



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: **March 2 Cal Grant Deadline Reminder**

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) reminds high schools of the March 2, 2019 Cal Grant deadline. High schools who have not submitted GPAs for their current seniors (class of 2019) are encouraged to do so before the March 2 deadline. This includes any public and charter high schools who failed to meet the October 1 GPA submission deadline.

To assist you in uploading your GPA files, please consider the items below:

- GPA calculation instructions can be found [HERE](#)
- Please ensure your WebGrants access is current or renew, if needed. Click [HERE](#) to obtain the necessary WebGrants Access Forms.
- GPA Upload User Guides can be obtained [HERE](#)
- To register for a live webinar, click [HERE](#)

Uploading for Prior Year Graduates (class of 2018)

- High school students have a 2-year window to be considered for a High School Entitlement Cal Grant – during senior year and one year after high school graduation.
- Although optional, uploading for your prior year graduates is a best practice. If you will be doing this, please upload GPAs on 2 separate files – one file with the class of 2018 and another file with the class of 2019.

Sunset of SSN GPA Upload Capability

- As we communicated on [GSA 2018-23](#), this will be the last year the Commission will be accepting GPAs using Social Security Numbers.
- Beginning with the class of 2020, all GPAs will be submitted via the “Non-SSN GPA” method.

- Schools should ensure their student information systems (i.e. Aeries, PowerSchools, Illuminate) have the capability to produce GPA files in text (.txt) format without SSNs.
- To assist schools with this transition, please refer to the resources mentioned previously; including registering for any of our live webinars on this topic.

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