



# SPECIAL ALERT

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## Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: High School Counselors

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SUBJECT: **COVID-19 Cal Grant Requirement Updates**

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) provides an update to high schools regarding Cal Grant GPA requirements and matching.

### FAQs: Impact of COVID-19 on Commission Programs

The Commission has released a [Frequently Asked Questions](#) to address some of the questions pertaining to the impact of COVID-19 on Commission programs, including Cal Grant GPAs, selective service, AB-540 non-resident tuition exemption, and high school graduation requirements.

### GPA Matching

High schools can continue matching GPAs for the 2020-21 academic year until **October 1, 2020**. As a reminder, 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.

### Things to Consider

To prepare for GPA uploads for the class of 2021 and to increase the chances that GPAs are matched to financial aid applications, high schools should consider collecting updated student demographic information for their incoming senior class and updating their Student Information Systems. Schools may utilize their own form or may opt to use the [Demographic Verification Form](#).

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