

Graduation Requirements, College Testing Information and Financial Aid

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English	40 Credits
Mathematics	
Algebra I	10 Credits
Algebra II	10 Credits
Geometry	10 Credits
Science	
Biology or Biotech 1/2	10 Credits
Chemistry or Physics or Biotech 3/4	10 Credits
Social Science	
World History	10 Credits
US History	10 Credits
American Government	5 Credits
Economics	5 Credits
Physical Education	20 Credits
Visual & Performing Arts	10 Credits
Language other than English	20 Credits
Elective Credits	50 Credits

Total Credits Required
220 Credits

Additional Requirements

Mid-High School Interview
Technology
SAT/ACT/ASVAB/PSAT
Senior Project
Community Service (40 hours)
Must meet A-G Requirements
College Credit (3 units)



COLLEGE TESTING CALENDAR

SAT TEST DATES

August 27, 2022
October 1, 2022
November 5, 2022
December 3, 2022**
March 11, 2023
May 6, 2023
June 3, 2023

ACT TEST DATES

September 10, 2022
October 22, 2022
December 10, 2022**
February 11, 2023
April 1, 2023
June 10, 2023
July 15, 2023

** Not accepted by all colleges if taken in 12th grade

Remember that these are test dates. You must check on the deadlines to register for these exam test dates.

It is never too soon to take practice tests to prepare for the SAT and ACT. These tests are important components in college admissions.

- ❖ Sign up for SAT at www.collegeboard.org
- ❖ Fee for SAT is \$55.00 (subject to change)
- ❖ Sign up for ACT plus Writing at www.actstudent.org
- ❖ Fee for ACT is \$63.00 for no writing and \$88.00 for writing (subject to change)
- ❖ Check university admission requirement to determine if you must take the writing portion of the ACT or SAT
- ❖ Fee waivers are available for families who qualify for free or reduced school meals. See your counselor.

COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID APPLICATIONS

- ❖ **FAFSA:** fafsa.ed.gov
 - ❖ **Calif Dream Act Application:** dream.csac.ca.gov
- Applications are due by March 2nd in order to be considered for any Cal Grant.
Financial aid applications must be completed in order to participate in the California Community Colleges' "College Promise"

All Helix graduates must have completed a minimum of the equivalent of one three-unit college course. This requirement may be met in a number of ways, including:

1. Passing a college course during concurrent enrollment at a college or university with a grade of "C" or better.
2. Passing a college course taught on the Helix campus with a grade of "C" or better.
3. Passing a Helix course that is articulated with and meets the requirements of the Grossmont/Cuyamaca Community College District with a "B" or better.
4. Passing an Advanced Placement (AP) examination with a "3" or better.