



Guajome Park Academy Academic Success



Life at Guajome

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Guajome Park Academy Graduation Requirements

○ Social Studies	40 credits
○ English	40 credits
○ Math	30 credits
○ Science (Life & Physical)	30 credits
○ Foreign Language	30 credits
○ Visual/Performing Art	10 credits
○ College Prep Elective	10 credits
○ PE	20 credits
○ Electives	20 credits
Total	230 credits



10 credits = 1 year





CAHSEE

California High School Exit Exam

- This test covers **English Language Arts** and **Mathematics**
 - Math covers skills through Algebra 1
- Students will have several opportunities to pass the exam during their high school career.
 - First attempt: spring of **10th grade** year.
 - Two chances **11th grade** and three chances **12th grade**.
 - Once a portion is passed, the student does not need to take it again.
- For those students who do not pass either section of the exam they will be provided with additional assistance (i.e. CAHSEE classes, online test preparation, etc)



Other GPA Requirements

- Community Service – 30 hrs/year
- Personal Project (10th grade)
- Senior Project (12th grade)
- Senior Defense (12th grade)
- Minimum 2.0 grade point average

University Requirements “A-G”



11 of the 15 requirements must be done by end of 11th grade

(a) History	2 years -World History -American History / U.S. Government
(b) English	4 years college prep
(c) Mathematics	3 years required (4 recommended) -Minimum: Algebra 2
(d) Science	2 years with lab (Biology, Chemistry, Physics) [3 recommended]
(e) Foreign Language	2 years same language (3 recommended)
(f) Visual / Performing Arts	1 year
(g) Elective	1 year

Earning Credits at GPA

- 5 credits per class per semester
- 40 credits/sem
- 80 credits/yr

Session	9th	10th	11th	12th
Fall	40	40	40	40
Spring	40	40	40	40
Summer				
TOTAL				



230 Credits = Graduation





Summer School

- Students must attend summer school to make up a “**D**” or “**F**” they earned during the year. Only certain classes are offered during summer school, and if you fail a class that is not offered, you may have to retake it during the school year.
 - Students who do not make up “F’s” right away jeopardize graduating on time and earning a high school diploma.



What is my Grade Point Average?

- Each letter grade is worth a certain point value

A = 4 points

B = 3 points

C = 2 points

D = 1 point

F = 0 points

(HONORS/IB/AP COURSES GET AN ADDITIONAL POINT for A, B, C)

- Count how many A's, B's, C's, D's and F's you have and then add them up. Once you've added then divide by the number of classes you are taking.

Example: 2 - A's, 3 - B's, 2- C's and 1- D **$4+4+3+3+3+2+2+1 = 22$ Points**

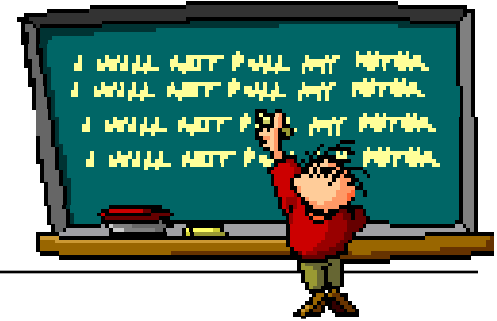
$22 / 8$ Classes = 2.75 GPA

Extracurricular Activities/Eligibility

- Athletes must have:
 - At least a **2.0 GPA** (athletes are held responsible for maintaining a 2.0 each grading period)
 - All players must have a clearance slip turned into their coach prior to the first practice
 - For more information contact Mr. Findell (Athletic Director)



Discipline Record



- **Best to avoid—think before you act!!!**
- Refer to GPA rules and expectations.
- Most students graduate without a discipline issue.
- Colleges are now asking about discipline records.

How can my counselor help me?

- **Academic Counseling**
 - Planning for the future: 4 year plan
 - Organizational, study and test-taking skills, & goal setting
- **Personal Counseling**
 - Communication, problem-solving, decision-making, and conflict resolution
 - Peer relationships and effective social skills
- **College and Career Counseling**
 - Planning for careers and education beyond high school
 - Develop future plans for career
- **Referrals to Community Resources**



Your counselor is here to:

- Help you
- Listen to you when you need to vent
- Most importantly, to help you **succeed!**

Other Sources of Help

- **An Agenda (samples)**
- **Teachers, House Leaders, Advisors**
- **Academic Support Program**
- tutoring
- **Your Friends**
- **Family**
- **Library**
- **Internet**
- **Community Resources**



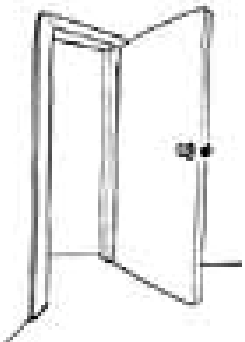
Keys to Success

- **Attendance**
- **Start with the end in mind**
- **Make sure to set aside time for studying**
- **Be prepared for class exams and projects**
- **Break assignment apart into manageable pieces**
- **Communication with teachers, counselors, and family....Always ask questions if unsure!!!**
- **Keeping track of grades (Weekly progress report forms)**
- **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE**



Remember!!!

- **Start thinking about your future NOW**
- **You are in high school now, all classes and all grades COUNT!**
- **This year begins a new period in your life...you get a fresh start...take advantage of this!**



And last, but not least...

- **North County College Fair** @ Carlsbad HS, Wednesday, October 7, 2009 5-7pm
- **PSAT Wednesday, October 14, 2009 \$15** (sign up in the Counseling Office)—not required, but encouraged for 9th graders...space is limited (and always sells out), so don't wait!
- **Palomar and Mira Costa College Concurrent Enrollment** (earn high school and college credit)...see your counselor for the forms
 - Palomar: 8th grade, Mira Costa: 10th grade
 - Free Tuition at Palomar
- **Scholarship Applications** (free \$\$\$) available in the Counseling Department and at www.guajome.net (Guidance Link)
- **Upcoming College/Career Events** – check Guajome Guidance page
- www.collegetoolkit.com
 - "Careers" link to get to Career Interest Profiler



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