Making our schools the most student-centered and innovative academic, athletic, cultural and career-preparatory centers of learning in our community

The Board and staff of East Side Union High School District are committed to improving our schools, helping teachers change the way they teach, and helping students change how they learn and demonstrate their learning. We are committed to giving our students the tools and skills to thrive in the global economy and to be life-long learners who can successfully adapt—and contribute—to society’s changes.

The Board of Trustees have ratified a new Strategic Plan, requiring that every student graduates prepared for college and career, empowered with the tools to thrive in a global society.

A-G Requirements: Taking steps to close the opportunity gap with access to higher-level course work

In November 2010, the East Side Union High School District Board of Trustees approved a measure to make the A-G sequence of courses for UC/CSU admission the default curriculum for all students.

District Accountability & Goals:
1. Improve graduation rate
2. Decrease dropout rate
3. Improve A-G completion rate
4. Develop College & Career Readiness Indicators (5Cs) – Critical Thinking, Communication, Collaboration, Creativity, and Civic Engagement
5. Decrease the Achievement Gaps as defined in 1-3 and other indicators, such as suspension and expulsion rates.
Alignment with A-G

The UC system labels each subject area or requirement with a letter to easily identify the different course requirements. The chart below shows how the ESUHSD Graduation Requirements align with the A-G requirements.

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Each semester of a course with a passing grade is worth 5 credits.

Students who complete the ESUHSD graduation requirements with a “C” or better in Social Science satisfy both the “A” and “G” requirements for UC.

Students must also pass the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) to graduate from ESUHSD.

There are variations between UC and CSU A-G Requirements. Students should consult with their counselor about the specific colleges they wish to attend.

Board Resolution

For the 2013-2014 school year and beyond, the default placement for all 9th and 10th graders will be a College (A-G) and/or career-preparatory curriculum. Both Individual Education Plan (IEP) and the EL Master Plan will continue to be honored for student placement and success.

Passing Grades

For a course to be counted towards the A-G requirements, UC and CSU require that students earn a grade of C or higher.

Eligibility for College

Parents and students should be aware that completion of the A-G requirements does not guarantee admission to a university. A student’s grade point average and test scores will also be considered. In order to be competitive, students should plan to take higher levels of courses that exceed the A-G requirements. Students should consult their counselor for guidance in this area.
A-G Eligible Courses

This is a sample list of some of the A-G courses that are commonly offered at ESUHSD high schools. Complete A-G course lists for each school are available at https://doorways/ucop.edu/list.

Four-Year Course Planner

Below is a sample course schedule for an ESUHSD student who wishes to fulfill the A-G Requirements. Please note that many courses can be taken as Advanced Placement (AP) courses, and will also fulfill A-G Requirements.
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