



Long Beach Unified School District

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As part of a continuous process to improve our services, the Long Beach Unified School District has launched the Academic and Career Success for All Students Initiative, a comprehensive effort to prepare even more students for college and careers. One important part of this initiative is to inform parents about the options that their children have after high school. Below are several resources on college admissions and career technical education (CTE).

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

The A-G / College Entrance Requirements are a sequence of high school courses that students must complete (*with a grade of C or better*) to be minimally eligible for admission to the University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU). They represent the basic level of academic preparation that high school students should achieve to undertake university work. The following chart summarizes the A-G / College Entrance Requirements:

| | Subject | Years | Details |
|-----|------------------------------|-------|--|
| (A) | History/Social Science | 2 | 2 years, including 1 year of world history, cultures, and historical geography <i>and</i> 1 year of U.S. history or one-half year of U.S. history and one-half year of civics or American government. |
| (B) | English | 4 | 4 years of college preparatory English that includes frequent and regular writing, and reading of classic and modern literature. Only one year of English Language Development (ELD) 4 counts toward this requirement. |
| (C) | Mathematics | 3 | 3 years of college preparatory mathematics that includes the topics covered in elementary and advanced algebra and two- and three-dimensional geometry. |
| (D) | Laboratory Science | 2 | 2 years of laboratory science providing fundamental knowledge in at least 2 of these 3 disciplines: biology, chemistry, and physics. |
| (E) | Language Other than English | 2 | 2 years of the same language other than English. |
| (F) | Visual & Performing Arts | 1 | 1 year, including dance, drama/theater, music, or visual art. |
| (G) | College Preparatory Elective | 1 | 1 year (two semesters), chosen from additional "A-F" courses beyond those used to satisfy the requirements above, or courses that have been approved solely for use as "G" electives. |

For further information, please visit these online resources:

- <https://doorways.ucop.edu/list/>
- <http://www.californiacolleges.edu/>
- <http://www.csumentor.edu/>
- <http://www.ucop.edu/a-gGuide/>
- <http://www.collegeboard.com/parents/>
- <http://www.act.org/aap/>

CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION

CTE engages all students in a dynamic and seamless learning experience resulting in their mastery of the career and academic knowledge and skills necessary to become productive, contributing members of society. CTE courses, which are offered at all high schools in Long Beach, provide technical training while also emphasizing the integration of core academic concepts such as mathematics and language arts. For further information, please visit the California Department of Education at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/ct/>.

COUNSELING SUPPORT

Students are encouraged to meet with their counselors about fulfilling graduation requirements, choosing courses that satisfy the A-G / College Entrance Requirements, and/or enrolling in CTE.