



HIGH SCHOOL SPECIALTY PROGRAMS

Program Criteria and Required Information

All students are given an equal opportunity to graduate with the greatest number of postsecondary choices from the widest array of options.

Dear 8th Grade Family,

Sacramento City Unified School District is focused on ensuring that every 8th Grade Student has an opportunity to apply to the high school program they believe will provide them with meaningful, engaging, and rigorous learning experiences. In addition to a traditional high school program, we offer 30 different specialty high school programs of choice designed to satisfy a variety of student interests and learning styles. This is the perfect time to begin learning about them in order for you to make an informed choice about your child's high school experience. Please click this link for detailed information:

<https://www.scusd.edu/high-school-specialty-programs>.

Students are able to make their selections during the *High School Specialty Program Application* window which will be open from **Monday, November 26, 2018 – Thursday, December 20th, 2018**. **Students can apply to up to two (2) specialty program options when submitting applications.**

The online application will be available at <http://www.scusd.edu/hsapplication> starting on November 26th 2018.

Criteria-Based Programs

Sacramento City Unified School District has five (5) high school specialty programs that require an essay or tests to become eligible for admissions. These programs are:

- *Humanities International Studies Program (HISP) at CK McClatchy High School*
- *Program in America and California Explorations (PACE) at John F. Kennedy High School*
- *Kit Carson International Academy Middle Years Programme*
- *Leadership and Enrichment through Academic Development (LEAD) at Rosemont High School*
- *West Campus High School*

Information on the criteria for each of these programs and dates for essay/test administration can be found in the chart that follows.



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Programs Requiring Specific Criteria

High School Specialty Programs	Program Criteria	Essay or Test Session Date
C.K. McClatchy Humanities International Studies Program (HISP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grades in English, Social Sciences, Math, and Science • Two Letters of Teacher Recommendation • CAASSP scores • Essay Score 	Attend the December 6 th , 2018 essay session to be held at your student's middle school <i>RSVP at www.scusd.edu/hsapplication-test</i>
John F. Kennedy Program in America and California Explorations (PACE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GPA 3.0 or higher • Two Letters of Teacher Recommendation • CAASPP scores • Essay 	Attend the December 11 th , 2018 essay session to be held at your student's middle school <i>RSVP at www.scusd.edu/hsapplication-test</i>
Kit Carson International Academy Middle Years Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GPA 2.5 or higher • Two Letters of Teacher Recommendation • Essay 	Attend the December 11 th , 2018 essay session to be held at your student's middle school <i>RSVP at www.scusd.edu/hsapplication-test</i>
Rosemont Leadership and Enrichment through Academic Development (LEAD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grades in English and Social Sciences • Essay • Two Letters of Teacher Recommendation 	Attend the December 11 th , 2018 essay session to be held at your student's middle school <i>RSVP at www.scusd.edu/hsapplication-test</i>
West Campus High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GPA 2.7 or higher • Two Letters of Teacher Recommendation • Test Score ELA and Math Extracurricular Activities 	Attend the December 13 th , 2018 session to be held at your student's middle school <i>RSVP at www.scusd.edu/hsapplication-test</i>

Students can RSVP online at <http://www.scusd.edu/hsapplication-test> to register for the essay/test they are interested in taking. Paper copies of the registration form can be found in the front office at your child's school.

Students can register for up to two (2) Essay and/or Test Sessions. **Submit only one (1) registration form per student. Please RSVP up to 24 hours in advance of the essay/test date.** Your school will provide you with specific times and locations for the essay and test sessions dependent on session enrollment.

If you have any questions, please contact the Enrollment Center at (916) 643-9075.