# SOPHOMORE <br> COLLEGE INFORMATION NIGHT CLASS OF 2019 

## HOW COLLEGES ADMIT STUDENTS

- Achievement in College Prep Studies
- ACT, SAT and related Test Scores
- Extracurricular Activities and Work
- Teacher and Counselor Recommendations
- Essays and Personal Statement
- Interview
- Special Talents and Characteristics
- Overcoming life challenges


## 10가 GRADE YEAR AT A GLANCE

## Fall

- Students will take the PSAT test in October.
- Students should be getting involved in extracurricular activities, CSF, athletics, community service, etc.
- If college athletics is an option students should confirm they are taking NCAA approved courses. (Worksheets available for interested families)
- Keep grades up. Colleges will be looking at the Sophomore and Junior year to calculate GPAs. A 3.5 GPA or higher is mandatory in the first semester of $10^{\text {th }}$ grade in order to register to take AP courses in the $11^{\text {th }}$ grade.
- Check Naviance on occasion to update any information or find out any upcoming college visits.


## 10TH GRADE YEAR AT A GLANCE

## Spring

- Students will take ACT Aspire.
- Consider running for class office or ASB positions.
- Continue volunteer work and/or community service.
- Re-enrollment meeting with college counselor to select courses for junior and senior year.
- Stay committed to the activities you are involved in throughout your high school years.
- Begin visiting college campuses when time permits if you have not already started. Attend National College Fair in April.
- Start exploring summer college programs for high school students.


## UPCOMING COLLEGE FAIRS

California State University Fair
Pasadena Convention Center
Wednesday, September 28, 2016
6-8:30pm

National Christian College Fair
Oaks Christian High School
Tuesday, September 27, 2016
6-8pm
Or
Maranatha High School
Wednesday, September 28, 2016
6-8pm


# UTILIZE THE FOLLOWING WEB BASED PLANNERS 

- CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITIES-www.csumentor.edu
- ALL CALIFORNIA COLLEGES-www.californiacolleges.edu


## HCS Graduation Requirements ( 5 units $=1$ semester)

240 units minimum for graduation, including the following departmental requirements.
40-English
30-Social Science
40-Bible
20-Science (1 life science and 1 physical science)
30-Math
20-PE
10-Visual and Performing Art

|  | California State University (CSU) | University of California (UC) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| HIGH SCHOOL GPA |  |  |
|  | Calculate GPA using only "a-g" approved courses taken after the $9^{\text {th }}$ grade, including summer courses. All "a-g" courses and grades must be reported. |  |
| SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS |  |  |
|  | 15 yeariong college preparatory courses from approved "a-g" list are required: |  |
|  |  | 11 UC-required college-preparatory ("a-g") courses must be completed prior to senior year (including summer courses) |
| " $\mathrm{a}^{\prime \prime}$ \| HistorylSocial Science | 2 years of history/social science, including one year of U.S. history OR one semester of U.S. history and one semester of American government, AND... |  |
|  | 1 year of history/social science from either the " a " or " g " subject area | 1 year of world history, cultures, and geography from the "a" subject area |
| "b" \| English | 4 years of college preparatory English composition/iterature (including no more than 1 year of Advanced ESLELD) |  |
| "c" \| Mathematics | 3 years of mathematics (algebra I and II, geometry); 4 years recommended* |  |
| "d" \| Laboratory Science | 2 years of laboratory science |  |
|  | At least 1 year of physical science and 1 year of biological science, one from the " d " subject area and the other from the " d " or " g " area ${ }^{\text {** }}$ | At least two of the three foundational subjects of biology, chemistry, and physics Both courses must be from the "d" subject area; 3 years recommended |
| "e" \| Language Other Than English | 2 years of language other than English (must be the same language, American Sign Language accepted)* |  |
|  |  | 3 years recommended |
| " f ] \| Visual and Performing Arts | 1 yeariong course in visual and performing arts (selected from dance, music, theatre/drama and visual arts) |  |
| "g" \| College Preparatory Elective | 1 year of an elective chosen from any area on approved "a-g" course list |  |
|  | Note: Numerous Career Technical Education courses are approved for fulfilment of "a-g" subject requirements. |  |
| HONORS POINTS |  |  |
|  | Maximum of 8 extra grade points awarded for approved honors, AP, or IB courses and transferable college courses. No more than two yearlong courses taken in $10^{\text {th }}$ grade can earn honors points. |  |

"Coursework compieted in 7th or 8th grade can be used to satisty "c" and "e" requirements.
"It is best to prepare for both UC and the CSU by completing two laboratory courses from the "d" subject area.

|  | California State University (CSU) | University of California (UC) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| TEST SCORES - ACT/SAT |  |  |
| ACT or SAT Reasoning | Test required for CSU applicants to impacted campuses. <br> Test required for CSU applicants to non-impacted campuses, who have earned an "a-g" GPA of less than 3.0. <br> CSU combines best critical reading and math scores from multiple sittings of SAT; may combine best subscores from multiple ACT tests to calculate a best composite. | Test required for UC applicants. <br> UC uses the highest combined score from a single sitting of the ACT Assessment plus Writing or the SAT Reasoning Test. Some campuses may recommend SAT Subject Tests for specific majors. |
| VALIDATION OF SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS BY OTHER COURSES |  |  |
| Mathematics | A grade of C or better in the second semester of a yearlong alge better in Algebra II validates Algebra I. A grade of C or better in college preparatory requirement. A grade of C or better in stat | bra course validates a $D$ in the first semester. A grade of $C$ or trigonometry or pre-calculus validates the entire high school tics will validate only Algebra I and Algebra II, not geometry. |
| Language Other than English (LOTE) | A grade of C or better in a higher-Jevel A higher-level LOTE course can validate the ap A college course can validate a high scho depends on the college course | course validates a lower-level course. propriate number of years based on the level. ILOTE course. The level of validation prerequisite and description. |
| Chemistry | A grade of C or better in the second semester of chemistry will validate a $D$ in the first semester. | A grade of C or better in the second semester of chemistry will not validate a D in the first semester. |
| VALIDATION OF D GRADES IN REQUIRED COURSES |  |  |
|  | Required "a-g" courses must be completed with a grade of $C$ or better. Courses in which grades of $D$ are earned must be repeated, EXCEPT in the areas of math and language other than English, where grades of D can be validated by successful completion of higher-level coursework. |  |
| VALIDATION OF SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS BY TEST SCORES |  |  |
|  | Required "a-g" courses may be satisfied with appropriate test scores on SAT Subject Tests, Advanced Placement exams, and designated International Baccalaureate exams. A list of acceptable tests and scores is available on UC and CSU websites. |  |
| REPEATED COURSES |  |  |
|  | The highest grade will be used in the GPA calculation. |  |
|  |  | A course completed with a D or F grade can be repeated only once, with the exception of VPA courses. |

## CREDIT RECOVERY OPTIONS

- Heritage Online Credit Recovery
- Local summer programs such as SAEP at CSUN.
- Accredited online institutions-please verify with college center office to confirm validity.
*These options are for D's and F's received in college preparatory classes.


## QUESTIONS?

Please see us after the meeting or email us at ppratts@heritage-schools.org or
ikendrick@heritage-schools.org

Follow us on Instagram: hcs_college_corner

## CLOSING REMARKS AND PRAYER

