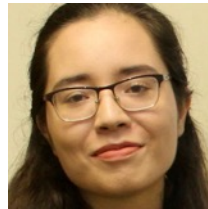


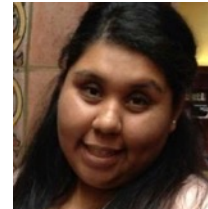
Answering Your Questions about the Education System in the United States

Information for parents, students, and families

Presented by UC Irvine Project REACH



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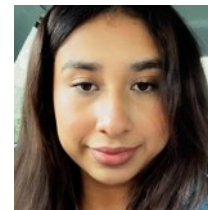
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Agenda

- Settling in / Introductions (10 minutes)
- Short presentation about options to pay for college (10-15 minutes)
- Answering your questions about education system in the US! (40 minutes)

College is an investment but expensive

Average Tuition Cost

All Universities	CSU	UC	Private Universities
\$28,775	\$27,178	\$14,504	\$45,932

Public University
(CA resident)



Tuition and Fees	\$14,504
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Books and Supplies	\$1,300
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Room and Meals	\$17,800
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Other Expenses	\$2,200
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Total	\$35,804*
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Private University



Tuition and Fees*	\$59,260
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Books and Supplies	\$1,200
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Room and Meals	\$16,398
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Other Expenses	\$2,278
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Total	\$79,136
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*UC Stability Plan: set for up to six years

*adjusted for 5-person household, \$30,000 annual income,
\$400 in savings, with no home ownership and assets

Source: <https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/tuition-financial-aid/tuition-cost-of-attendance/> Source: <http://esdweb.esd.usc.edu/npc/>

Financial Aid Cuts Cost by A LOT

- **Grants**
 - **Scholarships**
 - Work-Study
 - Student Loans
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- **Financial Aid Applications**
 - FAFSA: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>
 - California Dream Act: <https://dream.csac.ca.gov/landing>

Federal and State Aid

- Federal Aid: FAFSA
 - For students who are US citizens or are eligible non-citizens (permanent residents, refugees, those in asylum, etc.)
- State Aid: California Dream Act
 - For students who are undocumented and eligible for residency in state
 - living in California, **attended high school or community college full time for 3 years**, graduating in California, attending university in California
- Students must submit applications (including GPA verification) every year (due March 2) to qualify for financial aid



Grants

- **Based on the FAFSA or CA Dream Act Application**
 - Financial Need
 - High School Grades

Grants Examples

California Residents Only

- Calgrant: <https://www.csac.ca.gov/post/what-cal-grant-award>
- (UCs) University of California Blue and Gold Opportunity Plan:
 - <https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/tuition-financial-aid/types-of-aid/blue-and-gold-opportunity-plan.html>

All US Residents / Federal grants

- Pell Grants: <https://www2.ed.gov/programs/fpg/index.html>
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant: <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/grants/fseog>

Work-Study

- Eligible through FAFSA and California Dream Act application
- Funding for jobs for students who have financial need
 - Mostly on-campus, part-time, pre-approved jobs
 - Have to apply/reapply each year

Scholarships

- **Requires you to search and apply separately**
- Can differ based on financial need, achievement (merit), cultural backgrounds, field of study, or talent, hobbies, or interests

Popular Scholarship Sources:

- Fastweb.com: <https://www.fastweb.com/>
- Collegeboard.com: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/scholarship-search>
- Sallie Mae: <https://www.salliemae.com/college-planning/tools/scholarship-search/?Inkid=SM-Seniors-find-scholarships>

Universities offer their own scholarships!

Search for the scholarship listings in each school

Examples:

- UCLA: <https://www.scholarshipcenter.ucla.edu/scholarship-search/ucla-scholarships/>
- UC Irvine: <https://ofas.uci.edu/scholarships/uci-scholarship-central/index.php>
- USC: <https://admission.usc.edu/apply/scholarships/>
- CSU Fullerton: <https://www.fullerton.edu/financialaid/general/scholarships.php>
- CSU San Marcos: <https://www.csusm.edu/finaid/scholarships/index.html>

Scholarship Sources at Breakthrough!

- BT scholarship list:
 - https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/10orCK8ERFLocaGOeWczJULG9dZVJ_zm_4gmliWGAM3M/edit?usp=sharing
- BT scholarship resource page:
 - <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-t7YrSP-nOmluC8M-GNZaTs-ZB4h8e2lClr6Jv9O9Ek/edit?usp=sharing>
- BT financial aid resource page:
 - <https://mailchi.mp/598ffb8e36d1/fin-aid-and-scholarships>

Student Loans, another option

- Have to pay it back *with interest*
- Average school debt in US is **\$29,000** in 2019
- Loans for Students and Parents
 - More info on Federal Loans: <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/loans>

Community college, another option

Less expensive option

Complete requirements for 4-year institutions at fraction of the cost
Most general education and some major requirements

Need a specific, developed transfer plan

Easy to “get stuck” at community college

SO IMPORTANT to meet with academic counselor or transfer advisor to plan
Examples of Transfer Plans in California: TAG (Transfer Admission Guarantee for transferring), IGETC (for general education), assist.org

Answering your questions about the U.S. educational system

- Questions from Google Form
- Live questions as the large group



**Tonight's
Conversation**

A photograph of several students sitting in a classroom, looking towards the front. The image is slightly blurred and has a dark overlay. The text 'Your Questions from Google Survey' is written in large white letters across the middle of the image.

Your Questions from Google Survey

Questions about High School

- How can we help prepare students for high school?
- Why do sports in high school have less school funds than others?
- What's the difference between honors/advanced classes and Advanced Placement classes?

Questions about College Experience

- What are the requirements for college/universities?
- About housing at college or university, how does it work?
- How many classes can you take at the University?

A photograph of students sitting in a classroom, viewed from the side. They are holding papers and looking towards the front of the room. The image is slightly blurred and has a dark overlay.

Your Questions from Google Survey

More Questions

- I would like to know what the school is doing to solve problems about bullying.
- Is there going to be other type of electives added in middle school and high school?
- Are schools going to improve their school lunches?

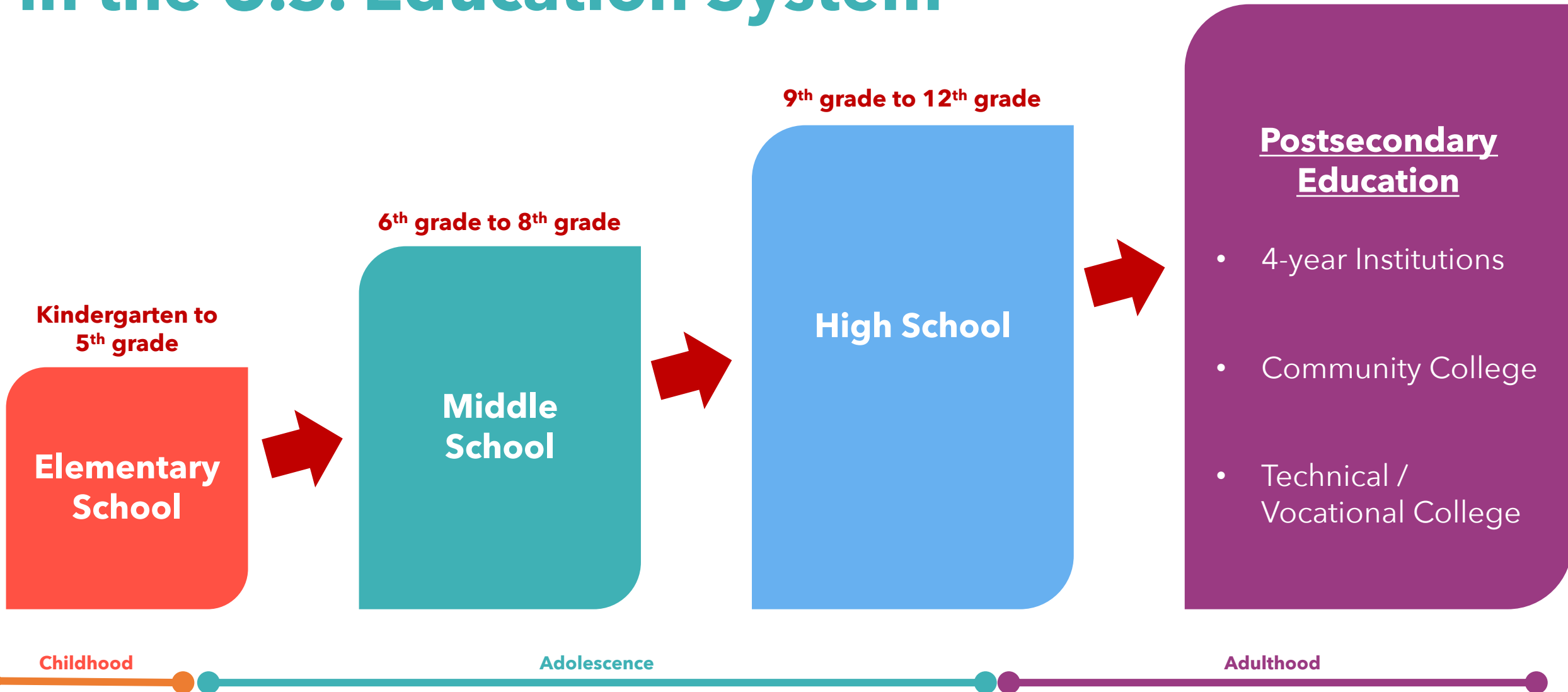
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A photograph of a group of people, likely parents, sitting in a room and looking towards the left. They are holding papers and pens, suggesting a meeting or workshop. The image is partially obscured by a dark overlay on the right side.

Parents' Questions from Small Groups

EITHER ON JAM BOARD OR POSTER BOARDS & POST ITS

Typical Path to University in the U.S. Education System



MIDDLE SCHOOL

6th to 8th grade

Gilewski, C. D., & Nunn, M. L. (2016). *Research summary: Transitioning Young Adolescents from Elementary to Middle Schools*. Retrieved 11/02/2021 from <http://www.amle.org/ServicesEvents/ResearchSummary/TabId/622/ArtMID/2112/ArticleID/750/Transitioning-Young-Adolescents-from-Elementary-to-Middle-School.aspx>



Transitioning to Middle School means BIG differences from Elementary School

- Bigger schools and more students
- More teachers, different classrooms for different subjects
- More and more difficult homework and tests for different classes
- More choices in electives and activities
- Transition often happens with puberty
 - Kids are changing in different ways!



HIGH SCHOOL

9th to 12th grade



High School is all about preparing for college while going through more changes

- Even bigger schools and more students in classes
- Even more advanced classes and harder homework; even more choices in electives and activities
- Continue changes mentally, physically, and hormonally
- **A BIG focus on getting into college now**
 - Grades, advanced classes, activities, standardized tests, attendance, and community service count much more



4-YEAR UNIVERSITY / COLLEGE

<https://orientation.ucsc.edu/what-to-expect.html>



University life is all about becoming a well-functioning adult and preparing for a career

- Students have more freedom, but have to manage their time, money, responsibilities, and schoolwork
 - Manage college class schedule with help from academic advisor
- Classes can have from 50 to 500 students
- Student choose on a **major(s)**—a discipline(s) that students “specialize” in
- Outside of classes, student can train for a career:
 - Jobs, internships, volunteering, fieldwork, apprenticeships

Community College as an Alternative Path to University

Start at community college and transfer to a 4-year university

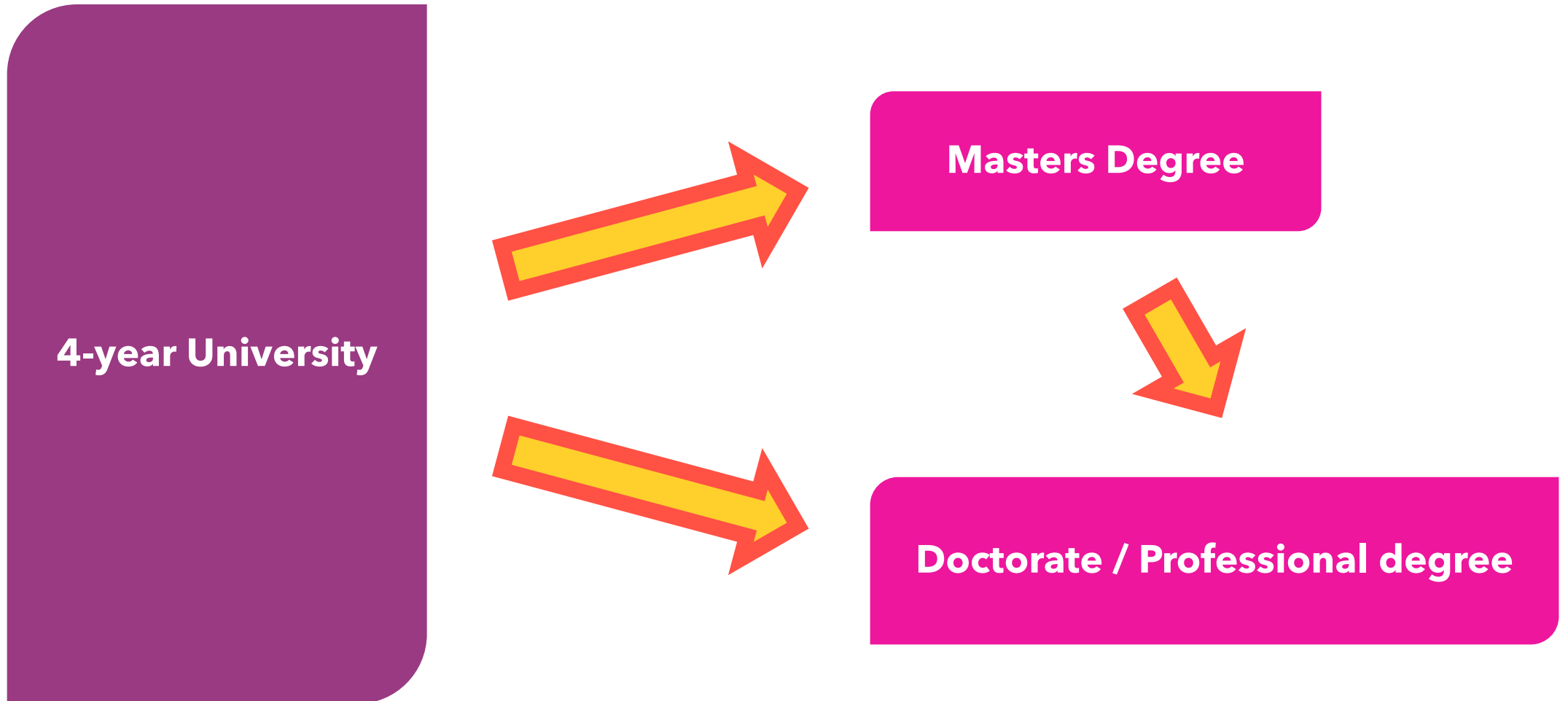
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After 4-year University



Include or Extra?

District School Board of Pasco County
Kurt Browning, Superintendent

STUDENT

Course Number	Course Title	Teacher	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	Exam
1200700Z	MATH COLL READINESS	Miller, Jeff	A	A	
2107300Z	PSYCH 1	Miller, Jesse	A	A	
1802310Z	NAVAL SCI 2	Quire, John	A	A	
2106310Z	US GOVT	Dixon, Jennifer	A	A	
2000350Z	ANAT PHYSIO	Dale, Linda		A	
1001405Z	ENG 4: FL COLL PREP	Mc Cabe, Jeannette		A	

This student has met minimum standards in the area(s) of: Reading - Yes

and Needed

GRADES & GPA

90% to 100% **A = 4**

80% to 89% **B = 3**

PASSING 70% to 79% **C = 2**



60% to 69% **D = 1**

0% to 59% **F = 0**

Resources Online for Virtual Tutoring

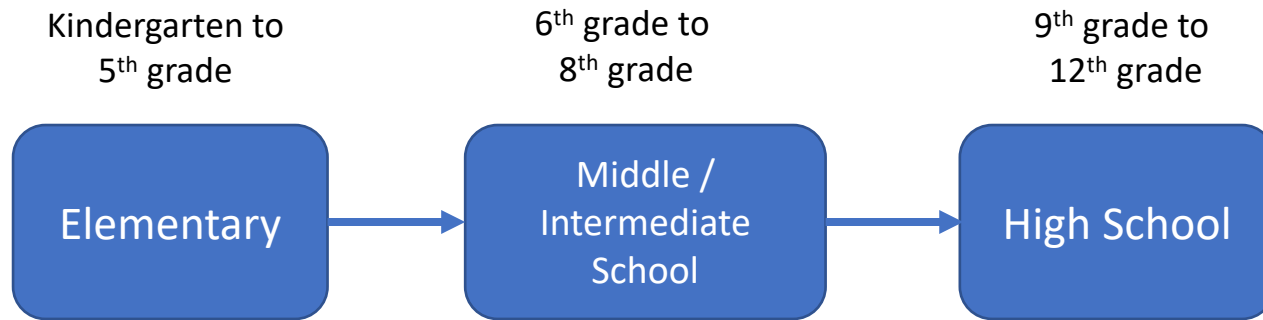
- **Paper App: Virtual Tutoring Service for SAUSD students — FREE!**

- <https://www.sausd.us/site/default.aspx?PageType=3&DomainID=1&ModuleInstanceID=6157&ViewID=6446EE88-D30C-497E-9316-3F8874B3E108&RenderLoc=0&FlexDataID=105780&PageID>
- <https://app.paper.co/login/student>

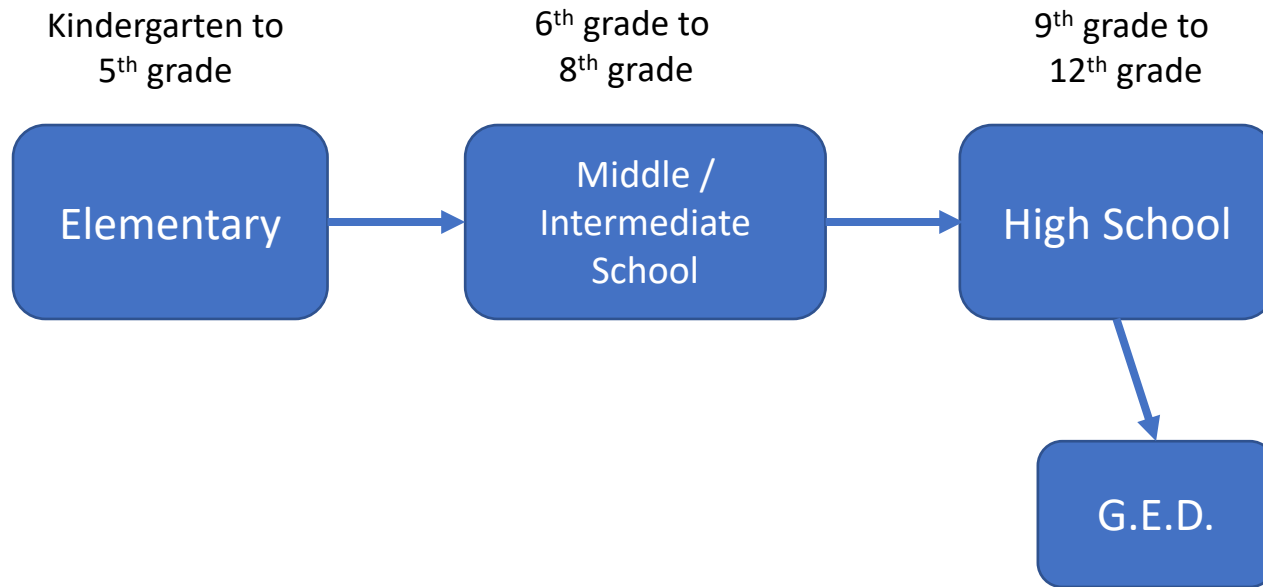
- **Khan Academy**

- <https://www.khanacademy.org/>

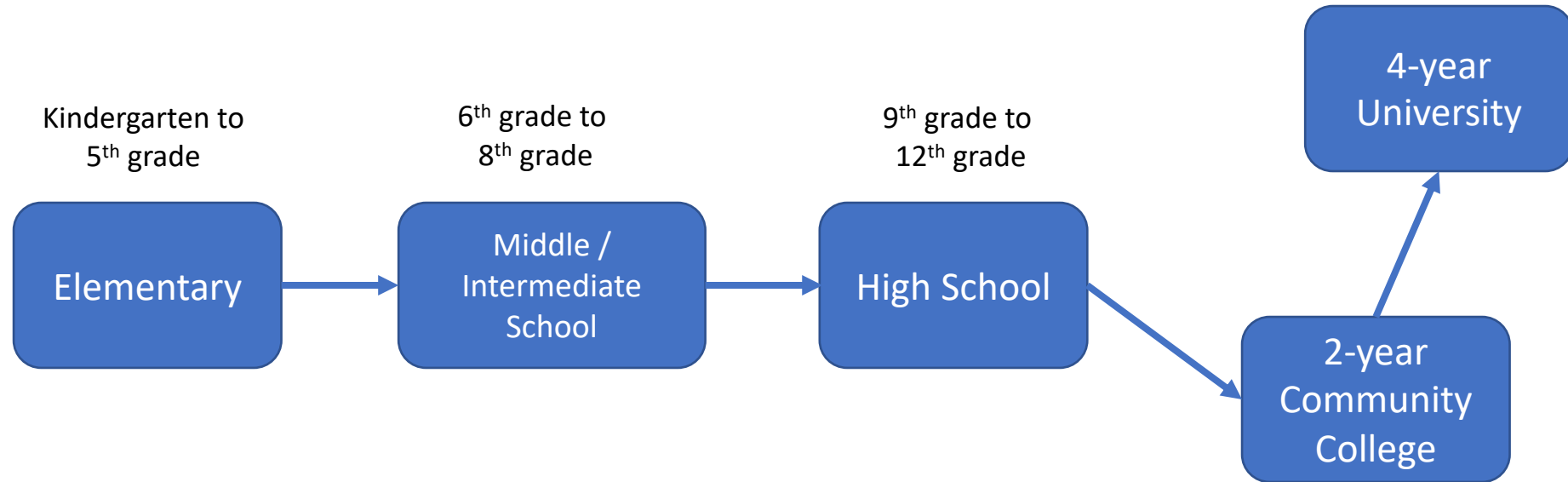
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