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Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: High School Counselors
High School Principals
County and District Superintendents

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SUBJECT: **Class of 2025 Cal Grant GPA Opt-Out Requirement**

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) reminds school districts and charter schools of the annual requirement under California Education Code section [69432.9](#) subsection (d)(1), to provide an opportunity for students in 11th grade (and for minors, their parents/guardians), to Opt-Out of being automatically considered as a Cal Grant applicant. Notification to Opt-Out of the Cal Grant program should be sent by high schools to students in writing, and no later than **January 1st** of a student's junior year.

To ensure the January 1st Cal Grant GPA Opt-Out notification date is met each year, it is imperative that school districts and charter schools create a process for deciding when and how to notify their juniors of the Opt-Out provision.

Cal Grant GPA Opt-Out notifications should have the following dates:

- **Cal Grant GPA Opt-Out deadline** – no less than 30 days should be given for students and parents to Opt-Out.
- **GPA submission date** – date the school/district will upload GPAs to the Commission.
- **GPA submission deadline** – October 1 (applies to public and charter schools).

The Commission offers a *Cal Grant GPA Opt-Out Form* in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#), which may be used as part of a school's Opt-Out process. Forms should be retained at the school level and should not be sent to the Commission. Should the Cal Grant GPA Opt-Out form not be received by the date stated on the form, it is understood that the student has agreed to have their GPA submitted for Cal Grant consideration.

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