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 Graduate Profile (Draft)

- Self-Directed Learner
- Skilled Communicator
- Health & Wellness Advocate
- Responsible World Citizen
- Effective Collaborator
- Quality Producer
- Innovative Thinker
- Proficient User of Digital Media & Technology

WCCUSD Quick Facts

- 30,596 Students
- 53 Schools
- 3,211 Staff

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

Class of 2015 Postsecondary Plans

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

40 School Counselors
6 Fellow Advisors

A-G Requirements

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).

- US History & Social Science 2 Years
- English 4 Years
- Mathematics 3 Years
- Lab Science 2 Years
- Foreign Language 2 Years
- Visual/Performing Arts 1 Year
- Electives 1 Year

A-G Completion Rates

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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.

- 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)

High School Pathways

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.
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
- Golden 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.

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

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

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

**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

**Total Number of AP Exams**

- 2011: 1685
- 2012: 1594
- 2013: 1832
- 2014: 1916

**WCCUSD Links**

- 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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