

Question and Answer Resources for Sophomore Information Night

Question: Do colleges care only about 10 - 12 GPA or full one?

Answer: Great Question. The UC's look at the 10-12 UC A-G GPA. Private colleges and out of state colleges may look at the cumulative 9-12 GPA. Many colleges take a student's GPA and recalculate it to calibrate the GPA in the context of their college. In addition to GPA, colleges care about the story that your transcript tells: what classes you have taken, how you have pursued your interests through your classes, and how your grades have improved over time.

Question: Would you comment on summer classes? Aeries lists summer term courses in a section. how do we know what is available?

Answer: MVLA Summer School is predominately for credit recovery. There is an option for students to take Health in the summer via the MVLA Adult Education program. Summer information is typically shared out with families in March. Your student is welcome to check in with their School Counselor or C&CC A to discuss other summer options/classes they may be considering.

Summer School Options will be listed here when updated:

<https://www.mvla.net/departments/educational-services/summer-school/index.html>

Out of District Courses:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1YNKV_s_cz0v4dTH55HepnLGOj4vb4NxlHpPSc0BL5uec/edit

Question: Regarding the world language, does the class taken in 8th grade count towards high school requirement? For ex: If a student has taken Spanish 1 in middle school and spanish 2 & 3 in high school, will that be counted as 3 years of credit for world language?

Answer: Great Question: Language in middle school does count towards our graduation requirements. However, colleges may recognize the level of language a student pursues as the number of years. For example, if a student completes Spanish 3 in sophomore year, to the University of CA it is as if the student has completed 3 years of a language. However, towards graduation, it would only count as 20 credits.

UC A-G Requirements:

<https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/freshman-requirements/subject-requirement-a-g.html>

LA High School Graduation Requirements:

<https://lahs.mvla.net/documents/Student-Services/Counseling/Helpful-Resources/Graduation-Requirements-rev-Aug-2023rev9.5.23.pdf>

Question: Do you support students who are interested in taking a gap year and navigating the logistics and considerations of that kind of plan?

Answer: Yes! We have seen an increase in gap years for students. 1) We are double booked with a virtual gap year event tonight but you can join after we wrap up! 6:30-7:30 (virtual)

GAP Year: <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/Events-Directory/Library/Discover-Gap-Years> We will have a session on Gap Years at the Countdown to College event in March.

Search for Gap Year: <https://www.gapyearassociation.org/program-search/>

Question: How do students sign up for the health class in the summer

Answer: Information on MVLA summer program options, including the Health class registration can be found here:

<https://www.mvla.net/departments/educational-services/summer-school/index.html>

Question: When are the counseling office and tutorial center open?

Answer: We are available during school hours. The Tutorial Center link is here <https://lahs.mvla.net/Student-Services/Student-Services/Tutorial-Center/index.html> and the hours are at the bottom of the webpage

Question: When is college and career center open?

Answer: We are open from 8 AM- end of the school day. If a student wants to meet after school, they should email to confirm availability. They can also stop by as we are often there.

<https://lahs.mvla.net/Student-Services/College--Career-Center/index.html>

Question: How do we link to the time management worksheet?

Answer: Time Management is on the counseling website and will be a resource for students on Monday! <https://lahs.mvla.net/Student-Services/Counseling/Helpful-Resources/index.html>