



9th Grade Information

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SMUHSD GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to receive a diploma from the San Mateo Union High School District, a student MUST:

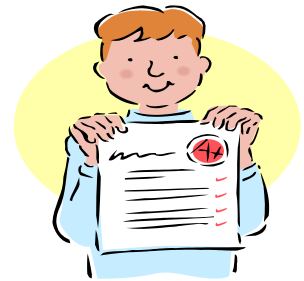
- 1). Pass required coursework (listed below).
- 2). **Earn at least 220 credits.**
- 3). Pass the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE).

Social Science	9th - Contemporary World Studies 10th - Modern World History 1-2 11th - US History 1-2 12th - Government & Economics
English	4 years (40 credits) 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 CP/AS/H/AP
Math	3 years (30 credits) Any course below Algebra 1-2 does NOT meet the high school graduation requirement
Science	2 years (20 credits) 1 year in a Biological Science and 1 year in a Physical Science At least one must meet UC "d" requirement
Visual & Performing Arts	1 year
World Language	1 year by the end of 10th grade

Health	1 Semester (9th grade)
Physical Education	2 years (20 credits). Completed in 9th & 10th grades
Electives	50 credits to meet the credit requirement (220)
Tests	CAHSEE
Credits	220

CAHSEE Exam

- **California High School Exit Exam-** In order to receive a CA high school diploma, every student must successfully pass both sections (Math & ELA) of the exam.
- Taken Sophomore Year- Spring Semester (February 2011)
- Results sent home in the summer (July)
- Need a 350 to pass the exam.



College Admissions Requirements

“a” Social Science	2 years (UCs recommend 3 years)
“b” English	4 years
“c” Math	3 years (Both universities recommend 4 years)
“d” Lab Science	2 years (UCs recommend 3 years)
“e” World Language	2 years (UCs recommend 3 years)
“f” Visual & Performing Arts	1 yr
“g” Electives	1 yr
Tests: SAT Reasoning or ACT	

California State University

University of California

**Most Private/Independent
Colleges**

A-G Course List - COLLEGE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Courses must be completed with a minimum grade of "C"

SUBJECT	CSU REQUIREMENT	UC REQUIREMENT	SMHS COURSES WHICH MEET CSU AND UC REQUIREMENT
"a" - SOCIAL SCIENCE US HISTORY/ GOVERNMENT	2 YEARS	2 YEARS	American Government Contemporary World Studies Mod Wld Hist 1-2; Mod Wld Hist 1-2 SH European History 1-2 AP U.S. History 1-2; U.S. History 1-2 SH U.S. History 1-2 AP U.S. Government & Politics AP
"b" - ENGLISH	4 YEARS	4 YEARS	English 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 CP, AS English Language 1-2 AP English Literature 1-2 AP ELD 3-4 English (1 year)
"c" - MATHEMATICS	3 YEARS	3 YEARS REQUIRED 4 YEARS RECOMMENDED	Algebra 1-2 & Algebra 1-2 SH Algebra 3-4 Integrated Math 1-2 Geometry 1-2 Integrated Math 3-4 Finite Math & Statistics 1-2 Pre-Calculus 1-2 Calculus AB 1-2 AP; Calculus BC 1-2 AP Statistics 1-2 AP
"d" - LABORATORY SCIENCE	2 YEARS	2 YEARS REQUIRED 3 YEARS RECOMMENDED	Biology 1-2, Biology 3-4 AP Chemistry 1-2; Chemistry 3-4 AP Physics 1-2; Physics B 1-2 AP Biotech 1-2, 3-4 Environmental Science AP 1-2

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"e" - LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH	2 YEARS	2 YEARS REQUIRED 3 YEARS RECOMMENDED	Spanish 1– 2, 3– 4, 5–6, 7–8 H, 9–10 AP French 1– 2, 3– 4, 5–6, 7–8 H
"g" - COLLEGE PREP ELECTIVES	1 YEAR	1 YEAR	Applied Chemistry 1-2, Applied Physics 1-2, Child Development, Economics, Macroeconomics 1-2 AP, Journalism 1-2 & Advanced, Nutrition 1-2, Sociology, Psychology <i>*Courses from Social Science, Math, Laboratory Science, and Foreign Language areas, over the minimum requirement.</i>
"f" - VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS	1 YEAR	1 YEAR	Art 1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Band Int & Adv, Band - Marching Aux, Mod Wind Ensemble, Orchestra Adv, Chorus 1-2, Choir-Mixed 1-2, Adv Choir Cinema and Society 1- 2 Dance 1-2, 3-4 Drama 1-2, 3-4 Drawing 1-2, 3-4, Drawing Adv 3-4 Musical Theater 1-2 3–Dimensional Art 1-2

College Testing

PSAT

- Given in October; can be taken in 10th grade as practice; given to all 11th grade students as a qualifying test for the NMSQT and as practice for the SAT

SAT Reasoning

- Usually taken in the spring semester of 11th grade

ACT

- Usually taken in the spring semester of 11th grade

SAT Subject Tests

- Usually required by the private colleges; two required for the UC system
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SAT vs. ACT

	SAT	ACT
No. of times offered:	Seven times per school year	Six times per school year
Test structure:	Critical Reading, Math, Writing	Reading, English, Math, Science Writing (Optional)
Test content:	Math: up to geometry and Advanced Algebra (3/4) Reading: sentence completions, Short and long critical reading Passages, reading comprehension Writing: grammar, usage, word choice, and a mandatory essay	Math: up to trigonometry Reading: four passages, one each of Prose Fiction, Social Science Humanities, and Natural Science English: stresses grammar Science: charts, graphs, and data interpretations Writing: optional essay
Penalty/wrong answers	Yes, $\frac{1}{4}$ of a point for wrong answer on multiple choice questions	No
Test scores:	200-800 per section, added together for a score of 600-2400 2-12 for the essay (sub score)	1-36 for each subject, average of 4 test scores for composite score 1-36 for English & Writing 2-12 for the essay (sub score)
Sending scores: (Four free score reports can be sent at each test sitting)	If a student requests a score Report be sent to specific colleges, the report includes the scores the student received on every SAT taken (inclusive up to test date)	There is a "Score Choice" option. Students can choose which schools receive their scores AND which scores the schools see

Freshman Planning

Through Naviance

- What We've Done So Far:
 - Contact Information
 - Career Inventory/Personality Type
 - Add Parent/Guardian

 - What We'll Do Next:
 - 4 year planning
 - Curriculum/Class Scheduling
 - Individual student meetings
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Classroom Visitations

- Social Studies classes
 - Bring to lab, 2/17, 2/21 thru 2/24
 - Individual Meetings w/ Counselor
 - Begins March 1st (takes most of March)
 - Teacher Recommendations
 - Can be viewed on Naviance after Feb 29th
 - Course Preview Day-February 29th
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What You Should Know

- 6th or 7th Period Day?
 - AS/Honors/AP
 - How much is too much?
 - AP Testing
 - AS/Honors/AP Contract
 - 9th Grade – Transcript Grades
 - Dispelling the myth
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Advanced Placement (AP)

What Can AP do for students?

- Achievement:
 - Allows students to explore what they are truly passionate about
 - Provides the opportunity to earn credit or advanced placement for college
 - Stand out in the college admissions process
 - Preparation:
 - Improve academic skills
 - Develop better study habits
 - Sharpen problem solving skills
 - Confidence:
 - Better prepared to tackle challenges
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AP Tests

- Scores of 3 or higher on AP tests will earn college credit, placement in higher level classes, or both
 - College expectation is that students take the AP test after completing an AP course
 - AP test registration is in February (through the College and Career Center with Terri Fenech)
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Latest News:

ORANGE ALERT

Continued budget cuts threaten SMHS rich tapestry of
Academics, Arts & Athletics

Find out how this will affect your student and your community.
Learn how you can help!

SPECIAL PARENT MEETING:
Wednesday, March 3rd at 7:00 in the Flex Theatre

For more information contact:
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650.575.4432 karin@smhsf.org

- **Download the latest PTO Newsletter, In Contact, January 2010 (PDF)**
- **Fares for SamTrans fixed-route bus service will be increasing effective Feb. 1, 2010. The new prices will apply to February monthly passes, which are sold beginning Jan. 21, 2010. Find out more...**

2009-2010 Student Handbook



San Mateo High School
FOUNDATION



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Welcome to the Naviance **Family Connection**, a comprehensive online college & career planning and application management system for the use of the students and families at San Mateo High School. Funded by the San Mateo High School Foundation, and made available as part of the **Barbara Snider College Pathways** program at SMHS, Family Connection provides SMHS students with a powerful service that facilitates their college and career planning, college selection and application processing, and a convenient online connection to their guidance counselors, career center resources, and teachers at San Mateo High School. Family Connections enables:

Personalized Student Web Page - Each SMHS student has access to a personalized student web page complete with student's unique profile data, academic plan and records, test scores, college plans and application status, journals and documents, scholarship data, survey history, and career profiles and plans, all in one convenient, shared, and secure online location.

College Search & Lookup - You can search for colleges based on several criteria such as location, size of student body, majors offered, cost, etc. You can also read about admissions requirements, majors and activities offered, and SMHS students' historical application and acceptance record with the click of a button. It is easy to research colleges, with detailed college contact information, including a direct link to the college homepage.

My Colleges - This feature allows you to keep track of the colleges you are considering and create an "active application" list as you decide where to apply. In addition, you can keep track of **college visits** to the SMHS campus and sign-up to attend online.

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You haven't created any course plans yet. Let's get started!

Using the Course Planner, you can choose the type of plan you want to build, pick courses, and find out how well your plan will prepare you for your goals. Build as many plans as you want using four simple steps:

Choose a plan of study


Select your courses

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Click the button to build your first plan!

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My Graduation Plan

English: 4 total credit(s) required

GRADE	COURSE	REQUIREMENT	CREDITS PLANNED	CREDITS REQUIRED
9	English 9	English	1 in your plan	1
10	English 10	English	1 in your plan	1
10	English 11	English	1 in your plan	1
12	English 12	English	1 in your plan	1

Math: 3 total credit(s) required

GRADE	COURSE	REQUIREMENT	CREDITS PLANNED	CREDITS REQUIRED
9	Algebra I	Math	1 in your plan	1
11	Geometry	Math	1 in your plan	1
10	Algebra II	Math	1 in your plan	1

Social Studies: 5 total credit(s) required

GRADE	COURSE	REQUIREMENT	CREDITS PLANNED	CREDITS REQUIRED
11	US History	Social Studies	1 in your plan	1
12	US Government	Social Studies	1 in your plan	1



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REQUIREMENTS

SMHS Graduation Plan

[English- Fall Semester](#) ✓

[English- Spring Semester](#) ✓

[Math- Fall Semester](#) ✓

[Math-Spring Semester](#) ⚠

[Social Science- Fall Semester](#) ⚠

[Social Science- Spring Semester](#) ⚠

[Science- Fall Semester](#) ⚠

COURSES

Please select one of the Requirements listed under the Plan of Study on the left to see the courses available.

YOUR DRAFT PLAN

Grade 9

Algebra 1 ✗

English 1 CP ✗

English 2 CP ✗

Grade 10

English 3 CP ✗

English 4 CP ✗

Integrated Math 1 ✗

Grade 11

[Social Science-
Spring Semester](#) 


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[Scienc- Spring
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[Physical
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[Physical
Education-
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[World
Language- Fall
Semester](#) 

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Language-
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[Visual and
Performing
Arts- Fall
Semester](#) 

[Visual and
Performing Arts-
Spring Semester](#) 

[Health](#) 

Please choose a course for each grade level shown:

Grade 9

- [English 1 AS](#) 5 credit(s)
- [English 1 CP](#) 5 credit(s) → IN YOUR PLAN

Grade 10

- [English 3 AS](#) 5 credit(s)
- [English 3 CP](#) 5 credit(s) → IN YOUR PLAN


Grade 11

- [English 5 CP](#) 5 credit(s) → IN YOUR PLAN
- [English Language 1 AP](#) 5 credit(s)

Grade 12

- [English 7 CP](#) 5 credit(s) → IN YOUR PLAN
- [English Literature 1 AP](#) 5 credit(s)

[Add selected courses to your draft plan](#)

[Integrated Math 1](#) 

Grade 11

[English 5 CP](#) 

[English 6 CP](#) 


[Geometry 1 \(Fall
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Grade 12

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[English 8 CP](#) 

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English- Fall Semester ✓

English- Spring Semester ✓

Math- Fall Semester ✓

Math-Spring Semester ⚠

Social Science- Fall Semester ⚠

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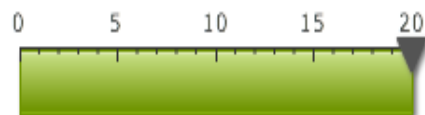
Physical Education- Fall Semester ⚠

Physical Education- Spring Semester ⚠

World ⚠

COURSES

English- Fall Semester



CREDITS

■ IN YOUR PLAN ■ MISSING ■ OPTIONAL

You are planning to take the following English- Fall Semester Courses:

English 1 CP	9th grade	5 credit	✗ remove from plan
English 3 CP	10th grade	5 credit	✗ remove from plan
English 5 CP	11th grade	5 credit	✗ remove from plan
English 7 CP	12th grade	5 credit	✗ remove from plan

Please choose a course for each grade level shown:

Grade 9

- [English 1 AS](#) 5 credit(s)
- [English 1 CP](#) 5 credit(s) → IN YOUR PLAN

Grade 10

- [English 3 AS](#) 5 credit(s)
- [English 3 CP](#) 5 credit(s) → IN YOUR PLAN

Grade 11

YOUR DRAFT PLAN

Grade 9

Algebra 1 ✗

English 1 CP ✗

English 2 CP ✗

Grade 10

English 3 CP ✗

English 4 CP ✗

Integrated Math 1 ✗

Grade 11

English 5 CP ✗

English 6 CP ✗

Geometry 1 (Fall Semester) ✗

Grade 12

Algebra 3 ✗

English 7 CP ✗

REQUIREMENTS

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English- Fall Semester ✓

English- Spring Semester ✓

Math- Fall Semester ✓

Math-Spring Semester ⚠

Social Science- Fall Semester ⚠

Social Science- Spring Semester ⚠



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English- Fall Semester ✓

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English- Fall Semester

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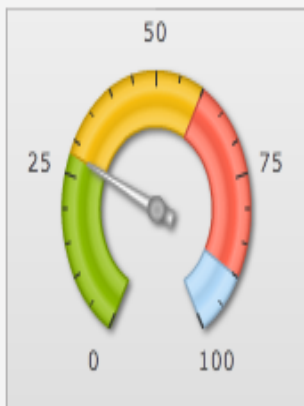
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- 4-Year Selective College
- 4-Year Highly Selective College

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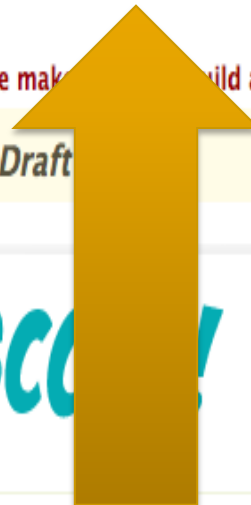


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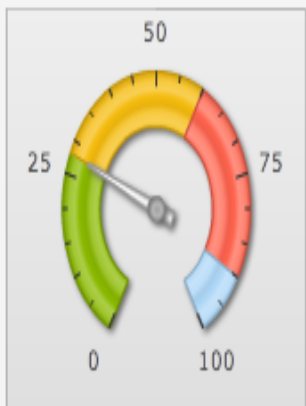
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California Scholarship Federation

- **What-** Established in 1920's as a statewide honor organization based on good merit
- **Who-** Students who take academic classes from the CSF List. Each class is given a point value...
- **Why-** Students who maintain membership for 4 of their last 6 semesters (one must include senior year) are honored in the Senior Awards Ceremony and can get possible scholarship opportunities and put on college applications
- *Membership based on freshmen grades does not count towards Life Membership*
- CSF Advisor- Ms. Torres 😊



Summer Plans

- SMUHSD Summer School
 - Hillsdale and San Mateo
 - June 11th – July 20th (Blended Learning orientation, June 7th)
 - Make-up classes (F grade) only
 - Concurrent Enrollment (community college)
 - Minimum 2.0 GPA
 - Class on transcript/not always
 - Class must be pre-approved by counselor and/or administrator
 - Visit the College & Career Center for:
 - Work Experience (Work permit required)
 - Volunteer Opportunities
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