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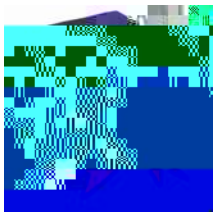



Needs Assessment Results

High School Graduation/College
Preparation
Interventions, Tutoring and
Counseling
Parental Involvement
GATE, Honors, and Advanced
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Preparation for High School
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High School Graduation Requirements
and Preparations for
University of CA (UC)
and
California State University (CSU)

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SCUSD Graduation Requirements

40 Credits English
40 Credits History
20 Credits Math Algebra 1
and Geometry (40
recommended for a UC)

**Passage of the Algebra
End of Course Exam**

10 Credits Fine Arts
20 Credits Science
(Biology, Chemistry,



A – G Requirements

History/social science (“a”) – *Two years*, including one year of world history, cultures and historical geography and one year of U.S. history, or one-half year of U.S. history and one-half year of



Parent/Student Testing Resources

www.SCUSD.EDU



SAT Information

SAT required by CSU/UC and most private schools
2400 is a perfect score, average scores range
from 1600 to 1800

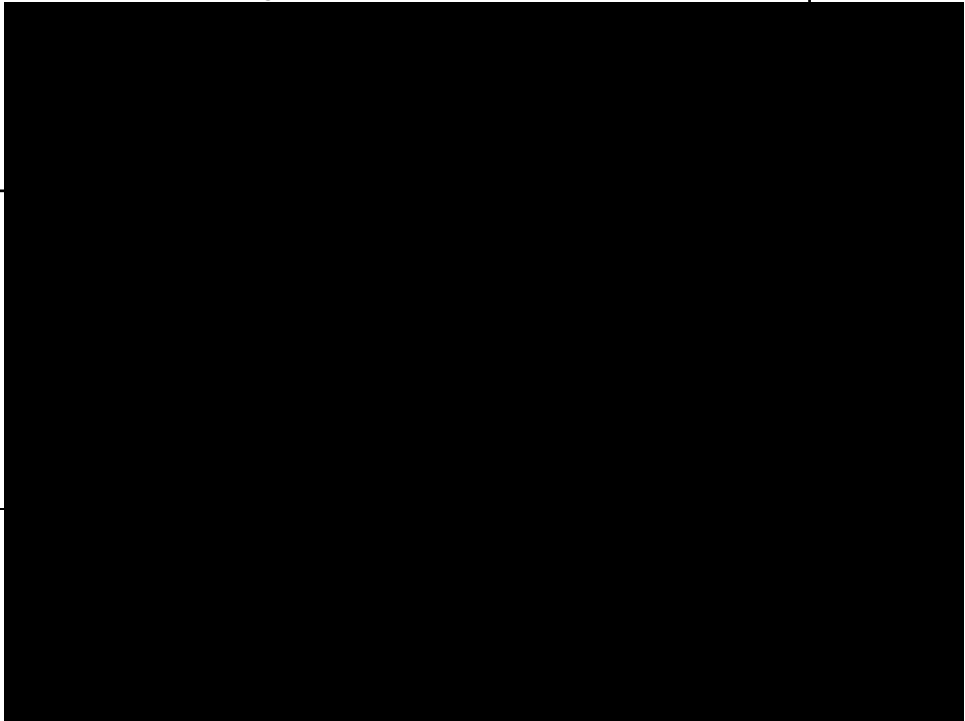
Writing - 800

Reading - 800

Math - 800

Future Test Dates: Register online at
www.collegeboard.org

Fee is \$49 and fee waivers are available through
the counseling office





Personal Statement & Letters of Recommendation

CSU does not require a personal statement.

What the personal statement should demonstrate (UC require Personal Statement):

Strength of character, ambition and demonstrated potential for leadership

Well-rounded school and community activities, making a contribution to society

Commitment to educational goals and have taken advantage of educational opportunities



FAFSA4caster – Junior year

Now is the time as Juniors to find out how you can afford college now by going to <http://federalstudentaid.ed.gov>
FAFSA4caster will help you get an early start on the financial aid process by:



- Providing you with an early estimate of your eligibility for federal student aid.

- Giving you an experience similar to *FAFSA on the Web*
Allowing you to transfer all of your FAFSA4caster data to *FAFSA on the Web* once you are ready to apply for aid.

- Providing you the option to apply for your Federal Student Aid PIN.

- Increasing your knowledge of the financial aid process, and providing information about other sources of aid.





Taking Rigorous Courses
In High School

Advanced Placement Classes

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“What is ‘Rigor?’”

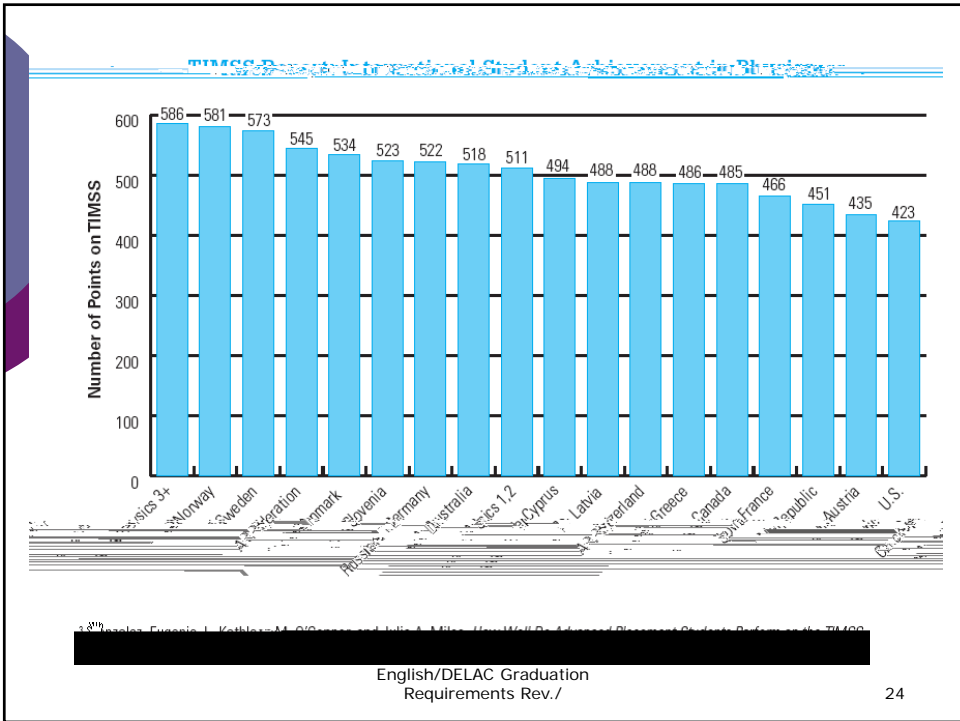
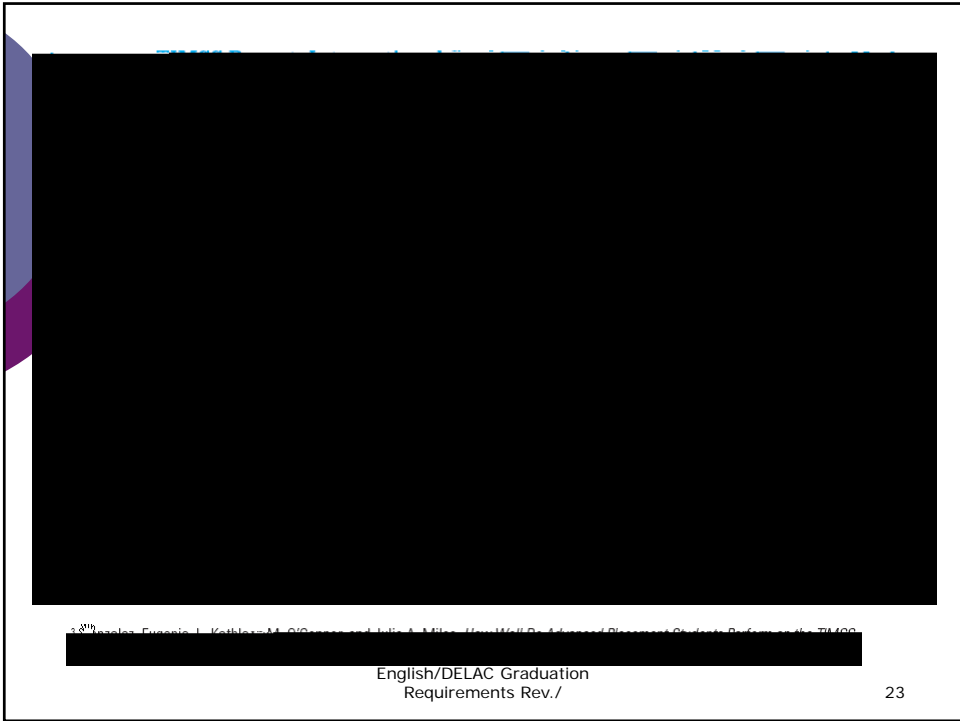
More math problems for homework? \mathcal{R}
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Rigor is...

Math problems which require higher level thinking skills



“What AP Courses can I take?”

There are 34 AP Courses in subjects like Calculus, English, US History, and Spanish.

The courses that you can take will depend on what is currently being offered at your high school.

(see hand-out for specific courses offered in SCUSD)

At the end of the AP Course, students typically take an AP Exam, a national exam that gives students the opportunity to earn college credit.

Official AP Course Offerings

Art History	Japanese Language	US History
Biology	German Language	Music Theory
Calculus AB	French Language	Physics B
Calculus BC	Chinese Language	Physics C Mechanics
Statistics	Comp. Government & Politics	Physics C Electricity and Magnetism
Chemistry	U.S. Government & Politics	Italian Language
Computer Science A	Human Geography	Spanish Language
Latin	European History	Spanish Literature
Macroeconomics	Studio Art Drawing	World History
Microeconomics	Studio Art 2D design	Environmental Science
English Language	Studio Art 3D design	Psychology
English Literature		

“Why should I take an AP Course?”

Reason 1:

Gain the Edge in College Preparation

Get a head start on college-level work.

Improve your writing skills and sharpen your problem-solving techniques.

Develop the study habits necessary for tackling rigorous course work.

Impact of AP® on 5-Year College Graduation Rates

Student Group	AP Exam Grade of 3, 4, 5	AP Exam Grade of 1, 2	Took AP course, but not exam
African-American	28% higher	22% higher	16% higher
Hispanic	28% higher	12% higher	10% higher
White	33% higher	22% higher	20% higher
Low-Income	26% higher	17% higher	12% higher
Not Low-Income	34% higher	23% higher	19% higher



Why should I take an AP Course?

Reason 2:
**Stand Out in the College Admissions
Process**

Demonstrate your maturity and readiness for college.
Show your willingness to push yourself to the limit.
Emphasize your commitment to academic excellence.



Why should I take an AP Course?

Reason 3: **Broaden Your Intellectual Horizons**

Explore the world from a variety of perspectives, most importantly your own.

Study subjects in greater depth and detail.

Assume the responsibility of reasoning, analyzing, and understanding for yourself.

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How do I get into an AP Class?

Talk to your teachers

PSAT taken by all 10th



Questions?

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