



Santa Cruz High School



Welcome to the 2024 - 2025 School Year

Welcome to Santa Cruz High School! Whether you're a new family joining our community or a continuing student and parent, we are excited to support your High School journey. Our counseling team is here to help with academic planning, college & career readiness and social & emotional support. We are committed to ensuring that every student has the tools to succeed, thrive, and feel connected.

Welcome to another fantastic year!

Counseling Hours

Office: 7:30am - 4:00pm Counselors: 8:00am - 3:30pm Registrar: 8:15am - 2:30pm

Important Dates

Last day to add a class: August 19th (S1) & January 17th (S2)

Last day to drop a class: August 29th(Q1) , November 4th (Q2), January 29th(Q3) & April 19th(Q4)

Last day to drop a class with a W: October 4th (S1) & March 7th(S2)

Counseling & Career Center

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A-G REQUIREMENTS

COLLEGE BOUND CARDINALS

A	History 2 years required	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
		World History	U.S. History		
B	English 4 years required	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C	Mathematics 3 years required 4 years recommended	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D	Laboratory Science 2 years required 3 years recommended	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Biology	Chem or Phys		
E	Foreign Language 2 years required 3 years recommended	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
F	Visual/ Performing Arts 1 year required	<input type="checkbox"/>			
G	College Prep Elective 1 year required	<input type="checkbox"/>			

Students must complete all A-G courses with a grade of "C-" or better
SAT/ACT : *UC/CSU are test blind (No longer required). *Required/Highly recommended for some Private colleges.

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Graduation Requirements	
Requirement	Credits
ETHNIC STUDIES	5
WORLD HISTORY	10
U.S. HISTORY	10
AMERICAN GOVERNMENT/ECONOMICS	10
ENGLISH	40
MATHEMATICS	20
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	20
LIFE SCIENCE (Biology)	10
PHYSICAL SCIENCE (Chemistry or Physics)	10
FINE ART	10
HEALTH	5
APPLIED ART	5
FINE/APPLIED ART/LOTE	10
ELECTIVES	65
TOTAL	230

Freshman Year

- Take A-G classes that will prepare you for college and beyond. Being college ready is helpful whether you attend a 2 year college, a 4 year college or a trade school.
- Take required classes in 9th grade
 - Appropriate level of math
 - English 1
 - Biology
 - Ethnic Studies/Health
 - PE
 - Language other than English / Electives
- Students and Parents: Attend an Academic Planning workshop to learn about Graduation, College requirements and Post Secondary options.
- Stay organized and manage your time by using Infinite Campus to check attendance, grades and assignments.
- Prospective college athletes check NCAA
 - www.web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/
- Get involved: join clubs, choir, band, play sports and/or volunteer. Keep a record of what you do, it will be helpful when applying to colleges.
- Student will be using californiacolleges.edu for career and college exploration.

Sophomore Year

- Continue taking A-G UC/CSU approved courses
 - Dual Enrollment at Cabrillo College
- Academic 10th-12th GPA's
 - UC minimum GPA is **3.0**
 - CSU minimum GPA is **2.5**
- Attend college rep visits in the counseling office.
- Visit colleges in person or virtually
www.youvisit.com/tours
- Prospective college athletes check NCAA
 - www.web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/
- Consider taking CTE classes
- Research Careers & Colleges
 - www.californiacolleges.edu
- UC's: www.universityofcalifornia.edu
- CSU's: www.calstate.edu/
- Out of state Colleges with reduced tuition:
www.wiche.edu/wue
- Attend Cabrillo College Fair in *October*
- Register for the PSAT www.collegeboard.org/
- Community service looks good for colleges.

Junior Year

- Continue taking A-G UC/CSU approved courses
 - Dual Enrollment at Cabrillo College
- Prospective college athletes check NCAA
 - www.web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/
- Take PSAT in *October* (National Merit Scholarship).
- Do well on the CAASPP; English and Math placement for CSU. A score of proficient in the English section is needed to qualify for the Seal of Biliteracy.
- Take AP exams in the spring.
- UC and CSU's are test blind (SAT/ACT no longer required).
- Private College: SAT/ACT's highly recommended .
- Use CCGI to do college research and start a list of colleges you are interested in attending.
- Free scholarship search: www.fastweb.com/
- Attend college rep visits and visit colleges in person or virtual; www.youvisit.com/tours
- Create a resume (list all activities, volunteering, nominations and awards).
- Work on college essays and/ or UC personal insight questions answer 4 out of 8.
 - www.admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/how-to-apply/applying-as-a-freshman/personal-insight-questions.html

Senior Year

- Continue taking A-G UC/CSU approved courses
 - Dual Enrollment at Cabrillo College
- Begin college essays and UC personal insight questions.
- Ask Teachers and Counselors for letters of recommendation if needed.
- Launch your UC/CSU, and FAFSA Application through the CCGI <https://www.californiacolleges.edu/#/>
- UC and CSU's are test blind (SAT/ACT no longer required).
- Private Colleges: SAT/ACT's highly recommended
- Attend college workshops in *October*.
- When filling out college application note that we are on the semester system (2 grades per class = semester).
- UC/CSU application deadlines window *Oct 1-Nov 30th*.
- Apply to private colleges. Use Common Application (www.commonapp.org) and complete CSS profile if required.
- Apply for Community College starting *October 1st*.
- Follow Cabrillo College Workshops.
- Apply for private scholarships; check due dates.
- *December - March 2nd*: apply for Federal Financial Aid
 - www.studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa
- Take AP exams in *May*.
- In the Fall, check with your counselor to see if you are a candidate for the Seal of Biliteracy.
- To request a final transcript to be sent to your college, you will need to fill out the transcript request form, which will be available in *May*.