



COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS IN WCCUSD AT-A-GLANCE

West Contra Costa Unified School District
Dr. Bruce Harter, Superintendent

GOAL: Become a Full Service Community Schools district to meet the needs of our students, ensuring they are college and career ready, able to make life choices with productive and positive outcomes.

WCCUSD Quick Facts



**30,596
Students**



**53
Schools**

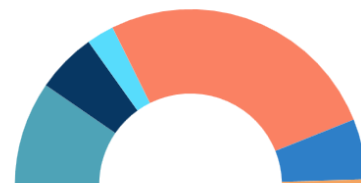


**3,211
Staff**

WCCUSD Graduate Profile (Draft)



Student Ethnicity



African American (19%) Asian (11%)
Filipino (5%) Hispanic or Latino (53%)
White (11%) 2 or More Races (1%)

Cities Served

El Cerrito, El Sobrante, Hercules,
Kensington, Pinole, Richmond, San Pablo



**40 School Counselors
6 Fellow Advisors**

Class of 2015 Postsecondary Plans



Community College (41%) CSU/UC (26%)
Military (3%) Other College (6%)
Trade/Technical (4%) Unknown (20%)

Support Personnel Accountability Report Cards
(SPARC): <http://www.wccusd.net/page/669>

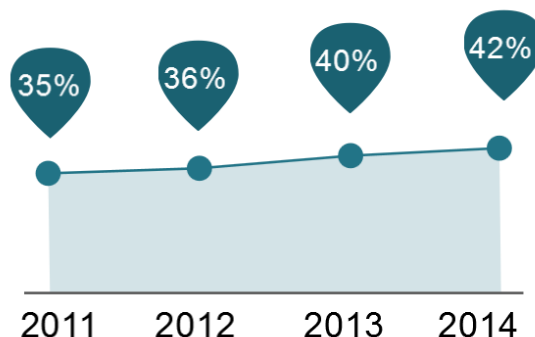
A-G Requirements

High School A-G Course Lists:
<https://hs-articulation.ucop.edu/agcourselist>

The UC/CSU Required Courses or "A-G" Requirements are a sequence of high school courses that students must complete (with a grade of C or better) to be minimally eligible for admission to the University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU).



A-G Completion Rates



A-G Completion Rates = Percentage of WCCUSD Graduates who completed A-G Requirements

WCCUSD Pathways



Linked Learning is a 2 to 4-year high school program of study that integrates strong academics, demanding career and technical education, and real-world experience to help students gain an advantage in high school, postsecondary education, and careers. Students follow industry-themed pathways, choosing among fields such as engineering, arts and media, or biomedicine and health.



3,424 Pathway Students



99 Pathway Teachers



Dual Enrollment

Dual enrollment offers high school students the opportunity to complete a college course and receive both high school and college credit.

Courses are offered onsite at the high school. Students complete college level assignments and receive their final grade on an official college transcript.

WCCUSD's Law Academy is piloting the dual enrollment program in partnership with Contra Costa College.

High School Pathways

Environmental Studies (Pinole Valley HS)

Engineering (Pinole Valley HS, Richmond HS)

Health (Pinole Valley HS, Richmond HS)

Health Sports Medicine (De Anza HS)

Hospitality & International Tourism (Hercules HS)

Information Technology (De Anza HS, El Cerrito HS, Kennedy HS)

Jr ROTC - Air Force (De Anza HS)

Law (De Anza HS, Pinole Valley HS, Richmond HS)

Multimedia (El Cerrito HS, Richmond HS)

Visual & Performing Arts (Pinole Valley HS, Richmond HS)

WCCUSD College Preparatory Support Programs

List of College & Career Readiness Support Programs

Academy of Art Pre-College Art Experience
 African American Male Pipeline
 College Access Initiative
 College and Career Centers
 College is Real, Inc
 Fab Lab
 FASFA Campaign
 Gooden College Connection
 Holy Names Early Admit Program
 Ivy League Connection
 MESA
 PACT, Inc
 Rising Scholars
 The RYSE Center
 Service Learning and Senior Projects
 UC Berkeley Trio Programs
 UC Berkeley EAOP/ DCAC Fellowship Advisors
 Upward Bound - Mills
 Writers Coach Connection
 Young Scholars Program
 4 Richmond



Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA)

(a partnership with Cal State East Bay)

Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA) provides students with the skills and resources to be successful in school and career in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) disciplines.



12 Middle & High Schools Served



681 Students Served



26 Teachers Trained



Summer Pre-College Art Experience

(a partnership with Academy of Art University, San Francisco)

Each year, 30 WCCUSD students attend the six-week Academy of Art Summer Program. Students can take up to 4 classes in 2D and 3D art, web design, and fashion design and showcase their work at culminating event at the end of the summer.

MESA: <http://www20.csueastbay.edu/csci/departments/mesa/>
 Academy of Art University: <http://www.academyart.edu>
 UC Berkeley TRIO Programs: <http://pctrio.berkeley.edu/>



TRIO Programs

(a partnership with UC Berkeley)

Upward Bound | Upward Bound Math/Science

Upward Bound offers high school students the opportunity to study at UC Berkeley with on-campus housing in dormitories and 6 weeks of summer classes. Participants also attend college prep courses three Saturdays per month during the school year.

African American Male Pipeline Project (AAMPP)

AAMPP is a pipeline beginning in 8th grade that offers under-supported students essential services including mentoring, counseling, internships, field trips, leadership opportunities, family engagement activities, and academic support and enrichment.

Talent Search / Summer Bears

Talent Search is a six-week summer program that exposes 8th grade students to the UC Berkeley campus, assisting them with academic planning, writing, study skills, and life skills.

281

= number of
 8th – 11th grade
 students that
 WCCUSD sent to
 6-week UC
 Berkeley summer
 programs in
 2015



Applying for College Financial Aid

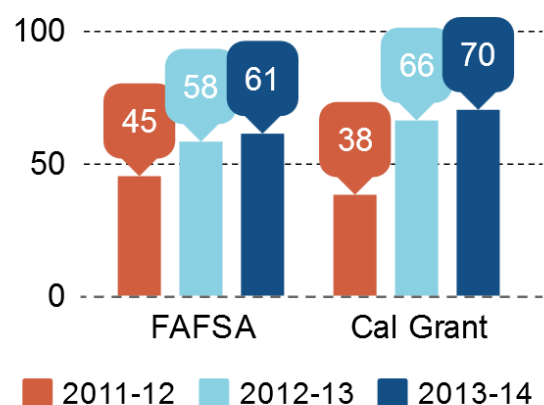
61%

2013-14 FAFSA Completion Rate

Cal Grant Application Completion Rates have increased by 84% since 2011-12

FAFSA: <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>
 Cal Grant: <http://www.csac.ca.gov/>

% of Seniors Completing Financial Aid Applications





College & Career Day

WCCUSD College & Career Day is a one-day event held each October to promote a college-going culture.

Each ELEMENTARY School takes its own approach to promoting the college going culture. Some hold special assemblies, others have College T-Shirt Day or college visits.

In MIDDLE School, 6th and 7th graders participate in a variety of college and career activities such as guest speakers, games, and more. 8th graders take PSAT 8/9 assessment.

In HIGH School, all students take the SAT Suite of Assessment tests: 9th graders take the PSAT 8/9, 10th and 11th graders take the PSAT/NMSQT, and 12th graders take the SAT.

The PSAT and SAT tests given to students on College Day are FREE of charge for all WCCUSD Students!

WCCUSD was the 1st school district in California to implement College Board's SAT Suite of Assessments district-wide.

SAT Suite of Assessments

The SAT Suite of Assessments is a series of tests for 8th through 12th graders. As students advance from grade to grade, the tests keep pace, matching the scope and difficulty of work found in the classroom.

The PSAT 8/9 (formerly called Readiness) is a test for 8th and 9th graders which establishes a baseline for college and career readiness. PSAT/NMSQT is a standardized test tightly aligned with the SAT for 10th and 11th graders. The SAT tests the subject matter learned by students in high school and fulfills the college entrance exam requirement.

Through the district's partnership with College Board, all students have access to online test preparation courses, individualized study plans, career inventories, and college searches.



College Board's website for students:
<https://student.collegeboard.org/>

Advanced Placement (AP)

AP courses are rigorous, college-level courses that students can take in high school. AP courses are open to all students willing to commit to the study time required. AP courses challenge students and allow them to build critical thinking skills while working on their ability to collaborate in groups.

Students can earn college credit, placement, or both if they earn qualifying scores on AP exams given in May.



**19 College Board
Approved Courses**



**2,899
AP Enrollment**



**67
AP Teachers**



Seven core AP courses are offered at every comprehensive high school, in addition to site-specific AP courses offered at various high schools.

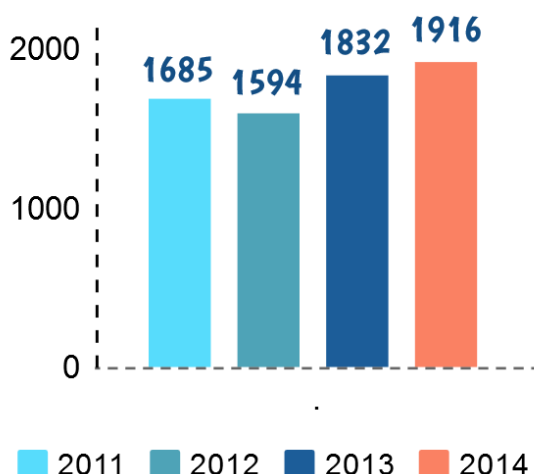
CORE AP Courses

Calculus AB
 Chemistry
 English Language
 English Literature
 Spanish Language
 US Government
 US History

SITE-SPECIFIC AP Courses

Biology
 Calculus BC
 Environmental Science
 French Language
 Human Geography
 Japanese Language
 Macroeconomics
 Microeconomics
 Statistics
 Studio Art
 World History

Total Number of AP Exams



WCCUSD Links

West Contra Costa Unified School District
<http://www.wccusd.net>

WCCUSD Assessment
<http://www.wccusd.net/testing>

WCCUSD Data Dashboards
<http://www.wccusd.net/dashboard>

School Accountability Report Cards (SARC)
<http://www.wccusd.net/page/663>

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