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East Side Union High School District Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Senior Information

How do I **contact my counselor**? Counselors remain available via email during normal school days/hours. If it is determined that your question requires a video or phone conference they will work with you to make arrangements.

Are the **colleges** that I applied to in the fall still going to continue to reach out to me to tell me if I am **accepted and next steps**? We recommend that students go to the websites for the college that they have applied to for more information as most colleges have posted their plans for how to continue with the application process. Also, check your email (including junk/spam) and college portals carefully as they have most likely reached out to you already. For any specific college information that we learn we will send it out or post it here as that information becomes available.

What should I do if I have **unsatisfactory grades**? It is important to reach out to each individual teacher. They can advise you on how to improve your grade during school closure. Also, you need to be an active participant in distance learning.

Will there still be a **graduation ceremony**? The district is looking to find alternatives for graduation. A final decision will be made by April 20, 2020.

What will happen with my **Advanced Placement (AP)** course and exam? AP is cancelling traditional exams. Instead, they are developing secure 45-minute online free-response exams for each course. The exam content will focus on what most schools were able to complete by early March. More information will be available on April 3rd. So far they have shared their [syllabus changes due to school closures](#) and free [AP review classes](#).

How do I request my **final transcript**? Each school may have a slightly different process. Your school's counseling department will send you instructions on how to make a request

online. Since you can request transcripts electronically, **school closure will not interrupt this process.**

I am an **Independent Study** Student, how will I meet graduation requirements? You will be able to continue your work with your independent study teacher. They will be communicating with you about how to access coursework.

Will **senior activities** like prom, senior picnic, Honor Night, etc. still take place? Unfortunately, these events have been cancelled. For Prom, if you already made a payment, you will be refunded. More information will be provided later. We know how incredibly disappointing this must be. It is important that you share your feelings and process the news with family and friends. Counselors and Social Workers are here to support you through this difficult time.

I am **not on track to graduate in May**, what should I do? It is important that you reach out to your counselor (if you haven't already) to develop a plan whether that is to be a summer graduate or to enroll somewhere for a 5th year. Remember that **this semester is not over** and you need to try your best to earn as many credits as possible. Please reach out to your teacher(s) if you have any unsatisfactory grades to discuss grade recovery options and actively participate in distance learning.

How do I **apply to a community college** if I have not already done so? Go to their website and you will find information for "future students" or information on how to "apply and register". The site will walk you through all of the enrollment steps (application, orientation, registering for classes, etc.). They are shifting from in-person events to online sessions. See links below

Evergreen Valley	De Anza	Foothill	Gavilan
Mission	Ohlone	San Jose City	West Valley

If I was **on track to graduate** before school closure with passing grades will I be a graduate? That means you are in excellent standing for graduation, however, the expectation is that you still take part in distance learning. Remember that we are currently scheduled to return to school on May 4th, so it's important to stay connected.

I filled out my **FAFSA (or Dream Act)**, now what? You will receive a financial aid plan from each school you listed on your FAFSA. Check email, mail and college portals carefully for this information. Review your award package carefully before making your final campus decision. Also, if you haven't already, create a [webgrants for students account](#). That website is where you view and accept your Cal Grant Award and indicate that you are a graduate. If you have questions or concerns about your financial aid plan, contact the financial aid office at your intended campus.

Will there be a **Senior Exit Survey**? Each site will have an exit survey. Many will use Naviance but not all. Watch your email carefully as we approach the end of your senior year for survey details. This is very important information for your school and some campuses even use the survey to know where to send your final transcript.

Will there be summer school? Summer school will be offered. Seniors who need a course(s) in order to be a summer graduate will receive priority. The specific details (course offerings, dates, application process, etc.) have not yet been finalized. Continue to monitor this site as we will update regularly.

What happens with my **Adult Education** Classes that I need to graduate this year? Adult Education is implementing the same grade floor as with your regular classes. Your adult education teacher will be contacting you to provide you information about how to access distance learning for the class.

Coming Soon:

I am currently in **Cyber High** to complete my graduation requirements. How will I be able to finish my class(es) in Cyber High?

- **Classwork:** We encourage you to continue working on your Cyber High course(s). Keep good notes for each unit to study before the exam.
- Exams-Information coming soon

I am in **Silicon Valley Career Technical Education (SVCTE)**, how will I earn credit during school closure?