

# MAP Your Future, Reach Your Destination!!

???? Frequently asked Questions ????

## **What does 98% attendance mean for my student?**

Students are required to average 98% attendance over the four years of high school. It is recommended that students strive for the 98% target each and every year. The 98% target would equate to no more than 16 days of absence/student excused or unexcused over the four year period.

## **How is the 98% calculated?**

The calculation for percent of attendance is determined by dividing the individual student's actual number of days in attendance (plus Saturday School days logged) by the number of instructional days (currently 180). *A student is not allowed to log more than 100% attendance in any given year.*

## **Can my student make up a missed day of school for attendance purposes?**

Excused and some unexcused absences can be made up by attending Saturday School activities at the sites. In order for an absence to be cleared through Saturday School it must be made up within the school year in which it occurred and only on those days specified by the school site. Days of suspension (unexcused absence) cannot be cleared from attendance record.

Parents/students should monitor their attendance each and every year. Any questions regarding year end totals should be forwarded to individual school site personnel for clarification.

## **How can my student complete the Community Service requirement?**

Students are to log a total of 100 hours of community service or an equivalent number of hours of participation in school clubs, activities, and or sports. Signed verification letters from community leader, coach, club advisor, etc. are to be submitted to the student's individual counselor no later than the end of the first semester of the senior year. The letter should identify the number of hours completed.

## **What academic benchmarks must my student reach to qualify?**

Attain a 3.0 (college weighted, does not include physical education) or higher Grade Point Average (GPA)

Complete all A-G courses with a "C" or higher

Do well on ELM and EPT and take SAT and or ACT  
(*Meet minimum eligibility index requirements*)

**How can my student access possible funding through the Tuition Assistance Program?**

Students must apply for FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and be identified as needing financial assistance according to FAFSA criteria.

Funds will target students having the greatest financial need as identified by FAFSA criteria. Based on the availability of funds, Tuition Assistance will attempt to back-fill any gaps that exist from other scholarships, or financial assistance obtained by those students identified as needing financial assistance. Should available funds be in excess of financial needs, expansion of program may be possible. (IE. broaden number of students served or through additional partnerships broaden number of available campuses)

**Who qualifies for participation in MAP?**

The first class to have an opportunity to “cash in” on the benefits of MAP is the graduating class of 2011. Students must have been enrolled in the Escondido Union High School District for a minimum of 4 years. (Student must receive a minimum of one semester of grades from EUHSD)

**What if my student and I did not sign the letter of commitment during the freshmen year?**

No problem! See your counselor and arrange to sign up soon. Make sure that the student completes all required criteria for consideration, and be sure to notify counselor as soon as possible so that appropriate guidance can be shared.

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