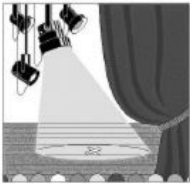


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VAPA Course Matrix

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2	Math	Math	Math	Math or Health
3	Social Science	Social Science	Social Science	Social Science
4	VAPA	VAPA	VAPA	VAPA
5	P.E.	P.E.	Science	Science or Health
6	Science or Foreign Language	Foreign Language or Science	Foreign Language	Foreign Language or Health
7	EXTRA	EXTRA	EXTRA	EXTRA



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I would encourage you to draw your own matrix like you see at the top, and fill in your planned courses for your 4 years of high school. Provided you pass all your courses, you won't have to worry about your schedule again through graduation. Don't forget your Health requirement can be taken during intersession/summer school.



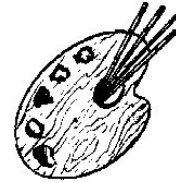
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Graduation and College Requirements CHECKLIST

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- _____ 11th Grade Social Science (U.S. History, AP World History)
- _____ 12th Grade Social Science (Government, one semester)
- _____ 12th Grade Social Science (Economics, one semester)
- _____ Any Grade Health (one semester)



b. English Requirements

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- _____ 11th Grade English
- _____ 12th Grade English



c. Mathematics Requirements

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- _____ 10th Grade Math
- _____ 11th Grade Math



d. Laboratory Science Requirements

- _____ 1st Year of Science, Biology
- _____ 2nd Year of Science, Chemistry or Physics

e. Language other than English

- _____ 1st Year of foreign language
- _____ 2nd Year of foreign language



f. Visual and Performing Arts

- _____ 1st year of VAPA

g. College Preparatory Elective

- _____ Additional year of any course area listed above; course must be beyond Introductory level.

Additional District Requirements for Graduation

- _____ 9th Grade PE
- _____ 10th Grade PE
- _____ Pass PE Fitness Test in 9th Grade (or 2nd attempt in 10th Grade)
- _____ Total 44 semester credits, including all courses above, plus additional electives.

UC Schools of California Recommended additional courses *(these are NOT required for admissions to the UC system, just recommendations)*

- _____ 12th Grade Math (must take if not pass CAHSEE by 12th grade)
- _____ 3rd year of Science
- _____ 3rd year of Foreign Language

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Use this Matrix to fill in your 4 year plan. With diligence you can make it work and still get in ALL courses recommended for the UC system (the highest amount of courses necessary for graduation).

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