units in one year.
- You need **230** units to graduate.



RSCS Graduation Unit Requirements

Please refer to the attached document & use this information to fill in the blanks



- Language Arts 30 units
10 units each of English 1, English 2, and English 3
- Life Skills - 50 units including:
 - 20 units Physical Education
 - 5 units Health
 - 25 Life Skills Electives
 - Laboratory Science- 20 units including:
 - 10 units of Biology
 - 10 units of Earth Science, Chemistry, or Physics



RSCS Graduation Unit Requirements

- History/Politics - 30 units including:
 - 10 units World History w/Geography
 - 10 units United States History w/Geography
 - 5 units Economics
 - 5 units American Government
- Mathematics - 30 units including 1 year of Math I
- Special Interests - 70 units including:
 - 10 units Foreign Language or Visual & Performing Arts
 - 10 units of English Elective
 - 50 units Special Interest



Other Graduation Requirements

- California High School Exit Exam

(CAHSEE) - Math & Language Arts

- ✓ First attempt is in the 10th grade
- ✓ Students may take the exam more than once
- ✓ A Passing score on each exam is 350



Check for understanding



Please write down your answers on the attached document

1. How many units do you have to earn in order to graduate from RSCS?

a. 220

b. 210

c. 230

d. 250

 **ANSWER- c. 230**

2. How many units are in a single semester class?

a. 10

b. 5

ANSWER- b. 5



3. How many years of PE do you have to pass in order to graduate from RSCS?

a. 4

b. 2

ANSWER- b.2

4. How many years of math do I have to take?

a. 4

b. 3

c. It depends

ANSWER- c "It depends...on your future plans!"

5. In order to be “on track” to graduate with the Class of _____, how many units do you need to earn in 9th grade?

a. 75-80

b.25-30

c.50-60

d. zero

ANSWER- c.50-60



What do I want to do after high school?

This is an important question to ask yourself while you are in high school.

- ❖ If you want to go to college, there are certain courses you need to take in high school.
- ❖ If you're not sure of your plans after high school, you should always take the most challenging coursework that you can...
that way you are ready for anything!



A-G College Admission Requirements for UC/CSU

What are A-G courses??

A specified pattern of courses required for eligibility for admission

Why do I need to take them??

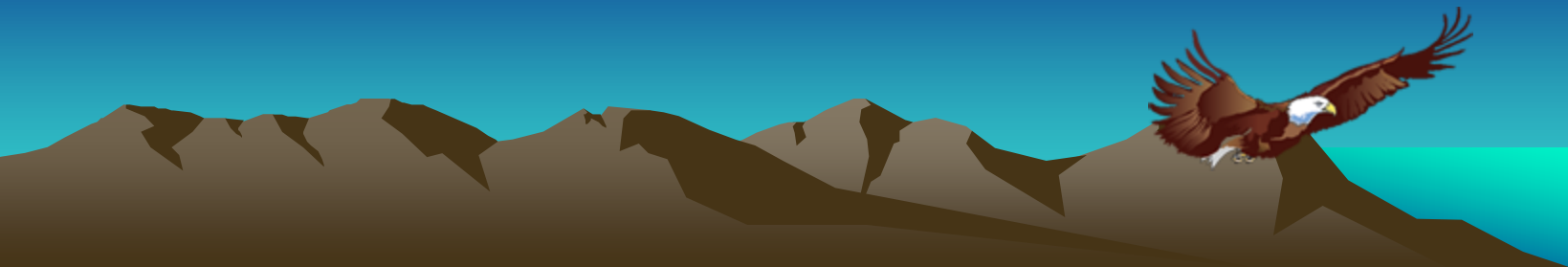
If you want to attend a public university, they require these courses for all incoming high school students.

- A. History/Social Sciences - 2 years required
- B. English - 4 years required
- C. Mathematics - 3 years required; 4 years recommended (Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2)
- D. Laboratory Science - 2 years required; 3 years recommended
- E. Language Other Than English - 2 years of the same language required; 3 years recommended
- F. Visual and Performing Arts - 1 year required
- G. College-Preparatory Elective - 1 year required



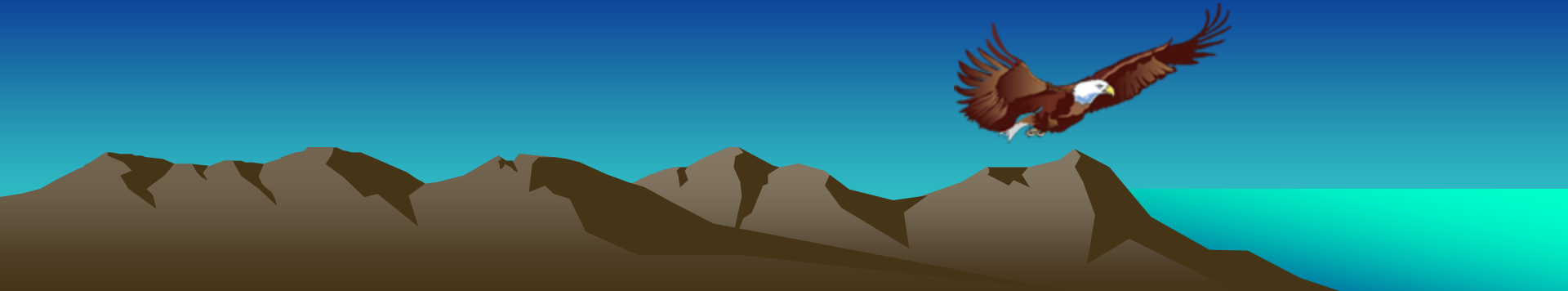
How difficult are high school courses?

- Students receive letter grades & credits for all HS courses.
- It is important that expectations are clear at the beginning of the course and that rigor and content are appropriate.
- Assessment is required for most courses (yes, tests!)
 - Parent must review all work to check for understanding.
 - Periodic tests/quizzes are required, and most should be graded.
 - A graded end of semester exam, project, report, or paper is usually expected.
- Most RSCS courses contain multiple curricular choices and options for method of delivery of content.
- Life Skill electives and Special Interest courses leave room for development of student's interests and talents.



At the Beginning of Each Semester:

- Work together with ES to choose appropriate courses and curriculum to make a specific plan for that semester
- Remember that certain courses must be taken in certain HS grade levels.
- Consider 4-year goals when selecting courses



Tips for Success

- Have a 4+ year plan
- Keep your options open
- Challenge yourself
- Ask questions
- Meet with a counselor at least annually



Success Requires a Team Effort

- Students need parent involvement...you can't do it alone!
- School staff, instructors & program directors work together to create unique learning opportunities for students
- Counselors work with students, staff, and parents...we're here to help!



Thank you for viewing this presentation! 📢



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*High School

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