



OPERATIONS MEMO

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: **Reminder: Upcoming Deadlines and Training Events**

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) reminds district and high school administrators of the following deadlines and training events.

High School Graduation Verification

- High schools must verify the graduation of students who have not self-certified by **August 31st**. Only students who have been awarded a Cal Grant will need to have their high school graduation verified.
- A student's Cal Grant Entitlement award is placed on hold until the high school graduation requirement is satisfied.
- Verification of high school graduation is done electronically via [WebGrants](#).
 - After logging in, click on WebGrants>GPA>High School Graduate Verification.
- Please refer to GOM [2019-16](#) for additional details.

2020-21 GPA Submission

- GPAs for the class of 2020 must be electronically submitted no later than **October 1, 2019**, as specified under [Education Code 69432.9 \(c\)\(2\)](#), unless the student has opted out, per [Education Code 69432.9 \(d\)\(1\)\(2\)](#). Refer to GOM [2019-05](#) for additional information on the Opt-Out provision.
 - Schools are strongly encouraged to also submit 2020-21 GPAs for 2019 graduates. High school students have a 2-year window to qualify for a High School Entitlement Cal Grant – as seniors, and the year following graduation.
- GPAs for students who are enrolled in summer school should be uploaded after summer school grades have been posted, as these grades should be included in the GPA calculation.
- For additional GPA submission information, including GPA calculation instructions, GPA Opt-Out forms, and GPA upload tools, please click [HERE](#).

- Ensure your WebGrants access is current or renew, if needed. Click [HERE](#) to obtain the necessary WebGrants Access Forms.
- Online webinar trainings on the GPA upload process and GPA reports are now available. To register for a live webinar, click [HERE](#).

2019 Annual Statewide Financial Aid Workshop Registration

- Half-day financial aid workshops are taking place at different locations across California from August 22-November 1, and are FREE to counselors, advisors, student advocacy groups, and staff from California high schools. Some of this year's workshop topics include:
 - Updates on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
 - Cash for College Program
 - Cal Grant Updates
 - The California Dream Act Application (CADAA)
- Click to view the [2019 High School Counselor Calendar of Events](#).
- Refer to [GSA 2019-15](#) for registration instructions.

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