

Graduation Requirements, College Testing Information and Financial Aid

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English 40 Credits

Mathematics

Algebra I 10 Credits

Algebra II 10 Credits

Geometry 10 Credits

Science

Biology, Biotech 1/2, 10 Credits

Environmental Sustainability 1/2

Chemistry, Physics, Biotech 3/4, 10 Credits

Environmental Sustainability 3/4

Social Science

World History 10 Credits

US History 10 Credits

American Government 5 Credits

Economics 5 Credits

Physical Education 20 Credits

Visual & Performing Arts 10 Credits

Language other than English 20 Credits
(World Languages)

Elective Credits 50 Credits

Total Credits Required
220 Credits

Additional Requirements

Mid-High School Review

Technology Class

Senior Board

Community Service (40 hours)

Must meet A-G Requirements

College Credit (3 units)

Financial Aid Application

Completion

All Helix graduates must have completed a minimum of the equivalent of one three-unit college course. This requirement may be met in a number of ways, including:

1. Passing a college course during concurrent enrollment at a college or university with a grade of "C" or better.
2. Passing a college course taught on the Helix campus with a grade of "C" or better.
3. Passing a Helix course that is articulated with and meets the requirements of the Grossmont/Cuyamaca Community College District with a "B" or better.
4. Passing an Advanced Placement (AP) examination with a "3" or better.



COLLEGE TESTING CALENDAR

SAT TEST DATES

August 23, 2025

September 13, 2025

October 4, 2025

November 8, 2025

December 6, 2025**

March 14, 2026

May 2, 2026

June 6, 2026

** Not accepted by all colleges if taken in 12th grade

ACT TEST DATES

September 6, 2025

October 18, 2025

December 13, 2025**

February 14, 2026

April 11, 2026

June 13, 2026

July 11, 2026

Remember that these are test dates. You must check on the deadlines to register for these exam test dates.

It is never too soon to take practice tests to prepare for the SAT and ACT. These tests are important components in college admissions.

- ❖ Sign up for SAT at www.collegeboard.org
- ❖ Fee for SAT is \$68.00 (subject to change)
- ❖ Sign up for ACT plus Writing at www.actstudent.org
- ❖ Fee for ACT is \$63.00 for no writing and \$93.00 for writing (subject to change)
- ❖ Check university admission requirement to determine if you must take the writing portion of the ACT or SAT
- ❖ Fee waivers are available for families who qualify for free or reduced school meals. See your counselor.

COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID APPLICATIONS

- ❖ **FAFSA:** fafsa.ed.gov
- ❖ **Calif Dream Act Application:** dream.csac.ca.gov
Applications are due by March 2nd in order to be considered for any Cal Grant.
Financial aid applications must be completed in order to participate in the California Community Colleges' "College Promise"