

U.S. Grant High School

Newsletter

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Eleventh Graders

Eleventh grade students in a few months you will be Seniors! You have lots of things to look forward to. There are lots of fun events like fund raisers, special events only for seniors such as Prom, Senior Picnic, Senior Breakfast, Movie Night, and most importantly your graduation ceremony! But wait; is it all fun and games? No! You have to think about college applications, financial aid, scholarships, SAT, ACT, and making sure you meet all your graduation requirements as well as the college entrance requirements. There is still time for you to enroll in Advance Placement classes for next year.



Be prepared! Senior year is very expensive! There are two types of expenses, academic and fun. Fun expenses include paying for the senior packet of your choice, senior apparel, dances and other activities. Academic expenses include paying for AP tests, SAT and/or ACT test fees, and college application fees.

Description	Cost	Cost with Fee Waiver
AP tests	\$93.00	\$5.00
SAT	\$43, with Essay \$54.50 each time you take it.	You may take the SAT twice (2) for free.
ACT	\$39.50 without Essay, \$56.50 with Essay	You may take the SAT twice (2) for free.
CSU College Applications	\$55.00 for each CSU you apply to.	May qualify for four (4) free CSU applications.

UC College Applications	\$70.00 for each UC you apply to.	May qualify for four (4) free UC applications
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Fee waivers sound awesome! How do you qualify? Easy! As soon as the next school year starts (August 15, 2017), turn in a completed lunch application. You may go to <http://achieve.lausd.net/Page/852> and click on Apply Now. Students who qualify for free or reduced meal benefits may be eligible for these fee waivers.

Be aware! Important deadlines (verify with the College Board website at <https://www.collegeboard.org/> for any changes or updates):



- Financial Aid applications (FAFSA) – start October 1, 2017 through March 2, 2018.
- Your last SAT/ACT test should be taken before the college application deadline in November.
- College applications start November 1 and go through November 30, 2018.

P.S. If you chose to release your SBAC scores to the CSU system by completing the optional Early Assessment Program (EAP) survey during your SBAC testing this school year and you score “Exceeds” in math, English, or both and you meet one of the qualifying standards your senior year for English and/or math, you may be exempt from taking the math, English, or both placement tests!

Qualifying standards for English include:

- ACT: 22 and above
- New SAT: 550 and above
- AP Language/Literature Composition: 3 and above

Qualifying standard for Math include:

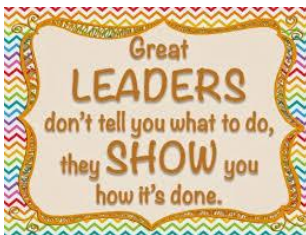
- 23 and above
- New SAT: 570 and above
- AP Calculus or AP Statistics Exam: 3 or above

If you are reading the section about college and you think that you did not perform to your potential and you might not make the admission requirements for a four-year college, don't despair, you still have options. Go to your counselor or Mr. De La Torre in the College Office. Change your attitude, work ethic, and make the biggest improvement in your academic performance.

Tenth Graders

Get ready for the most important year of your high school career, the 11th grade! This is the last full year that colleges look at to get a sense of your academic ability, work ethic, leadership, commitment, and your all-around performance. Take challenging classes such as AP.

If you haven't joined any extracurricular activities,



this is the time to join a club, leadership, a sports team, or any other organization that will demonstrate your leadership potential.

Tests, you will be taking the SBAC in the Spring Semester of the 11th grade, read page 1 for more information regarding a very important benefit of doing your best and demonstrating a performance standard of "Exceeds" in both English and Math. You might want to start taking your SAT/ACT.

Do some research...think about what career you are interested in and start looking into colleges that offer a major in the area you are interested. Plan, list your top college choices and work hard to make it happen!

Ninth Graders

This is it! You will no longer be the new kid on the block. You will



have a full year under your belt. It is time to start exploring and branching out. Look into joining extracurricular activities. You must be a go getter. If there is something that you don't know regarding the classes, credits, graduation and A-G requirements, talk to someone. Your teachers, counselors, and staff are here for you. It is never too early to start planning for your future. Look into taking Valley College classes either on-campus (classes are offered every semester), go to their campus and take classes in the evenings, or take an online class. If you are interested in this see your counselor or Mr. De La Torre in the College Office.

Resources for Everyone

College Office - Thinking about college? Everyone should be thinking about college! Start looking on line at the College Board website <https://www.collegeboard.org/>. You will find lots of information regarding AP classes, college entrance exams (SAT/ACT, subject tests, etc.) and requirements, as well as Financial Aid information.



Mr. De La Torre is the College Counselor and he is ready to help you. You may find him in the College Office on a walk in basis during Nutrition or lunch, or by leaving a note in his box for him to provide you with assistance.

Your counselor – is available to you. The best way to reach your counselor is to write him/her a note asking him/her to summons you to discuss your issue/question/situation. You can also email them through the school's website at www.granths.org

Counselors

Name	Location	Case Load
Ms. Kolway	Rm 400	GHS 10 th -12 th gr For Last name starting with A-J
Mr. Villafane	Magnet Office	GHS 10 th – 12 th grade K-T

Ms. Leanos	Magnet Office	GHS 10 th – 12 th U-Z and ALL Magnet Students
Ms. Keehne	Dean's Office Bungalow 0A	9 th grade and EL counselor
Ms. Y	Room 700	A-G Counselor
Ms. Bazikian	Admission's Office	PSA counselor

Do not feel lost at school. Your teachers, counselors, administrators, and the office staff are here to help you.

Attendance – remember that attendance is of the utmost importance. Your goal is to attend every day. The school district and Grant's goal is for each student to attend at a rate of 96% throughout the school year. This means that you should not be absent more than 6-7 times. Period absences can add up to a full day absence so be careful. Make appointments for after school and weekend hours. Your academic performance is directly linked to your attendance. Refer to the Student/Parent Handbook for District goals. Seniors 7 is the magic number, you should have less than 7 absences or you might jeopardize walking on stage for graduation.



Student Life – get involved! There are lots of clubs, sports, and leadership opportunities for you to join and meet your classmates. See Ms. Higgins in B16 and ask.

Credit Recovery



Haven't met your expectations, graduation or A-G requirements? Are you a 9R, 10R, 11R or Senior experiencing academic challenges that have cause you to fail a class making it necessary to repeat the class(es)? Fortunately, you have some options.

- Grant's Credit Recovery Program meets every Tuesday (2 hours after school) and Saturday (4 hours, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.). Please see your counselor to get a credit

recovery referral/enrollment form which your counselor will list the class(es) you need to repeat. You must obtain your parent/guardian's signature and bring the completed form to the Credit Recovery office in Room 700 to get started.

- Summer School is another credit recovery option. Be on the lookout for Summer School enrollment information. You will need to see your counselor prior to enrolling in Summer School.

The High School 2017 Summer Term will be held for 24 days from Thursday, June 22, 2017 through Thursday, July 27, 2017. Student hours are 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and include a 30-minute nutrition break. Students have the opportunity to enroll in up to two courses.

- Tutoring – there is math tutoring with Mr. Blank and Ms. Burawski in Room 120 after school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.



Saturday tutoring is also available in the school library from 1:00 p.m. – 3 p.m. arc also offers

tutoring, for information regarding the arc program, please visit the arc Office in B-3.

Class of 2017 Graduation



Graduation ceremony will take place at the school's football field on Thursday, June 8th at 6:00 p.m. You will be receiving information regarding clearance cards, textbook clearance, graduation dress code, cap and gown distribution, panoramic picture distribution, as well as diploma distribution soon. Senior breakfast and diploma distribution will take place on Friday, June 9th.

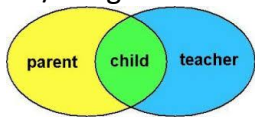
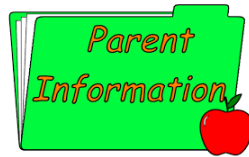
Last Day of Instruction for the 2016-2017 Schoolyear

The last day of instruction is June 9th. All students are expected to attend.

Parents

Be aware!

- ✓ There is lots of information provided to you on the school's website at www.granths.org
- ✓ Look for 3 progress reports that contain your student's grades/progress in their classes. Progress reports are offered on the 5 week, 10 week, and the 15th week of school. Final grades are available at the 20 week grading period in the form of the final report card. Make sure you see these progress reports and final report card and use them as tools to be informed about your child's progress or lack thereof, to seek assistance if needed, and to ensure that your child is making progress to meeting his/her graduation and A-G requirements.



✓ Monitor your child's attendance.

You may call or visit the Admissions Office to enquire about your child's attendance. Don't get any unexpected surprises at the end of the semester! Keep in mind that attendance is linked to academic performance. Try to schedule appointments for after school or weekends.

- ✓ Reach out to your child's teachers and counselor when you need assistance with your child's academic performance.



✓ Do a daily "academic check-in" with your student. Ask him/her how was their day at school, what did they learn, what extracurricular activities are they a part of, or

which ones would they like to be a part of, etc.

- ✓ Visit the Parent Center in Bungalow 10. There are classes still offered for parents. Currently we are still hosting English As a Second Language on Mondays and Tuesdays from 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. and a Spanish GED class on Wednesdays from

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. More classes will be offered next school year.

- ✓ Please sign-in at the front desk in the main building and obtain a Visitor's pass before entering the office or the main campus. This is in order to ensure campus security and safety.

PASSport

Parent Access Support System portal. Have you registered for PASSport? If not please visit <http://passport.lausd.net> and register. Once you register, you will be able to monitor progress towards graduation, check attendance, monitor grades and assignments, update emergency contact information, and get information on English learner progress.

Schoology – Coming next schoolyear

Explore this by going to

<http://achieve.lausd.net/Page/11582>



Teachers	Students	Parents
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Streamlined workflow ➤ Easy tracking of due dates ➤ Anytime on any device ➤ Automatic enrollment of students ➤ Join groups to share resources and ideas with other educators ➤ Organized body of evidence for making instructional decisions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 24/7 access to course materials ➤ Real time feedback ➤ Teacher collaboration ➤ Easy assignment submission ➤ Collaboration ➤ Self-monitoring ➤ Access grades 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Teacher-parent communication ➤ 24/7 real time student progress monitoring ➤ Access to submitted assignments ➤ Teacher collaboration ➤ PASSport feature-parents can access grades and assignments