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Parents of Seniors!

I bet you never thought your senior student would be starting their last year of high school like we have. Distance learning, virtual class learning and not being able to come to school. All being how it is, these seniors are taking each day in stride and we are all very proud of them.

This letter provides some important dates during the senior year and information regarding the graduation requirements. Please take the time to review your student's Aeries portal and their Transcript or Graduation Status in Aeries. We, Counselors have reviewed every seniors' credits and graduation status, and reached out as necessary to be sure your student is enrolled in what they need to complete their remaining credits. If you have concerns or questions, please contact your student's counselor (the counselor alpha breakdown is below).

To receive a high school diploma from the El Dorado Union High School District, students must complete all subject requirements and meet the 220-credit requirement. If your senior is planning to attend a four-year college right out of Ponderosa, we have included the minimum admission requirements to a California State University or University of California at the end of this letter.

A few things to keep in mind and monitor over the course of this school year:

- Your student must pass all classes needed to complete their remaining credits
- Must complete online class(es) or planned classes developed with your student's Counselor
- If your student is enrolled in a community college course and the credit from the course are needed to complete their graduation requirements, your student must complete community college course with a passing grade.
- Pay attention to dates – all dates are imperative to know when applying to community college, financial aid, four-year college and scholarships

Mrs. Escobar, Career Guidance Specialist, and the counselors created a senior presentation that was sent via Parent Square at the beginning of September. The presentation can also be found on the Ponderosa school website, College and Career Center (CCC) page, and Seniors tab. Please take the time to look through the presentation as it is full of information, virtual college visit and/or webinar opportunities, and **important dates and deadlines during the senior year. Some are included below.**

October 1 – December 4th, 2020
November 1 - 30, 2020
November 18, 2020
November - March
October 1 – March 2, 2020
November ?, 2020
October 1 – March 2020
May ? 2020
May 28, 2021

Filing period for CSU campuses
Filing period for UC campuses
FAFSA Workshop at PHS *Registration required
Scholarship applications
FAFSA & Cal Grant GPA verification filing period
Virtual Financial Aid Night
Community college applications/admissions
Scholarship/Awards Night (by invitation)
Graduation

We want your student to have a successful senior year under the current situation we are all living with. And to feel excited about this school year and working to graduate on May 28, 2021. Your student's progress can be viewed online using the Parent Portal link on the school website. If you do not have an Aeries Parent Portal, please contact Ms. Mindy Smith at ext. 2225, or stop by the counseling office. Again, please visit the CCC on our website at <http://bruin.eduhsd.k12.ca.us>. You can view the monthly senior newsletters, the Senior Reference Guide, and scholarship information. If you have any questions or would like to meet with your student's counselor, by zoom or in-person, please call to make an appointment.

Sincerely,

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EDUHSD Graduation Requirements	vs.	UC/CSU (a-g) Admission Requirements*
30 Credits	Social Science (a)	2 Years Required
30 Credits	English (b)	4 Years Required
20 Credits of Math (requires Algebra I)	Mathematics (c)	3 Years Required 4 Years Recommended (requires Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II)
20 Credits of Science (requires Physical & Life Science)	Laboratory Science (d)	2 Years Required 3 Years Recommended (1 year Life Science & 1 year Physical Science)
10 Credits of Visual/Performing Art or World Language or Career Technical Education	World Language (e)	2 Years Required 3 Years Recommended (must be 2 years of same language)
	Visual & Performing Arts (f)	1 Year Required (must be a year-long class - not a single term lab)
80 Credits	Electives (g)	1 Year Required (must be an additional 'a-g' College Prep Elective from - i.e. General Science, Econ, Psychology, etc.)
20 Credits	Physical Education	---
5 Credits	ICT	---
5 Credits	Health	---
		*15 one-year 'a-g' courses total (UC requires 11 of the courses to be completed prior to senior year)
220 Credits	Total Credits Required to Graduate	*All 'a-g' classes must be completed with a grade of 'C' or better