



SENIOR UPDATE

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GRADUATION: The classes you are in right now do count for graduation. F's on your progress report may result in a referral to finish the year at East High. An F on your final report card may result in you not graduating high school. Stay on top of your grades, talk to your teachers, go to study hours, and talk to your counselor if you are struggling so we can find a solution before you start to fail.

\$\$\$ FREE MONEY FOR COLLEGE/TECH SCHOOL/TRADE PROGRAMS/CERTIFICATAION PROGRAMS/ETC \$\$\$

1. Submit your FAFSA or Dream Act by **MARCH 2nd**. You MUST meet this deadline or you may not receive federal or state financial aid.
2. Make an account at <https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov/>. Log in and check the status of your California financial aid application (the FAFSA and Dream Act automatically submit this for you). Once you know what school you are attending next year you will need to log in and accept your Cal Grant. Unaccepted grants are pulled and redistributed, but you can only send it to ONE school so don't click that button until you are certain where you are going.
3. Read the scholarship update we publish and apply to every scholarship that you are eligible for.
4. **FINISH YOUR HUMBOLDT AREA FOUNDATION APPLICATION!**
5. Go to scholarshipfinder.org and search for even more local scholarships.
6. Go to scholarships.com or fastweb.com and create a profile. The profile questions match you with national scholarships that you are eligible to receive. Apply to as many as you can.
7. Tell us when you get a financial aid award! We want to honor every senior who has won a scholarship at Senior Awards Night in May, but we won't know what you get unless you tell us.

Scholarships and financial aid are NOT just for college. If you are going on to any training program after high school, there is money available for you. Don't miss out!

UC/CSU/other 4-year schools: CHECK YOUR EMAIL!!! Make sure you read EVERYTHING that your colleges are sending you. By now you should have logged in to each of your potential schools' student portal and started working on the 'to-do' list that you find there. The instructions and links are in one of the first emails the school sent you. If you need help doing this, see your counselor ASAP.

COMMUNITY COLLEGES: College of the Redwoods will be here in early March for an application workshop. Listen to the bulletin or Google Classroom for details in a couple of weeks. All other community college applications are open – see your counselor soon if you need help getting these done.

TRANSCRIPTS: Official transcripts for college admissions need to be requested from Rebecca Wilkinson in the office. Many schools request a mid-year transcript and a final one after graduation – **make sure you are paying attention to all of the emails you get from your colleges and your portal to-do lists** so you know if you need to send them a transcript or any other information.

IMPORTANT DATES (some may change):

2/12 Interview Day

2/18 No school all week - Presidents' Week

3/27 Latino Parent Night

4/15 No school all week – Spring Break

5/2 Change the World Showcase and Open House

5/6 First day of AP Testing - Good luck!

5/17 Student Appreciation Day

5/22 Senior Awards Night

5/23 Senior Ball and Banquet

5/24 Senior Picnic

5/28 Multicultural Graduation Ceremony

5/30 Last Day of School

5/31 Senior Breakfast and GRADUATION!!

6/1 First day of the rest of your life... 😊