SPECIAL ALERT
Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: High School Counselors

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SUBJECT: **GPA Matching for Class of 2022**

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) reminds high schools to continue matching GPAs in WebGrants. High schools can continue matching GPAs until **September 30, 2022.**

It is important to note that unmatched GPAs will not be processed for Cal Grant consideration. Therefore, high schools should review the GPA reports in WebGrants to identify unmatched GPAs and proceed to manually match any GPA records that WebGrants has not automatically matched. Please refer to the GPA Matching and Editing Reference Guide and consider signing up for an online webinar for additional assistance.

Matching GPAs will increase your school's numbers on the Race to Submit Dashboard. Winners of Race to Submit are determined based on the percentage of matched GPAs for your senior class, shown as "*Completed: with GPA*" on the dashboard. In the example below, the percentage of matched GPAs is 73.84%.

High School Senior Enrollment*: 237
2022-2023 Application Year   ◼ Completed: with GPA 175

The Commission anticipates updating the dashboard with the certified October 2021 senior enrollment data from the California Department of Education. Winners of the Race to Submit campaign will be announced in April.

Things to Consider

In preparation for GPA uploads for the class of 2023 and to increase the number of GPAs which are matched to financial aid applications, high schools can begin collecting student demographic information for their junior class and updating their Student Information Systems. Although an optional step, this is considered a best practice to ensure students get timely consideration for Cal Grant awards. Schools can develop their own form to collect this data or may use the Demographic Verification Form provided by the Commission.

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