





# MT. PLEASANT HIGH SCHOOL *50 Years of Excellence*

- We are an A-G college preparatory high school.
- **99.5%** of those students who attend Mt. Pleasant from 9th-12th grades receive their diploma in four years (*Class of 2019*).
- An average of **80%** of our students enroll in college within a year after high school (*Class of 2016-2018, National Student Clearinghouse*).
- Our graduates attend highly ranked schools throughout the United States, such as Brown University, MIT, Harvard, UC Berkeley, Santa Clara University and St. Mary's University.
- We offer AP classes in Math, Science, World Languages, Social Studies, and Computer Science.
- All of our 9th and 10th grade students take the PSAT at no cost to their families.

- All of our 11th grade students take the SAT exams at no cost to their families.
- Our Animation and Multimedia career pathways prepare students for future careers.
- Our Animation Program has a partnership with the Walt Disney Museum.
- Silicon Valley industry professionals mentor the students in our award-winning Multimedia program.
- We offer courses to serve the needs of all, including English Learners, Students with Disabilities, Advanced Placement students.
- Our school-wide PRIDE program instills Personal Responsibility, Respect, Integrity, Determination and Engagement through lessons that define the expected behaviors in and out of the classroom.

- Our new Student Center offers students a welcoming and comfortable environment to study independently or in groups.
- We are part of the Sprint *1 Million Project*, which provides our students with free smartphones, internet, talk and text at no cost to their families.
- We have an experienced and highly qualified teaching staff with an average of 14.6 years of experience in the classroom.
- Four of our teachers have participated in Yale University's National Fellows Program.
- We have an established partnership with the Goodwill 21st Century ASSETS Program, which provides free after school enrichment and tutoring programs for all students.



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# Welcome to Mt. Pleasant High School



**M**y name is David E. Brown, principal at Mt. Pleasant High School. The teachers, staff, and I welcome you to our Cardinal family. We are proud to provide a safe, supportive, and innovative learning environment to enable your student to succeed.

With 1,300 students, our small size offers our students a more personalized and welcoming family environment. I want to add that I am also a proud graduate of Mt. Pleasant myself.

In this booklet, you will learn about what makes Mt. Pleasant the right school for your student. You will learn about our many offerings, including robust academic programs, advanced placement classes, career pathways, A-G requirements and much more!

Our school is equipped to prepare your student to enter and

meet the academic demands of higher education. At each grade level, counselors meet with students to create a schedule that is aligned with their personal and academic goals. We offer personalized tutoring after school and on Saturdays.

This is complemented by a wide range of activities that engage students in school and our community. We offer a variety of athletic programs and an array of extracurricular activities and clubs, including music, art, and dance. I hope students will find ways to work extracurricular activities into their schedule. I believe some of the most valuable lessons learned in life will occur outside the classroom, in the athletic fields, and on stage.

Mt. Pleasant students are critical thinkers, responsible citizens, and lifelong learners that go on to accomplish great things and we will ensure that your child has the support he/she needs to make a smooth and informed transition from high school to college and career.

I look forward to welcoming you and your student to our Cardinal Family!

Respectfully,  
**David E. Brown**  
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](https://calstate.edu) for an EI calculator
- Meet all SJSU application procedures and deadlines

**Contact:** [outreach@sjsu.edu](mailto:outreach@sjsu.edu) or 408-924-2564

# Academies & Advanced Placement Courses

## ACADEMIES

### Animation

Our Animation Program, in partnership with the Walt Disney Family Museum, provides our students opportunities to present their work to art and animation industry professionals. Our students learn and work with these professionals on specific projects to further develop their skill set and knowledge of techniques in the animation industry.

### Multimedia Arts

This academy prepares our students for college and the workplace by providing both traditional and interdisciplinary project-based learning in the evolving field of media arts and technology. The Multimedia Arts Academy empowers young people to harness their creativity and digital skills to create change in their lives and their communities. The Academy's collaborative environment emphasizes critical thinking, creativity, proficient usage of state of the art equipment, as well as meaningful community service and the development of leadership skills.

We value integrity, teamwork, and a passion for creativity and learning that prepares our diverse student body to succeed in a global community. The Multimedia Arts Academy curriculum is currently focused on the areas of digital imaging, graphic design, social media/web design, digital photography, video and film creation and production.

Students enrolled in our Multimedia Arts Academy will be dually enrolled and receive college units from Foothill College.



## AP COURSES - Earning College Credit through AP Exams

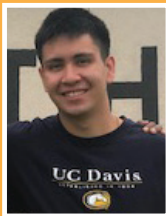
Advanced Placement (AP) is a program administered by The College Board and consists of standardized high school courses that are equivalent to undergraduate college courses. After completing an AP class, students typically take the AP exam in that subject, which can earn them credits and accelerated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

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) COURSES

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Computer Science Principles</li> <li>▪ Calculus AB &amp; BC</li> <li>▪ Chemistry</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ English Language Composition</li> <li>▪ Physics 1</li> <li>▪ English Language Literature</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Spanish Language</li> <li>▪ Spanish Literature</li> <li>▪ Statistics</li> </ul> |
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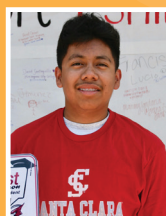


# Meet Our Graduates



"Opportunities are one of the greatest things that you can have. At this school there are so many that you lose track!"

**Grant Gilson**  
Class of 2018  
UC Davis



"Mt. Pleasant offers a world of opportunities where you can strive academically! It is a place where you'll make friends and have fun along the way in sports, clubs and extracurricular activities. The teachers and staff are welcoming and friendly. You belong here, but don't take it from me. Find out for yourself!"

**Juan Ramirez-Daza**  
Class of 2019  
Santa Clara University



"I transferred to Mt. Pleasant from a charter school because I was looking for an opportunity to take advanced classes and to experience everything a high school has to offer. At Mt. Pleasant, I found knowledgeable and experienced teachers, as well as an open and caring community. I enrolled in 7 AP classes and 2 SJSU classes. I participated in musical and drama productions and traveled to New York with the Literary Club."

**Julia Guerrero**  
Class of 2017  
UC San Diego, Mechanical Engineering



"Through the encouragement of my amazing teachers, I became confident with my own personal skills and learned the importance of knowledge. After four years, it's like you become part of a family and Mt. Pleasant will always be a home that you'll always come back to."

**Gia Hun Dang**  
Class of 2019  
UC Davis



"I was able to make the best out of my time at Mt. Pleasant: I took AP classes, was a part of student organizations and participated in sports. All of these endeavors really defined my high school journey. I wasn't alone in my journey because I had the support of family, friends, teachers and staff at Mt. Pleasant. Thanks to all of their support and help, I became the first one in my family to attend a university, and my dream one at that, UC Berkeley."

**Andrew Garcia Chavez**  
Class of 2016  
UC Berkeley



"While at Mt. Pleasant, I met some of the best teachers I have ever had and have also been given opportunities to do amazing things, such as join the Drama Club and Folklorico Club. The best thing that students can do is to decide to get involved with all that the school offers and create great memories!"

**Jazmin Mendoza**  
Class of 2019  
San José State University

# 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"><li>• 4 years of English</li></ul>	40
Social Science	Students must pass: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 year of World History</li><li>• 1 year of United States History</li><li>• 1 semester of Economics</li><li>• 1 semester of American Government</li></ul>	30
Mathematics	Students must pass: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CCSS Math 1</li><li>• CCSS Math 2 (or higher level courses)</li></ul>	20
Science	Students must pass: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 year of physical and 1 year of biological college prep lab science</li></ul>	20
Fine Arts or Foreign Language	Students must pass: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1-year course in Fine Arts or Foreign Language</li></ul>	10
Physical Education	Students must pass: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2 years of Physical Education (1 year must be taken in grade 9)</li></ul>	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**
- Review semester **report card** and if your student has failed any courses, explore summer school options (contact school counselor)
- 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
- Learn about **options to recuperate credit** through **Cyber High, Summer School and Community College Classes.**



# Four-Year Course Planner

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

## 9th Grade

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

### What You Can Do To Become College Ready:

- 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

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

### What You Can Do To Become College Ready:

- 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.
- Counselors will walk students through a four-year plan to realize their college and career potential
- Students can get ahead by taking Mathematics and Science classes as electives
- We offer Math acceleration classes in the summer

## 11th Grade

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

### What You Can Do To Become College Ready:

- **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 students or 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

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

### What You Can Do To Become College Ready:

- **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 in October
- Apply for scholarships
- Students earn a minimum of 220 credits 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.

	<b>ESUHSD Requirements</b> <i>must be passed with a D or higher</i>	<b>A-G Requirements</b> <i>must be passed with a C or higher</i>
<b>A</b> Social Science	30 Credits	20 Credits
<b>B</b> English	40 Credits	40 Credits
<b>C</b> Mathematics	20 Credits	30 Credits (40 recommended)
<b>D</b> Lab Sciences	20 Credits	20 Credits (30 recommended)
<b>E</b> 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)
<b>F</b> Visual and Performing Arts		10 Credits
<b>G</b> 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 MR. CACES

### *ANIMATION*

Mr. Caces is a proud graduate of ESUHSD. After receiving his Bachelor of Fine Arts in Animation and Illustration at SJSU, he worked for Sony, Nickelodeon, and Disney Interactive where he gained valuable industry experience. He returned to the classroom as a lead teacher in Mt. Pleasant's award-winning animation program.

With help from partners, such as The Walt Disney Family Museum, Mr. Caces not only introduces his students to animation fundamentals, basic drawing and design skills, but also to the more advanced skills related to the physics of movements and artistic and technological foundations required to create animated films at a level for corporate and entertainment industries. His students' films have won awards at the Teen Animation Festival International.



## MS. ESCOBEDO

### *AP SPANISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE*

Ms. Escobedo has been working at Mt. Pleasant High School for 23 years. She proudly boasts that all three of her children graduated from this very same school. She teaches AP Spanish Language and AP Spanish Literature. She is the World Languages department chair as well as the District's World Languages Subject Area Coordinator.

Ms. Escobedo is a College Board consultant and also serves as the advisor for the College Boards AP Spanish Literature and Culture Exam Development Committee. She brings her expertise in curriculum and exam development into the classroom to help students with language acquisition and to help them transition from monolingualism to true bilingual status.



## MR. WOU

### *BIOLOGY, PHYSICS, FORENSICS SCIENCE*

Mr. Wou has worked at Mt. Pleasant for 18 years and has taught Biology, Physics, Forensics Science and AVID. He is among a select group of science teachers chosen to participate in the NASA Airborne Astronomy Ambassadors program. He participated in a series of workshops, trainings, and flights onboard NASA's Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy (SOFIA) and has brought his newfound knowledge and experiences into his Physics classroom.

His leadership extends beyond his own classroom to a strong leadership role as a former long-time Science Co-Department chair. His work to design the Forensics Science curriculum was instrumental in expanding the course throughout the entire district.



# Types of Colleges & Universities

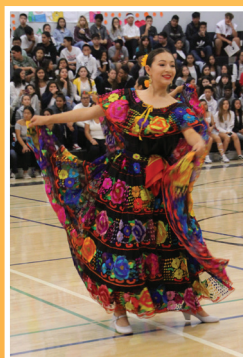
<b>University of California (UC)</b>	<p>9 UC Schools</p> <p>UC Berkeley, UC Los Angeles, UC Santa Barbara, UC San Diego, UC Davis, UC Irvine, UC Santa Cruz, UC Riverside, UC Merced</p>
<b>Private University</b>	<p>Example of Private Universities</p> <p>Carnegie Mellon University, Columbia University, 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</p>
<b>Cal State University (CSU)</b>	<p>23 CSU Schools</p> <p>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</p>
<b>2-Year Community Colleges</b>	<p>There are 113 Community Colleges in California. Here are a few examples:</p> <p>Evergreen Valley College, De Anza College, Foothill College, Gavilan College, Mission College, San Jose City College, West Valley College</p>



# Athletics, Extracurricular Activities & Clubs

## SPORTS

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



## OVER 30 CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Animation, Associated Student Body (ASB), Band, JROTC, Literary Society, MESA, Engineering, Science, Adobe Youth Voices, Chinese/Vietnamese Club, Cheerleading, African-American Student Union, Latino Student Union, Drama, Gay-Straight Alliance, Photography, Portuguese Club, Journalism, Ballet Folklórico, Kasama Club, East Indian Student Union, Gaming, Robotics, & 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 & Student Field Trips to Colleges and Universities
- Parent Workshops (Bilingual)
- Parent Empowerment Conference
- District-wide College Night
- Foothill Family Community Clinic
- Literary Society Authors Series
- Rallies
- Prom
- Food Festivals
- Nuestra Noche
- Band & Choir Concerts
- Theater Performances
- Dances
- Fantastics
- Chinese Vietnamese Production
- Multi-Cultural Day
- Cardinal Holiday
- Poetry Slam
- Goodwill Assets After School Classes
- Student Volunteers
- Open House
- Safe School Ambassador Program





# 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

**CSU:** Cal State University

**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.

**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”.

**EI:** Eligibility Index

**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, Genesys Works Bay Area, and local industries.

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

**Naviance:** Online guidance resource for developing a 4 year high school plan. It also assesses and supports college and career readiness.

**PSAT:** Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (Practice Test)

**SAT:** Most colleges require that students take the SAT or the ACT as a college entrance requirement.

**STEM:** Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

**UC:** University of California



# Resources

## SCHOOL-SPECIFIC RESOURCES

**MESA** = Math, Engineering and Science Academy, focused on preparing students to major in Math and Science fields

**PCIS** = Parent & Community Involvement Specialist: Andrea Gonzalez, [gonzaleza@esuhsd.org](mailto:gonzaleza@esuhsd.org), (408) 937-2889

## USEFUL WEBSITES

**ACT** = [actstudent.org](http://actstudent.org)

**AP** = [apstudent.collegeboard.org](http://apstudent.collegeboard.org)

**California Colleges** (college/career planning) = [californiacolleges.edu](http://californiacolleges.edu)

**College Board** = [collegeboard.org](http://collegeboard.org)

**College Toolkit** = [collegetoolkit.com](http://collegetoolkit.com)

**Community College** = [home.cccapply.org](http://home.cccapply.org)

**CSU** = [www.calstate.edu](http://www.calstate.edu)

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

**EAP/CSU** = [calstate.edu/eap](http://calstate.edu/eap)

**Fast Web (Scholarship Site)** = [fastweb.com](http://fastweb.com)

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

**Financial Aid** = [finaid.org](http://finaid.org)

**Financial Aid Advice** = [college-financial-aid-advice.com](http://college-financial-aid-advice.com)

**First in the Family** = [firstinthefamily.org](http://firstinthefamily.org)

**For Undocumented Students** = [finaid.org/otheraid/undocumented.phtml](http://finaid.org/otheraid/undocumented.phtml)  
and <https://mydocumentedlife.org>

**Gates Millenium Scholars Fund** = [gmsp.org](http://gmsp.org)

**Gerald & Dorothy Erich Endowment Fund Scholarship** = [rotarysjee.org](http://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](http://hacu.net)

**Historical Black Colleges & Universities (HSBC)** = [hbcuconnect.com](http://hbcuconnect.com)

**Hispanic Heritage Scholarship List** = [hispanicheritage.org/youth.php](http://hispanicheritage.org/youth.php)

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

**NAACP Scholarship Opportunities** = [naacp.org/page/s/scholarship2](http://naacp.org/page/s/scholarship2)

**SAT** = [collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/reg.html](http://collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/reg.html)

**Scholarships.com** = [scholarships.com](http://scholarships.com)

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

**UC** = [universityofcalifornia.edu](http://universityofcalifornia.edu)

**United Negro College Fund** = [uncf.org](http://uncf.org)

**200 Free Scholarships for Minorities** = [blackexcel.org/200-Scholarships.html](http://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.
- Ensure your child gets a good night's sleep and eats a healthy breakfast.

## CREATE A SUMMER READING LIST

- Teachers, librarians and counselors may be able to provide reading recommendations.

## ADDITIONAL TIPS

- Discuss your child's college goals with counselors and teachers.
- Fill out school lunch forms; this might help you obtain fee waivers for SAT and ACT.
- 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](http://www.collegeboard.org).
- Make sure your child creates an appropriate email address that he or she can use for communication to colleges, possible summer jobs and internships.
- Remind your child that entries on Facebook and other social networking sites may be accessible to college admissions officers.
- Join the School Site Council or ELAC (English Language Advisory Committee) and attend meetings.
- Attend high school Open Houses, Coffee with the Principal and information sessions.
- Attend workshops throughout the year for college applications, financial aid, parenting, etc.



# Graduate Profile

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



## 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.

Mt. Pleasant students 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

The mission of Mt. Pleasant High School is to make a difference in the lives of our students by providing an academically challenging, supportive, and safe environment, and to prepare our students for college and career.



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