



# SENIOR UPDATE

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**GRADUATION:** The classes you are in right now do count for graduation. F's on your progress report may result in a referral to finish the year at East High. An F on your final report card may result in you not graduating high school. Stay on top of your grades, talk to your teachers, go to study hours, and talk to your counselor if you are struggling so we can find a solution before you start to fail.

**\$\$\$ FREE MONEY FOR COLLEGE/TECH SCHOOL/TRADE PROGRAMS/CERTIFICATAION PROGRAMS/ETC \$\$\$**

1. Submit your FAFSA or Dream Act **ASAP!!**
2. Make an account at <https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov/> . Log in and check the status of your state financial aid application. Once you know what school you are attending next year you will need to log in and accept your Cal Grant. Unaccepted grants are pulled and redistributed, but you can only send it to ONE school so don't click that button until you are certain where you are going.
3. Read the scholarship update we publish and apply to every scholarship that you are eligible for.
4. Tell us when you get a financial aid award! We want to honor every senior who has won a scholarship at Senior Awards Night in May, but we won't know what you get unless you tell us.
5. **Scholarships and financial aid are NOT just for college. If you are going on to any training program after high school, there is money available for you. Don't miss out!**

**UC/CSU/other 4-year schools:** Make sure you read EVERYTHING that your colleges are sending you. By now you should have logged in to each of your potential schools' student portal and started working on the 'to-do' list that you find there. The instructions and links are in one of the first emails the school sent you. If you need help doing this, see your counselor ASAP.

**COMMUNITY COLLEGES:** We will be going up to College of the Redwoods on **May 16<sup>th</sup>** for new student orientation and class registration. You must have applied to CR and taken the placement test before you can go to orientation. See your counselor ASAP if you still need to do either of these things! More info about the field trip will be in the bulletin and Google classroom in early May.

If you are attending another California community college, you can most likely take CR's test and send out your scores to your school. Check with your counselor to see if this is an option for you.

**TRANSCRIPTS:** Official transcripts for college admissions need to be requested from Rebecca Wilkinson in the office. Many schools request a mid-year transcript and a final one after graduation – make sure you are paying attention to all of the emails you get from your colleges and your portal to-do lists so you know if you need to send them a transcript or any other information.

**IMPORTANT DATES (some may change):**

- 4/16 No school all week – Spring Break
- 5/2 Change the World Showcase and Open House
- 5/4 Spring Rally
- 5/7 First day of AP Testing - Good luck!
- 5/15 Seal of Biliteracy Awards Night @ HCOE
- 5/16 Field Trip to CR for New Student Orientation
- 5/18 Student Appreciation Day
- 5/23 Senior Awards Night
- 5/24 Senior Ball and Banquet
- 5/25 Senior Picnic
- 5/29 Multicultural Graduation Ceremony
- 5/31 Last Day of School
- 6/1 Senior Breakfast and GRADUATION!!
- 6/2 First day of the rest of your life... 😊