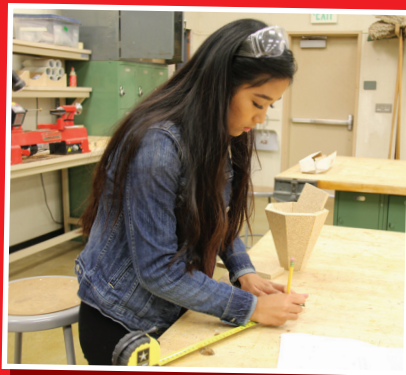




INDEPENDENCE HIGH SCHOOL



Where Students Find Their Passion, Purpose, and Path



INDEPENDENCE HIGH SCHOOL ★ HOME OF THE 76ERS

- ★ An average of **82%** of students who graduate from Independence enroll in college within a year after high school (*Class of 2011-2018, National Student Clearinghouse*)
- ★ **4-Year Cohort:** Students who come in as 9th graders and stay with our school for all 4 years experience higher graduation and A-G success rates
 - 4-Year Local Cohort Graduation Rate: **98.2%** (*Class of 2019*)
- ★ We offer a Summer Bridge Program for incoming 9th graders
- ★ We have 7 academic counselors
- ★ All of our 9th and 10th grade students take the Practice SAT exams at no cost to their families

- ★ All of our 11th grade students take the SAT exams at no cost to their families
- ★ Class of 2018 Gates Millennium Scholar
- ★ Winner of the PG&E Solar Energy Competition & Northern California Botball Robotics at NASA
- ★ Winner of the Global Conference on Educational Robotics
- ★ We offer six Academies: Space Technology Engineering, Finance, Teaching, AVID, Carpentry & Construction, and Automotive Transportation
- ★ We offer over 21 AP courses in a variety of areas; Social Science, Science, World Languages, English, Math, and Financial Literacy

- ★ We offer special programs: Girls Who Code, Tech Girls, ACE Mentoring, GATE (Gifted & Talented Education)
- ★ We offer a state-of-the-art Automotive Transportation pathway in partnership with Tesla Motors and Honda Motors
- ★ We offer college preparation through AVID
- ★ Four of our teachers have participated in Yale University's National Fellows Program
- ★ We have an experienced and highly qualified teaching staff with an average of 15 years of experience in the classroom
- ★ We have fully renovated Theater and Visual Arts buildings

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WELCOME TO INDEPENDENCE HIGH SCHOOL



My name is Bjorn Berg, principal at Independence High School, and the teachers, staff, and I welcome you to our 76ers family. We are proud to provide a safe, supportive, and innovative learning environment to enable your child to succeed.

We strive to ensure that all parents and students are well-informed on how to plan to have success in high school and attend a college or university. Our school is equipped to prepare your child to enter and meet the academic demands of higher education. At each grade level, counselors meet with all students to discuss personal and academic exploration and refinement of career and college goals through a Guidance Plan.

In this booklet, you will find a list of A-G requirements, high school class recommendations at each grade level and Advanced Placement (AP) courses. For incoming 8th graders, we offer a Freshman Summer Bridge Program to help your child transition to our school.

We offer more than 30 sections of AP courses in Math, Science, English, Social Studies, History, and Art, college preparatory electives; as well as six academies in Space Technology Engineering, Finance, Teaching, AVID, Carpentry & Construction, and Automotive Transportation. As an extension of these courses, students have opportunities and access to hands-on experiences with numerous Silicon Valley industry partners. These include internships, guest lecturers, and mentors. We also provide field trips to local professional industries and colleges.

Apart from our strong academics, we offer a variety of athletic programs in football, basketball, baseball, soccer, and other sports activities. We also offer an array of extracurricular activities and clubs, such as the Associated Student Body, Asian/Hispanic/African-American Heritage Clubs, Science, Theater and Drama, Photography, Band, Cheerleading, and many more to fit your child's interests.

We lead in the number and variety of academic and extracurricular activities and AP courses in comparison to any other school in our area. Our students go on to accomplish great things and we will ensure that your child has the support he/she needs to make a smooth transition from high school to college and career.

Respectfully,
Bjorn Berg
Principal



SPARTAN EAST SIDE PROMISE

The Spartan East Side Promise provides a pathway to **guaranteed general admission** to San José State University (SJSU) by clearly specifying admission requirements and actively sharing this information with students and families at the East Side Union High School District (ESUHSD).



By identifying the specific criteria for guaranteed SJSU general admission as part of the Spartan East Side Promise, ESUHSD students will know what is expected early in their academic careers.

Student entering as a freshman in high school is guaranteed the same criteria when the student applies in their senior year.



GOALS

The goals of the Spartan East Side Promise are:

- ★ To increase the number of ESUHSD students applying to and being admitted to college
- ★ To contribute to a college-going culture within the ESUHSD based on a shared commitment to diversity and equity

Students graduating from an East Side Union high school will qualify for guaranteed general admission to SJSU if the following conditions are met:

- ★ Graduate from East Side Union High School District
- ★ Successfully complete all A-G college preparatory courses with grades of C- or better
- ★ Apply to SJSU by November 30th
- ★ Take the SAT or ACT test and submit those official test scores to SJSU
- ★ Require no developmental coursework as determined by Math/English placement test scores
- ★ Meet the Eligibility Index (EI) to the intended major (2900 or higher) or meet the minimum EI of 3300 (SAT) or 790 (ACT) to be guaranteed admission to Undeclared. All EIs are subject to verification of the final high school transcript
 - The Eligibility Index (EI) is a combination of the GPA from your A-G classes and your SAT or ACT score
 - See calstate.edu for an EI calculator
- ★ Meet all SJSU application procedures and deadlines

Contact: outreach@sjsu.edu or 408-924-2564

ACADEMIES & ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

ACADEMIES

STEAM	The Space Technology Engineering Academy is a nationally recognized pre-engineering and design program. Students explore engineering, space, architecture, computer graphics, programming and other design careers before going to college. Students draw in three dimensions and have access to high tech equipment, such as laser engraver, a large format 3D printer for rapid prototyping, and 3D Mill. Students can also participate in extracurricular activities in robotics, computer competitions and MESA (Mathematics Engineering and Science Achievement).
Finance	This academy provides students an opportunity to experience the world of business and finance. Students explore a wide range of topics, including creating and operating a business, accounting, personal financial management, international trade, and global economic issues. Students benefit from an enriched curriculum with field trips, leadership activities, conferences, technology and competitions. Students who complete this program enter college or start careers equipped with skills and real-world experience.
Teaching	For students interested in a career in teaching or public service, then this is the academy for you. The students work with local elementary and middle schools, teaching and working with at-risk students.
Automotive Transportation	This program introduces hands-on learning with hybrid and electric vehicles and incorporates math and science skills and introduces students to engineering through collaborations with San Jose State University's Mechanical and Engineering department.
Carpentry & Construction	The curriculum teaches students real-world skills in an array of areas related to residential home construction, such as architecture and electrical engineering. This academy has an established partnership with Stanford University's architecture department. The program offers apprenticeships and certification.
AVID	A dvancement V ia I ndividual D etermination, is a four-year program focused on improving A-G course completion in order to qualify for four-year universities.

AP COURSES - Earning College Credit through AP Exams

Advanced Placement (AP) is a program administered by The College Board and consists of standardized high school courses that are equivalent to undergraduate college courses. After completing an AP class, students typically take the AP exam in that subject, which can earn them credits and accelerated placement in college.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) COURSES

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Biology ▪ Calculus AB ▪ Calculus BC ▪ Chemistry ▪ Chinese Language ▪ Computer Science A ▪ English Language: Composition | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ English Literature: Composition ▪ French Language ▪ German Language ▪ Government & Political Science: United States ▪ Human Geography ▪ Physics 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Physics C: MEC ▪ Psychology ▪ Spanish Language ▪ Spanish Literature ▪ Statistics ▪ Studio Art: 2-D ▪ U.S. History ▪ World History |
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MEET OUR GRADUATES



"I've created meaningful relationships with teachers, staff, and my fellow peers that made a lasting impression on me. I've grown into the person I am today because of the experiences I had at this school. I am forever proud to be a Sixer!"

Huong Nguyen
Class of 2018
Stanford University



"Don't worry too much about making everything perfect. Make every moment count, try your best by joining clubs, sports, and extracurricular activities and have fun! Go Sixers!"

Jasmine Vallarta
Class of 2019
Boston College



"Independence High School provided me with so many opportunities to be engaged in academic and extracurricular activities and I took advantage of all of it! The teachers and counselors helped me do my best."

Niki Shakouri
Class of 2018
UC Berkeley



"Everyone has their own pace. Just because someone else is ahead of you doesn't mean that they'll get there first. Don't think it's too late to catch up, continue working towards your goal and take your time. You'll get there, just like I did, and now I'm heading to college thanks to the support of my teachers and staff at Independence!"

Kathy Tran
Class of 2019
UCLA



"Independence High Writing Club kept me sane by letting me be absolutely and unflinchingly CRAZY. Here's to the best club on campus."

Alexander Kim
Class of 2017
Princeton University



"Join extracurriculars, sports, clubs, and go to school events. Although high school may seem intimidating at first, trust me, you will not regret participating in all that Independence has to offer. Cherish the memories and friends you make, and most importantly, have fun!"

Bryan Tang
Class of 2020
UC Davis

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Pass 220 credits in the areas shown below:

Subject	Requirement	Credits
English	Students must pass: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 years of English 	40
Social Science	Students must pass: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 year of World History 1 year of United States History 1 semester of Economics 1 semester of American Government 	30
Mathematics	Students must pass: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CCSS Math 1 CCSS Math 2 (or higher level courses) 	20
Science	Students must pass: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 year of physical and 1 year of biological college prep lab science 	20
Fine Arts or Foreign Language	Students must pass: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-year course in Fine Arts or Foreign Language 	10
Physical Education	Students must pass: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 years of Physical Education (1 year must be taken in grade 9) 	20
Electives	Students must pass elective courses chosen in the following areas: Art, Business, Home Economics Careers and Technology, English, Foreign Language, Math, Music, Industrial Technology Education, P.E., Reading, Science, Social Science, Safety Education, and Work Experience/SVCTE/ROP.	80
Total Credits Required for Graduation		220

AT EACH GRADE LEVEL:

- ★ Parents and students should check **class selections**
- ★ Parents and students should review semester **report card** and if your student has failed any courses, explore summer school options (contact school counselor)
- ★ Parents and students should **review credit status** to ensure the student is on track and taking the necessary courses for graduation
- ★ Learn about **free tutoring** or help that's available if your child is struggling in any subject area
- ★ Schools offer **Cyber High** as an option for credit and grade recovery (contact school counselor)
- ★ **Other options:** If your child does not earn the appropriate number of credits each semester, she/he may fall behind and not be ready to graduate in four years. You and your child could explore alternate pathways to graduation in our **alternative schools**, Foothill High School and Calero High School (contact school counselor)

★ FOUR-YEAR COURSE PLANNER

Required classes to Satisfy A-G Requirements for 4-Year College at a UC, CSU or Private, and College Entrance Exams. 4 year = Baccalaureate Degree (BA or BS)

9th Grade

What You Can Do To Become College Ready:

- B** English 1/1A
- C** CCSS Math 1 (or higher)
- D** Biology
- E** World Language 1
- F/G** Art or Elective Physical Education

- Become acclimated with your ESUHSd high school campus
- Students should have 60 units at the end of 9th grade
- Take the 9th grade Practice SAT exams, which will be provided at no cost to students or families

10th Grade

What You Can Do To Become College Ready:

- A** World History
- B** English 2/2A
- C** CCSS Math 2 (or higher)
- D** Chemistry
- E** World Language 2 Physical Education

- Attend District-wide College Night
- **For UC/CSU College Testing Recommendation:** Take the 10th grade Practice SAT exams, which will be provided at no cost to students or families
- Students should have 120 units at the end of 10th grade

AT EACH GRADE LEVEL:

- ★ Meet with your high school counselor to ensure that you are on track to meet A-G requirements and ensure enrollment in these classes
- ★ Counselors will walk students through a Guidance Plan to realize their college and career potential
- ★ Students can get ahead by taking Mathematics and Science courses as electives
- ★ We offer Math acceleration classes in the summer

11th Grade

What You Can Do To Become College Ready:

- A** US History
- B** English 3
- C** CCSS Math 3 (or higher)
- D** Physics
- E** World Language 3
- F/G** Art or Elective

- **For UC/CSU College Testing Recommendation:** PSAT in the Fall and SAT or ACT in the Spring
- Take the SAT Subject Tests in March, which will be provided at no cost to qualifying students/families
- Attend District-wide College Night
- Students should write the first draft of her or his essay that will be used for applications and scholarships
- Students should have 180 units at the end of 11th grade

12th Grade

What You Can Do To Become College Ready:

- A/G** Government/Econ
- B** English 4
- C** Math Analysis (or higher)
- D** Science
- E/F/G** Language
- F/G** Art or Elective

- **For UC College Testing Recommendation:** SAT or ACT Assessment plus Writing retest in the Fall to improve your score
- **For CSU College Testing Recommendation:** SAT or ACT Assessment re-test in the Fall to improve your score
- Apply to colleges and universities
- Apply for FAFSA as soon as possible after October 1
- Apply for scholarships
- Students should have a minimum of 220 units completed at the end of 12th grade

A-G SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS

WHAT IS A-G?

The Subject Requirement, more commonly referred to as the “A-G” subject requirements, is 1 of 3 requirements needed to enter the University of California (UC) and Cal State University (CSU) as a freshman. Students must complete a pattern of 15 college-preparatory courses.

The chart below shows how the ESUHSD Graduation Requirements align with the A-G requirements.

	ESUHSD Requirements <i>must be passed with a D or higher</i>	A-G Requirements <i>must be passed with a C or higher</i>
A Social Science	30 Credits	20 Credits
B English	40 Credits	40 Credits
C Mathematics	20 Credits	30 Credits (40 recommended)
D Lab Sciences	20 Credits	20 Credits (30 recommended)
E World Languages	10 Credits of either World Language or Visual/Performing arts	20 Credits of the same language other than English, or through the second level of high school instruction (30 recommended)
F Visual and Performing Arts		10 Credits
G Electives	80 Credits	10 Credits
Physical Education	20 Credits	

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

★ A student's grade point average (GPA) 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.

★ Students can **get ahead** by taking Advanced Placement courses in Mathematics and Science courses as Electives.

ROADMAP FOR SUCCESS



MEET OUR DEDICATED TEACHERS



MEET MRS. ALVAREZ

AP SPANISH AND CYBER HIGH

As a teacher, advisor, co-department head of the World Languages Department and a mentor for first-year teachers at Independence High School, Mrs. Alvarez has demonstrated outstanding support for students. In addition to her regular school day, she advises the Latino Student Union, Folklorico, and Migrant Education programs after school.

For the migrant education program, she provides counseling to parents and students that are falling behind graduation requirements. She helps them after school via Cyber High, an online program for credit and grade recovery. It is no wonder that Mrs. Alvarez was selected as the 2017 District Teacher of the Year.



MEET MR. NEAGU

AUTOMOTIVE TRANSPORTATION / CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT CHAIR

Mr. Neagu started his Automotive Transportation career in 1981, and after having 25 years of experience, he decided to teach the next generation of students about this field, including advancements in hybrid and electric vehicles and alternative fuels.

As the department chair, Mr. Neagu collaborates with various industries, including Lexus and SmarterSTEM. This program incorporates math and science skills and introduces students to engineering by participating in projects with San Jose State University's Mechanical Engineering department. Students have hands-on experience as auto technicians, auto service consultants, welders and engineers.



MEET MRS. NARVESON

SOCIAL STUDIES AND TEACHING ACADEMY COORDINATOR

Mrs. Narveson has taught Social Studies at Independence High School for more than thirty years and has been the Teaching Academy Coordinator since 2000. She teaches or has taught AP U.S. History, AP World History, World History, and U.S. History. Currently, she also teaches the capstone class of the Teaching Academy, called Teaching Practicum, where her students are instructed in teaching and learning before being placed in an internship in a local elementary school. Mrs. Narveson also serves as a mentor and instructor for student teachers from San Jose State University, where she is an adjunct instructor in teacher education. Mrs. Narveson is passionate about accessible education for all students and helping students reach their educational goals.

TYPES OF COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

University of California (UC)	9 UC Schools UC Berkeley, UC Los Angeles, UC Santa Barbara, UC San Diego, UC Davis, UC Irvine, UC Santa Cruz, UC Riverside, UC Merced
Private University	Example of Private Universities Carnegie Mellon University, Columbia University, Cornell University, Duke University, Harvard University, Howard University, Johns Hopkins University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), New York University, Princeton University, Santa Clara University, Stanford University, University of Chicago, University of Miami, University of Notre Dame, University of Pennsylvania, University of San Francisco, University of Southern California (USC), Yale University
Cal State University (CSU)	23 CSU Schools CSU Bakersfield, CSU Channel Islands, CSU Chico, CSU Dominguez Hills, CSU East Bay, CSU Fresno, CSU Fullerton, Humboldt State University, CSU Long Beach, CSU Los Angeles, CSU Maritime Academy, CSU Monterey Bay, CSU Northridge, California State Polytechnic University Pomona, CSU Sacramento, CSU San Bernardino, San Diego State University, San Francisco State University, San Jose State University, California Polytechnic State University San Luis Obispo, CSU San Marcos, Sonoma State University, CSU Stanislaus
2-Year Community Colleges	There are 113 Community Colleges in California. Here are a few examples: Evergreen Valley College, De Anza College, Foothill College, Gavilan College, Mission College, San Jose City College, West Valley College



ATHLETICS, EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

SPORTS

Badminton, Baseball, Basketball, Cross-Country, Football, Golf, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Track & Field, Volleyball, Water Polo, and Wrestling



CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Action Against Hunger, Acts of Random Kindness, Animal Hope & Wellness, Anime, California Scholarship Federation, Computer Science & Web Design, Dragonboat, Fashion, Girls Who Code, Indo Mob, Key, Korean, Latino Student Union, Lights on Trafficking, Mabuhay Bayanihan, Muslim Student Association, National Honors Society, Orchestra, Our Melody, Pre-Med, Tahitian Dance, UNICEF, Ukulele, Vietnamese Students Association, Writing, and more!

SCHOOL CULTURE & COMMUNITY

We cherish our role in the community and endeavor to continue to be a source for artistic and cultural expression and community involvement. We offer events that welcome our students' families and friends.

- ★ Parent and Student Field Trips to Colleges & Universities
- ★ Parent Workshops (Bilingual)
- ★ Parent Empowerment Conference
- ★ Back to School Night
- ★ School Site Council
- ★ District-wide College Night
- ★ Foothill Family Community Clinic
- ★ Food Festivals
- ★ Band & Choir Concerts
- ★ Theater Performances
- ★ IndepDance
- ★ Battle of the Classes
- ★ Multi-Cultural Day
- ★ Student Volunteers
- ★ Coffee with the Principal
- ★ Curriculum Fair
- ★ Open House



GLOSSARY

Advanced Placement (AP): Program administered by the College Board, consists of standardized high school courses that are equivalent to undergraduate college courses. AP Exams can earn students college credit and accelerated placement in college.

American College Testing (ACT): 3 ½ hour national college admissions exam that tests students' knowledge in English, Math, Reading and Science.

CAASPP: California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress

Cal State University (CSU)

College Entrance Exams: Standardized, national tests that students will need to take to be considered for college (SAT, ACT).

District College Night: Many colleges and universities attend this event and provide materials and answer any questions. It takes place at Independence High School in September. Students and parents/guardians are welcome to attend at any grade level.

Dual Enrollment: Students are enrolled concurrently in either College Connection Academy or Accel Middle College and taking college courses in one of the District's partnerships with Evergreen Valley College or San Jose State University.

Early Assessment Program (EAP): Take this exam as part of the Grade 11 California Standards Test. It can take the place of CSU placement tests and certify you as "college ready".

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA): Single most important application for need-based financial assistance. It is a federal form that looks at your need and determines a student's eligibility for

federal, state, and college sponsored financial aid, including grants, educational loans, and work study programs.

GPA: Grade Point Average

Grants and Scholarships: Represent financial support awarded based on merit or merit plus need. They do not need to be repaid.

Guidance Plan: Counselors meet with all students at each grade level to discuss personal and academic exploration, refinement of career and college goals, and post-high school planning.

Internships: Student internships available through our alliances with Strive San Jose and Genesys Works Bay Area.

Magnet & Career Technical Programs: Rigorous programs that focus on a special study and academic pathway.

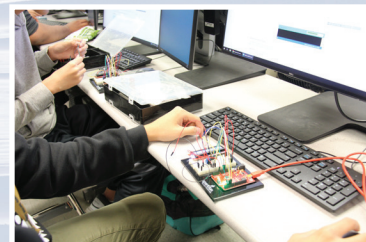
Naviance: Online College and Career resource that provides students with college planning and career assessment tools.

PSAT: Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (Practice Test)

SAT: Scholastic Aptitude Test – 3 ¾ hour test that measures critical thinking, mathematical reasoning and writing skills. Most colleges require that students take this or the ACT as a college entrance requirement.

STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

University of California (UC)



RESOURCES

SCHOOL-SPECIFIC RESOURCES

AVID = Advancement Via Individual Determination, a 4-year program focused on improving A-G course completion in order to qualify for 4-year universities

PCIS = Parent & Community Involvement Specialist: Margarita Rodriguez, rodriguezmm@esuhsd.org, (408) 928-9541

USEFUL WEBSITES

ACT = actstudent.org

AP = apstudent.collegeboard.org

California Colleges (college/career planning) = californiacolleges.edu

College Board = collegeboard.org

College Toolkit = collegetoolkit.com

Community College = home.cccapply.org

CSU = www.calstate.edu

Dream Act = <https://dream.csac.ca.gov>

EAP/CSU = calstate.edu/eap

Fast Web (Scholarship Site) = fastweb.com

Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) = fafsa.ed.gov
studentaid.ed.gov/sa/prepare-for-college/checklists/12th-grade

Financial Aid = finaid.org

Financial Aid Advice = college-financial-aid-advice.com

First in the Family = firstinthefamily.org

For Undocumented Students = finaid.org/otheraid/undocumented.phtml
and <https://mydocumentedlife.org>

Gates Millenium Scholars Fund = gmshf.org

Gerald & Dorothy Erich Endowment Fund Scholarship = rotarysjee.org

Go For It Scholarships = [esuhsd.org/ Students--Parents/Resources/ Student-Resources/Go-For-It- Scholarship--/index.html](http://esuhsd.org/Students--Parents/Resources/Student-Resources/Go-For-It-Scholarship--/index.html)

Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities = hacu.net

Historical Black Colleges & Universities (HSBC) = hbcuconnect.com

Hispanic Heritage Scholarship List = hispanicheritage.org/youth.php

Hispanic Scholarship Fund = <https://www.hsf.net>

NAACP Scholarship Opportunities = naacp.org/page/s/scholarship2

SAT = collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/reg.html

Scholarships.com = scholarships.com

Silicon Valley Community Foundation = <https://www.siliconvalleycf.org/scholarships>

UC = universityofcalifornia.edu

United Negro College Fund = uncf.org

200 Free Scholarships for Minorities = blackexcel.org/200-Scholarships.html

GOOD STUDY HABITS & ADDITIONAL TIPS



SUPPORT GOOD STUDY HABITS

- Set a regular time for study each day
- Designate a quiet, well-lit area as your child's studying zone
- Limit distractions: No cell phone, video games, internet surfing or television
- Encourage your child to use the local public library. It's a quiet place to study and a great place for school research projects
- Get a good night's sleep and eat a healthy breakfast

CREATE A SUMMER READING LIST

- Continue to support your child in his/her learning
- Teachers, librarians and counselors may be able to provide recommendations

ADDITIONAL TIPS

- Let teachers and counselors know that you expect your student to be ready for college
- Fill out school lunch forms; this might help you obtain fee waivers for SAT and ACT exams
- Meet with teachers and counselors every year
- Help your student start a college information folder
- Visit colleges and make sure that you understand the admissions criteria and application process. Some colleges have virtual tours online
- Have your child sign up for a free account at www.collegeboard.org
- Make sure your child creates an appropriate email address that will be used for communication to colleges, possible summer jobs and internships
- Remind your child that entries on Facebook and other social networking sites are accessible to college admissions officers
- Join the Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) and attend meetings
- Attend high school Open Houses, Coffee with the Principal and information sessions

GRADUATE PROFILE

East Side graduates are prepared for college and career, powered with a plan and ready to thrive in a global society.
ESUHSD graduates are:



COMMUNICATORS

Present and consider ideas using a variety of communication methods and technology appropriate to the audience and task.



CRITICAL THINKERS - PROBLEM SOLVERS

Develop and propose solutions to current and future challenges through a process of inquiry, analysis and inference.



COLLABORATORS

Work effectively with others to build knowledge and create solutions & products.



CREATORS

Formulate new ideas, individual responses and develop plans of action when faced with a task or problem.



COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Identify issues, seek out information, and gather perspectives to respond to challenges affecting our community.



POWERED WITH A PLAN

Students graduate with a plan to take the next step toward success in their path of study and career.



Join the 5,027 students who graduate each year ready to drive Silicon Valley



OUR VISION

Every student graduates prepared for college and career empowered to transform their lives and thrive in a global society.

OUR MISSION

To provide a supportive learning environment that enables all students to achieve academic and personal success.



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