



# **Revised A-G Graduation Requirement Timeline Proposal**



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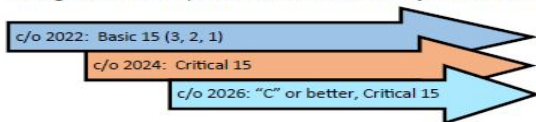


**Downey Unified**  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

# Historical Context of changing graduation requirements

## DUSD's Graduation Requirements

**October 10, 2017:** The DUSD Board approved the a-g Criteria as new graduation requirements. **Phases of implementation:**



**2017-18:** CCR brought in West Ed to guide the development of effective inclusive practices in the core areas of instruction.

- Co-teaching conversations/consultation began with a focus on students with IEPs.
- Co-teaching teams with the intention to support students with IEPs in the general education setting were created.
- Professional development was provided to co-teaching teams in preparation for the 2018-19 school year.

**2018-19:** At this point, the freshman class is due to meet the first phase of the updated graduation requirements, teachers and admin began to question if supports were in place for students and teachers to meet the eminent new level of rigor.

- **April:** The a-g Committee was formed to address the urgency to design a plan of correction that would support students with IEPs in meeting the updated DUSD graduation requirements.
- **May:** Secondary school principals were brought in to the conversation.
- **June:** The board approved a deferment and waiver.

**2019-20:** The a-g Committee secured additional time for the District to build systems of support to address root challenges to ensure the success of each student. **Two of the three phases were adjusted:**



### Through the class of 2027:

- **Deferment:** Students with an SST plan, a 504 plan, an IEP, & other appropriate processes on a case by case basis may use the *BASIC 15* to meet graduation requirements.
- **Waiver:** 2nd year LOTE and/or 3rd year math

**March 2020:** COVID-19 School Closures

- **AB 104: Retention, Grade Changes, & HS Graduation Requirements [for Graduating Classes of 2020 & 2021]**

**2021-22:** DUSD temporarily implemented the State of California's minimum graduation requirements for seniors most impacted; cut electives and 4th year English, as needed.

**2022-23:** DUSD adjusted the graduation requirement floor to 190 credits; waived 4th year ELA for all students who had a significant need due to the impact of COVID.



# Defining the Terminology

- **Basic 15: 3-2-1** (Current 12th graders- Class of 2024)
  - 3 Years of any Math
  - 2 Years of LOTE
  - 1 Year of VPA
- **Critical 15:** (Current 11th graders- Class of 2025)
  - All critical 15 courses are A-G (specifically impacts math-no more Coordinated Math)
- **Critical 15 with a C or Better:** (Current 9th graders- Class of 2027)
  - All critical 15 courses are A-G *and* students must pass with a C or better



## 15 FOR ALL - THE ROAD TO COLLEGE AND CAREER

### ELECTIVE

1 YEAR OF ACADEMIC ELECTIVE

### ARTS

1 YEAR OF VISUAL/PERFORMING ARTS (VPA)

### FOREIGN LANGUAGE

2 YEARS OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE

### SCIENCE

2 YEARS OF SCIENCE

### HISTORY

2 YEARS OF HISTORY

### MATH

3 YEARS OF MATH

### ENGLISH

4 YEARS OF ENGLISH

"15 For All- The Road to College and Career" is a visual guide of the gradual transition detailing the breakdown of change for the graduating classes of 2027 and beyond.



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## DOWNEY UNIFIED CHARTS NEW PATH FOR GRADUATION

### CLASS OF 2022

3 YEARS OF ANY MATH  
2 YEARS OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE  
1 YEAR OF VPA

### CLASS OF 2025

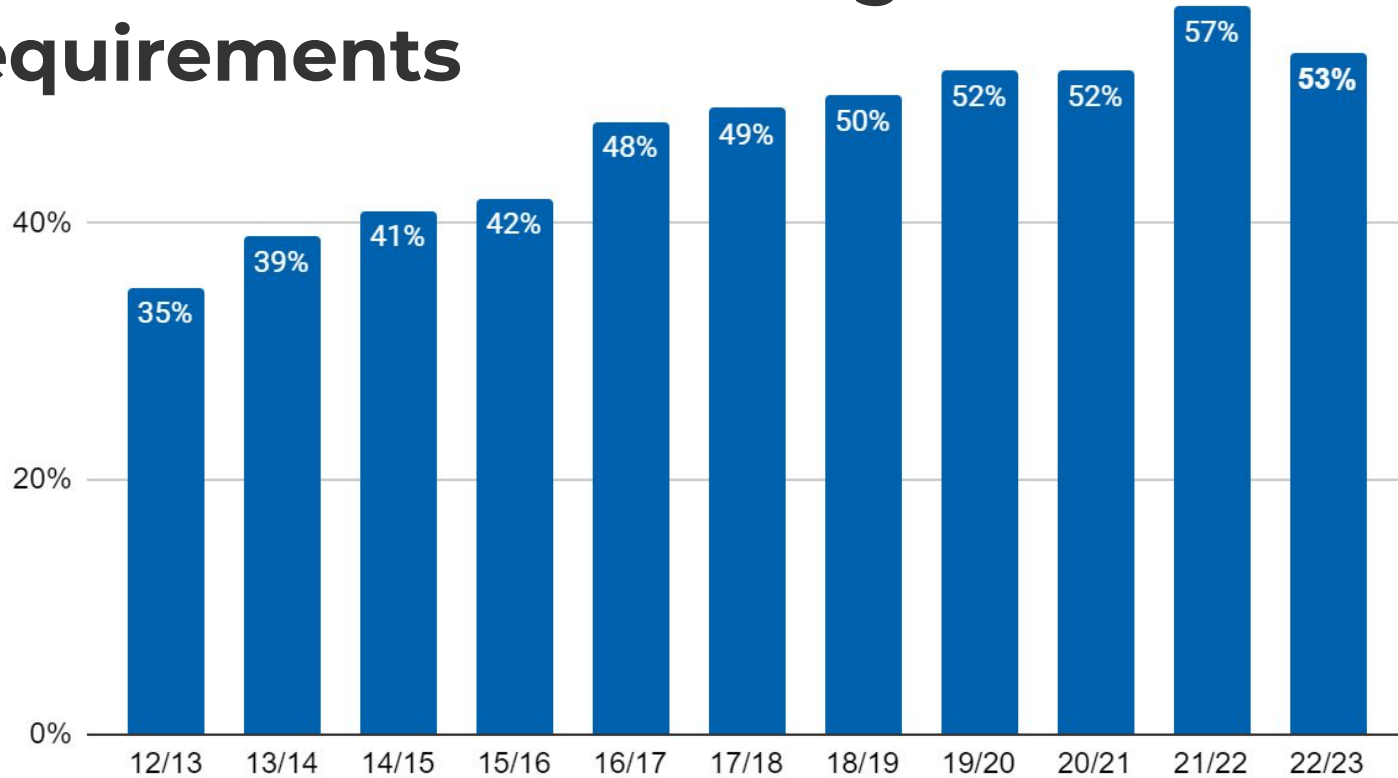
CRITICAL 15 - UC APPROVED  
2022 CRITERIA

### CLASS OF 2027

'C' OR BETTER IN CRITICAL 15  
2022 & 2025 CRITERIA

**Current Graduation Requirements**

# DUSD Graduates Meeting UC/CSU Requirements



# PROCESS FOR THIS WORK

**10.18.23**

**Secondary Principals' Meeting:**

- Reviewed historical context of changing graduation requirements
- Analyzed A-G data
- Researched what other districts with A-G grad requirements are doing
- Developed process for the work ahead.

**11.8.23**

**A-G Committee Meeting:**

- Reviewed context and A-G data
- Defined work of committee
- Created data informed proposal on revising graduation timeline

**11.15.23**

**Secondary Principals' Meeting:**

- Provided feedback on A-G Committee proposal
- Worked collaboratively on defining rationale for Board Proposal
- Identified student benefits, current and future work to get us to A-G for all

**11.30.23**

**A-G Task Force Meeting:**

- Consolidated notes from 11/15 Principals' Meeting
- Worked collaboratively on Board Proposal

**12.12.23**

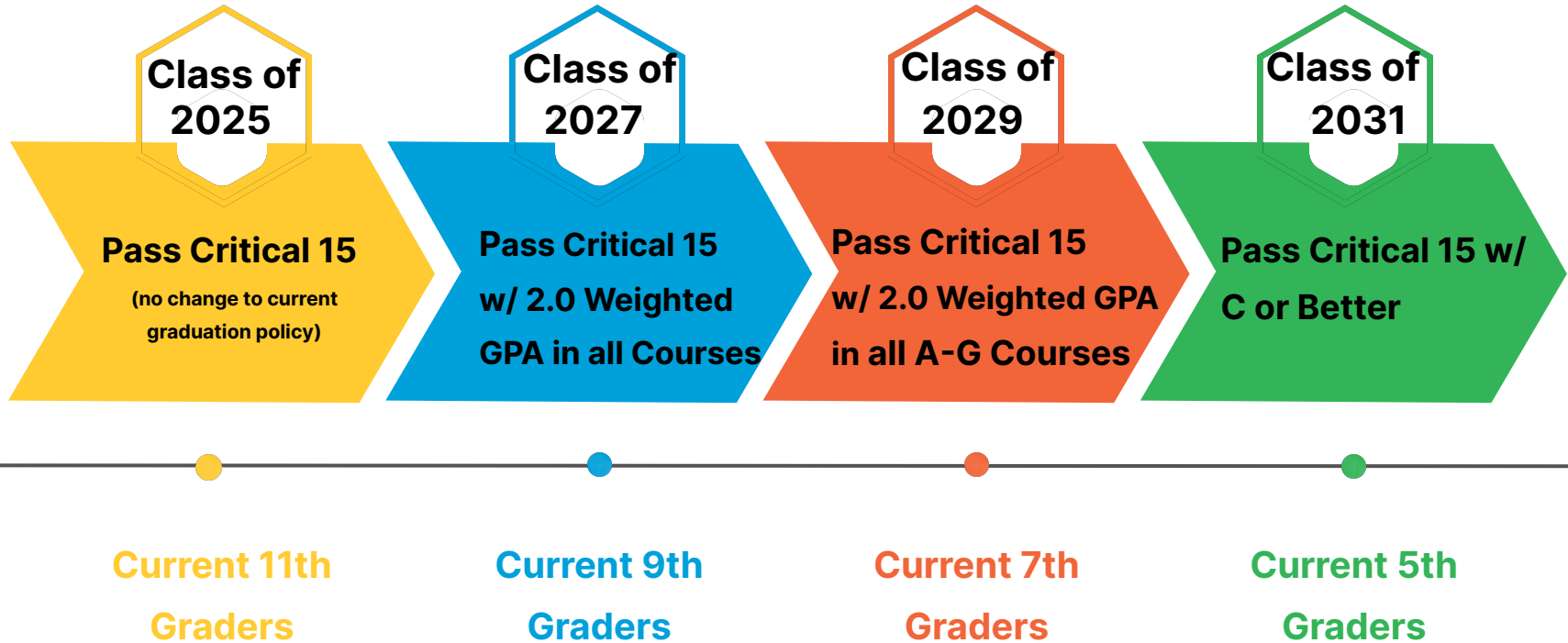
**Board Meeting:**

- Present proposal created by College and Career Readiness Dept. and A-G Committee



# Proposed A-G Graduation Requirement

## Revised Timeline



# Class of 2025: What is the impact?



**Current 11th  
Graders**

- Current 11th graders will be required to pass the Critical 15 A-G courses with a D or better.
- Coordinated Math will no longer be an option for Gen Ed Students
- Alternative 3rd Year Math options such as CTE Math and Financial Algebra will be in place for next year
- A-G Committee will be working on a Communication Plan for students and families



# Class of 2027: What is the impact?



**Current 9th  
Graders**

- Current 9th graders will be required to pass the Critical 15 A-G courses with a D or better AND maintain a weighted 2.0 GPA in all their courses.
- As of 2027, the original deferment for students w/IEP's , 504's and extenuating circumstances sunsets.
- In the long term, A-G Committee will create a revised Deferment Plan that will not include an expiration date, but will become increasingly restrictive with fewer cases each year
  - A-G Committee will research alternatives to demonstrating College & Career Proficiency

# Class of 2029: What is the impact?

- Current 7th graders will be required to pass the Critical 15 A-G courses and maintain a weighted 2.0 GPA in all their A-G courses.
- This is an incremental step in students maintaining a C average in all A-G classes.
- A-G Committee will be continually monitoring student data in all A-G courses to determine if we are on track for Class of 2031-A-G for All
- A-G Committee will report to the Board annually with progress reports



**Class of  
2029**

**Pass Critical 15 w/  
2.0 Weighted GPA  
in all A-G Courses**

**Current 7th  
Graders**

# Class of 2031: What is the impact?



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**Current 5th  
Graders**

- Current 5th graders will be required to pass the Critical 15 A-G courses with a C or better
- This is a district-wide initiative that requires an understanding of the A-G Graduation Requirements and buy-in at every level
- With the support of the A-G Committee and Educational Services, every grade segment will define what this work looks like and will set milestones to reach the eventual goal of A-G for All for the Class of 2031

# Proposed A-G Graduation Requirement Revised Timeline

## Class of 2022 (Basic 15)\*

- 3 Years of Any Math
- 2 Years of LOTE
- 1 Year of VPA

## Class of 2025 (Current 11th Grade)

Critical 15- UC Approved

## Class of 2027 (Current 9th Grade)

Critical 15- UC Approved  
2.0 Weighted GPA in All Classes

## Class of 2029 (Current 7th Grade)

Critical 15- UC Approved  
2.0 Weighted GPA in A-G Classes

## Class of 2031 (Current 5th Grade)

“C” or Better in Critical 15



# NEXT STEPS

As a District, we will continue working on:

- Development and implementation of Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS), Student Study Teams (SST) and research based instructional strategies across the district
- Expansion and refinement of Inclusive Practices
- Reforming Essential Standards, Benchmarks, and Grading Practices
- Researching alternatives to demonstrating college and career proficiency





# THANK YOU

Any questions?

