

# College & Career Readiness Counselors Update



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# Purpose

Provide an update on the new College & Career Readiness Counselors' efforts to increase the number of students completing the A-G requirements.

# What is A-G?

Minimum requirements to be eligible to apply for a California State University (CSU) or a University of California (UC)

One way to be "college ready"

**NEWBURY PARK HIGH SCHOOL**

## A-G REQUIREMENTS

**1 YEAR REQUIRED** FOR CSU, UC & OTHER 4 YEAR COLLEGES

**1 YEAR REQUIRED** CVUSD

**1 YEAR RECOMMENDED** FOR CSU, UC & OTHER 4 YEAR COLLEGES

Requirement	Required (Yellow)	Recommended (White)
<b>A</b> HISTORY	3	1
<b>B</b> ENGLISH	4	0
<b>C</b> MATH	3	1
<b>D</b> LAB SCIENCE	2	1
<b>E</b> LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH	2	1
<b>F</b> VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS	1	0
<b>G</b> COLLEGE PREP ELECTIVE	1	0

\*5 Health Credits  
\*20 PE Credits  
\*230 Total Credits Required CVUSD

*All Panthers  
All Possibilities*

\*All courses must be completed with a grade of C or higher

# Our Goal

Increase the number of high school students, particularly targeted groups, who graduate from high school with A-G eligibility requirements completed for admissions to CSU and UC.

Targeted groups include: English Learners, Socio-economic Disadvantaged, Students with Disabilities, Students with Unstable Housing (McKinney Vento)



UNIVERSITY  
OF  
CALIFORNIA



CSU

The California  
State University

# College & Career Readiness Counselors

- Educate families and students:
  - A-G eligibility requirements
  - Access to courses
  - Academic progress monitoring
  - Other useful information
- Collect and analyze grade distribution and A-G eligibility
- Meet with students to track progress
- Facilitate and monitor tutoring and credit recovery programs
- Communicate with teachers & other counselors at their site regarding student progress and needs

**A-G Counselor calls each student to a meeting to encourage attendance at tutoring centers, explain A-G benefits, graduation requirements, and motivate students to achieve A-G eligibility.**

# EDUCATING STUDENTS

- **119 total classroom A-G lessons**
  - **Includes ELD, AVID, DATA, Special Education classes, Spanish for Spanish Speakers**
  - **Less than half of students reported knowing what A-G is- now over 90% report knowledge of A-G**
- **396 total individual student meetings about A-G**
- **A-G vs Graduation Requirements posters in classrooms**
- **Evaluating student transcripts**
- **Enrolling students in Cyber High classes**
- **Meeting with departments and collaborating with teachers and other school counselors**
- **Weekly newsletters**
- **Social media outreach**

# Classroom Posters

## A-G VS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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<b>HEALTH</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>1 SEM.</b>
<b>COLLEGE PREP ELECTIVE</b>	<b>1 YEAR</b>	<b>75 CREDITS</b>

FOR SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS PLEASE VISIT [WWW.TOHCOUNSELING.ORG](http://WWW.TOHCOUNSELING.ORG)

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# Classroom Presentations

# Educating Families

TOHS Website & Weekly newsletter

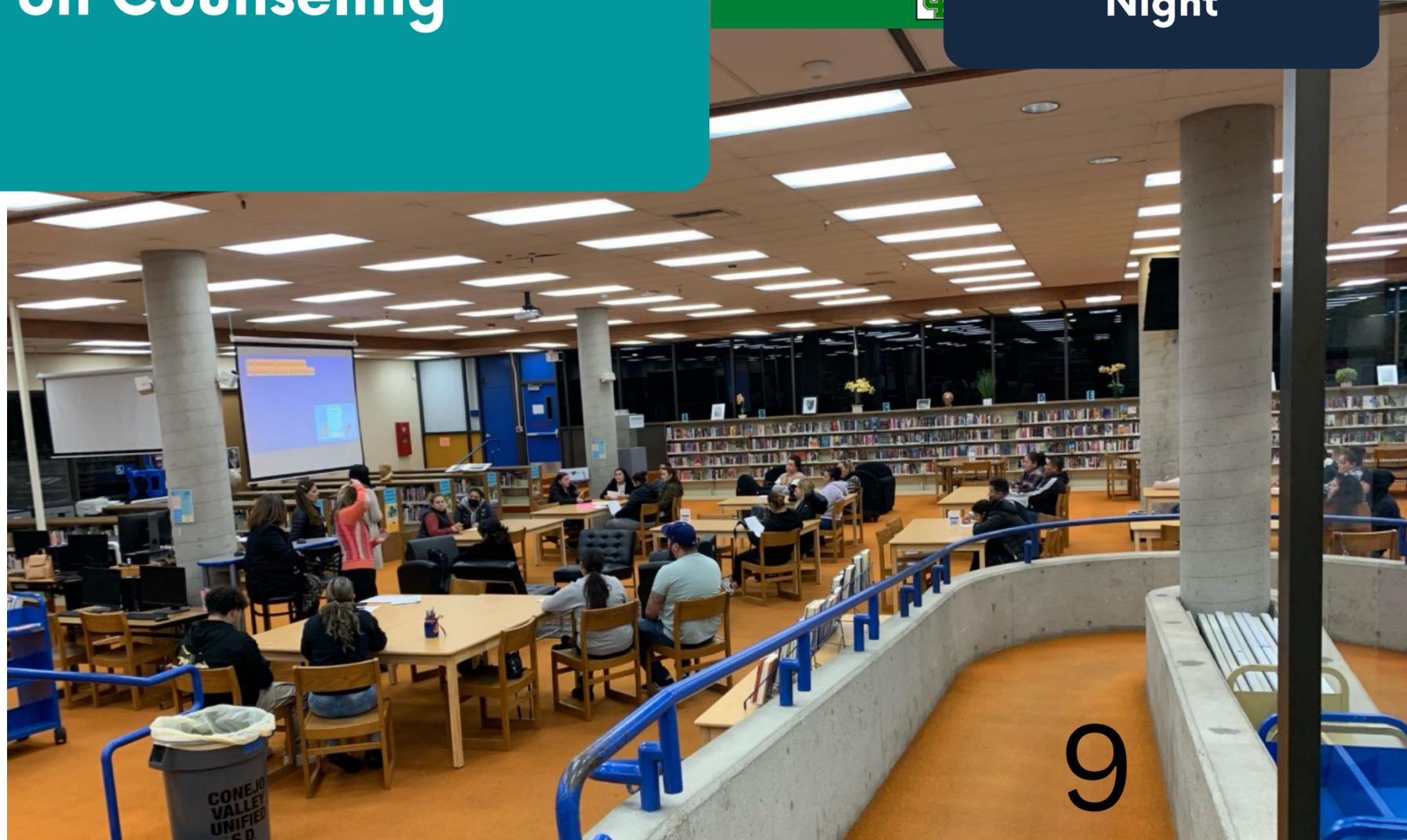
- CVUSD Parent Information Night
- ELAC Parent A-G Presentation
- Weekly Information sent to parents
- College Readiness Websites and Information on Counseling Websites



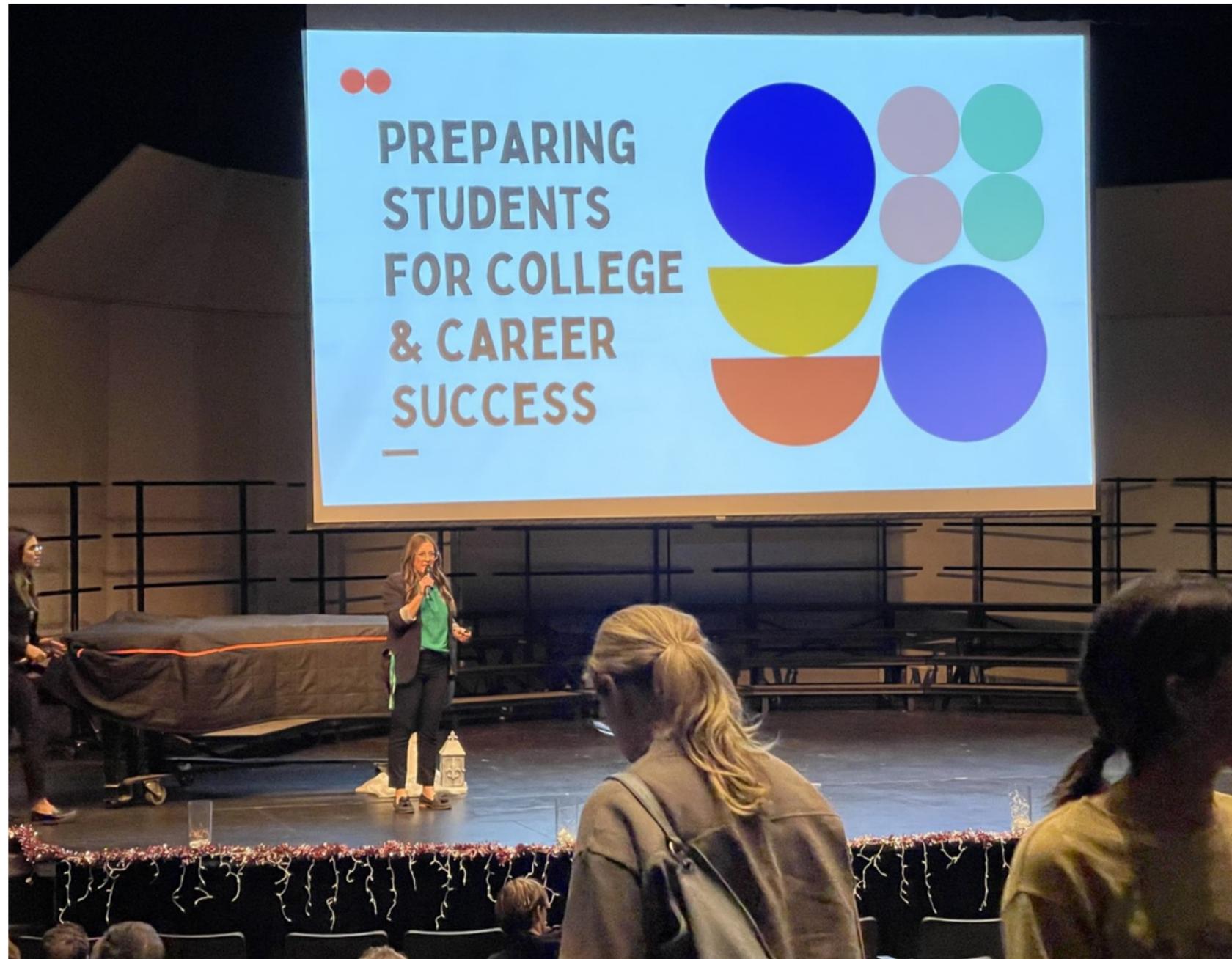
WHS ELAC Parent Night



NPHS Parent Newsletter



# CVUSD PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT



**Presentation in both Spanish and English**

**Over 115 families attended**

**Transportation provided**

# Educating Families

## Informational Handout in Spanish & English

### Understanding the A-G Requirements PREPARING FOR COLLEGE & CAREER

#### WHAT IS A-G?

A series of 15 high school courses to help prepare students for college in six subject areas, each represented by a letter from A-G.

#### WHO SHOULD COMPLETE A-G?

- Students wishing to attend a University of California State University must complete A-G with a grade of C or better in order to be a freshman.
- Students who aren't sure about their college options in order to keep their options open.
- Students pursuing a career pathway or career technical education (CTE) classes, which provide a strong base of skills. CTE classes count towards A-G requirements.
- Many district courses required for graduation. Check the Conejo Valley Unified School District alignment.

#### STEPS FOR SUCCESS

- **Start early and create a four-year plan:** Start in high school to create a plan to meet the A-G requirements.
- **Seek out challenging classes:** A-G classes are required to apply for a UC or CSU. To be really prepared for college & career readiness counselor about A-G requirements. Try to strengthen the following skills: communication, collaboration, critical thinking.
- **Consider a career pathway:** Ask your counselor about career pathway options. These integrations are centered around a career of interest to students complete the A-G requirements and career readiness.
- **Rebound from setbacks:** students who fail a course. A career readiness counselor can help develop a plan.

### Comprendiendo los requisitos A-G

#### PREPARÁNDOSE PARA LA UNIVERSIDAD Y LA CARRERA

#### ¿QUE ES A-G?

Una serie de 15 cursos de secundaria que están diseñados para ayudar a preparar a los estudiantes para la universidad. Los cursos están divididos en seis áreas temáticas, cada una representada por una letra de A-G.

#### ¿QUIÉN DEBE COMPLETAR A-G?

- Los estudiantes que deseen asistir a la Universidad de California o La Universidad Estatal de California deben completar estos 15 cursos con una calificación de C o mejor para ser elegible para aplicar como estudiantes de primer año.
- Se alienta a los estudiantes que no están seguros de sus planes universitarios a seguir estos requisitos para mantener sus opciones abiertas.
- Los estudiantes que buscan una carrera profesional o educación técnica profesional (CTE) se benefician al tomar estas clases, que brindan una base sólida de conocimientos generales beneficiosos para cualquier carrera. La mayoría de las clases de CTE cuentan para los requisitos A-G.
- Muchos cursos del distrito requeridos para graduarse se alinean con los cursos de la escuela secundaria del Distrito Escolar Unificado de Conejo Valley para obtener información sobre la alineación.

#### PASOS PARA EL ÉXITO

- **Comience temprano y cree un plan de cuatro años:** Hable con un consejero en la escuela intermediano al comienzo de la escuela secundaria para crear un plan para cumplir con los requisitos A-G.
- **Busque clases desafiantes:** Las clases A-G son el requisito mínimo para ser elegible para solicitar una UC o CSU. Para estar realmente preparado y ser competitivo, hable con su consejero o con el consejero de preparación universitaria y profesional sobre otras clases que puede tomar para fortalecer la preparación universitaria. Trate de fortalecer las siguientes habilidades para tener éxito en la universidad y en el lugar de trabajo moderno, por ejemplo: comunicación, colaboración, pensamiento crítico y creatividad.
- **Considere una trayectoria profesional:** Pregúntale a su consejero o al consejero de

“La intención de los requisitos de la materia A-G es garantizar que los estudiantes hayan obtenido un conjunto de conocimientos generales que proporcionan amplitud y perspectiva para un estudio nuevo y más avanzado”.

*-University of California*

# Additional Resources for Families



## FRESHMEN

### GUIDE FOR COLLEGE & CAREER PLANNING

Welcome to High School!

The biggest goal in ninth grade is to work hard to build good habits, but there are other steps you can complete in ninth grade to put yourself on the right track for college. This guide will help you navigate the college planning process.

#### FRESHMEN YEAR TIMELINE

##### AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

- Begin high school with good habits that will help you start off strong! Study and use time management to turn your assignments in on time.
- Check out your school's club rush and join a club or two that interest you.
- Seek out community service that interests you and participate in activities that are meaningful to you!

##### OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER

- Remember to ask for help early!
- Learn what A-G is and how to meet it.
- Consider taking the PSAT.
- Start thinking about your:
  - Goals and values
  - Academic interests and abilities
  - Possible career interest
- Create a four year plan to help you achieve your goals!

##### JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH

- Register for classes- take challenging classes that will put you on track to complete the A-G requirements!
- Begin writing your high school resume- keeping track of all extracurricular activities, community involvement, and other important awards or accomplishments. This will help you remember all you did when you are a senior!

##### APRIL, MAY, JUNE

- Continue focusing on being successful in your classes to finish strong!
- Update your high school resume.
- Look for interesting summer experiences like jobs, camps, internships, or summer enrichment programs that give you exposure to colleges or careers you are interested in!

#### RESOURCES

Reach out to your counselor to include them on your plan. They can help along the way! You can also check out your school's Counseling website for more information to support you!

[www.tohscounseling.org](http://www.tohscounseling.org)  
[www.conejousd.org/whs](http://www.conejousd.org/whs)  
[www.dev.nphs.org/counseling/](http://www.dev.nphs.org/counseling/)

# Multitiered Approach

## Target Groups:

- English Learners
- Socio-economically disadvantaged
- Students with Disabilities
- Students with Unstable Housing (McKinney Vento)

## Target Presentations:

- Spanish for Spanish Speakers
- English Language Development Classes
- Special Education Classes
- Oasis Classes

## Additional Actions:

- Reviewing target group transcripts & grade distribution 1st semester grades
- Individual meetings regarding A-G eligibility & ways to get back on track or stay on track
- Communication/partnership with parent/guardian

# A-G Plan & Metrics

- End of year: A-G Completion Percentage
- Number of Individual Student Meetings
- Students Enrolling in Summer School for A-G Remediation
- Students Enrolling in Cyber High for A-G Remediation
- Update UC Doorways list
- Q tracking of A-G approved courses

# Next Steps

- A-G in Registration
  - In class reminders
  - A-G handout included with forms (Spanish & English)
  - Supporting comprehensive School Counselors during Registration (extra support for students)
- Continue support of Target Groups
  - Continue reviewing transcripts & grade distribution for semester grades
  - Increased individual meetings with students
- Review Semester 1 Grades
- Individual Meetings with students based on post-test data
- Futures Nights for Incoming Families
- 8th Grade Parent/Guardian & Student Night
- District English Language Advisory Committee presentation
- Information & Online Course Catalog on District Website

# Conejo Valley Unified School District

## Filter by School

(Current school year offerings)

- Century Academy
- Colina Middle School
- Los Cerritos Middle School
- Redwood Middle School
- Sequoia Middle School
- Sycamore Canyon Middle School
- Newbury Park High School
- Thousand Oaks High School
- Westlake High School
- Conejo Valley High School
- All Schools

## Filter by Grade Level

- Middle School (6-8)
- 6th Grade
- 7th Grade
- 8th Grade
- High School (9-12)
- 9th Grade
- 10th Grade
- 11th Grade
- 12th Grade
- All Grades

Schools listed in course information are offering the course in the 2022-2023 school year and are not a guarantee of future offerings.

## High School - Visual & Performing Arts - All Course Levels

<b>ART HISTORY CP</b> <a href="#">View course details</a>	<b>Visual &amp; Performing Arts</b> Course Level: CP Grades: 10, 11, 12 Credits: 10 UC Area: F
<b>AP ART HISTORY</b> <a href="#">View course details</a>	<b>Visual &amp; Performing Arts</b> Course Level: AP Grades: 10, 11, 12 Credits: 10 UC Area: F
<b>MUSIC APPRECIATION</b> <a href="#">View course details</a>	<b>Visual &amp; Performing Arts</b> Course Level: CP Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12 Credits: 10 UC Area: F

**Questions?**