# **Preparing for High School**

A Guide to Successful Transition



# Tonight's Agenda

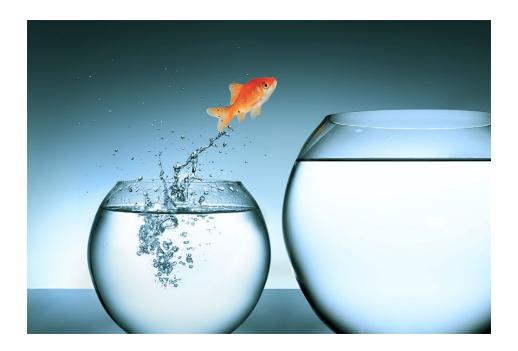
- Overview of Articulation process for students with IEPs
  - What is Articulation?
  - Articulation Timelines
  - School Boundaries
  - Residency Verification
  - High Schools and Programs
  - SELPA Program Specialist Supports
  - Parent and Student "To Do" Lists



### What is Articulation?

Students who receive special education services prepare for high school through the IEP process.

- Determine IEP supports and services
- Begin discussing goals for post high school outcomes



### **Articulation Timeline**

#### **Family Activities**

- Attend Parent Information Night CHECK! 65
- Complete Registration and Residency Verification
- Learn about student interests to help guide course selection
- Participate in IEP meetings and articulation meetings





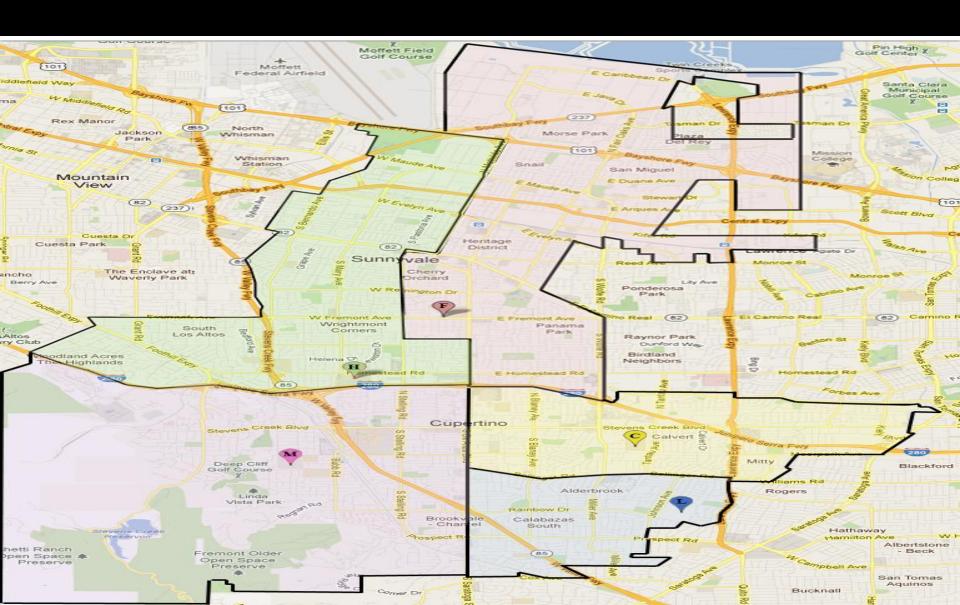




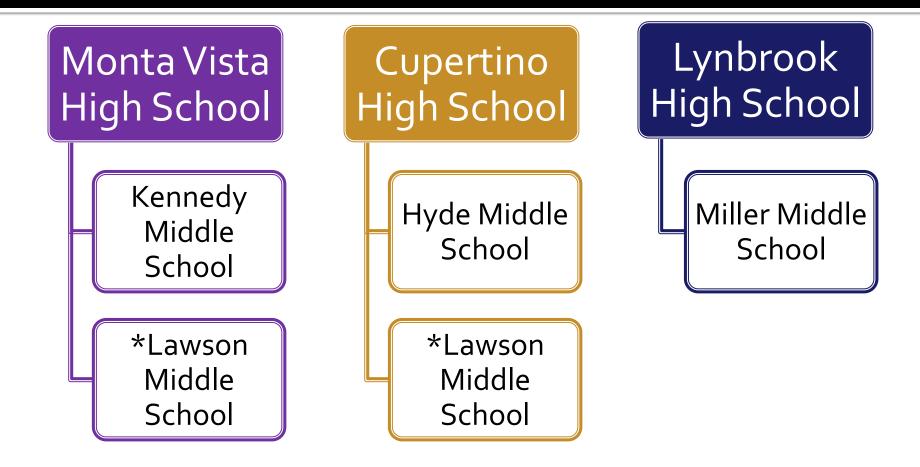




### **School Boundaries**

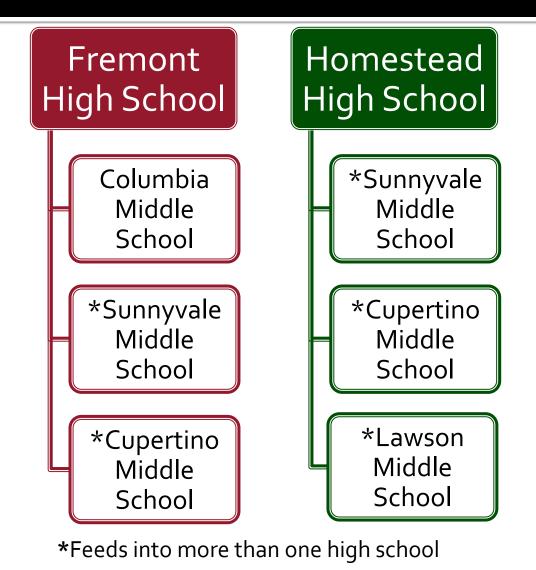


#### Feeder Home Schools



\*Feeds into more than one high school

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# **Residency Verification**

Residency Verification Documentation at



www.FUHSD.org



**Departments** 



**Enrollment & Residency** 



Online Registration

### Registration & Residency Verification

- Parents must complete registration and residency <u>PRIOR</u> <u>TO</u> the articulation IEP.
- Registration and residency verification will be conducted online. Email notification will be sent January 4.
- For priority course selection, complete registration and residency by February 16.
- If parents do not complete residency verification by (April 29, 2022), students will be deemed to have moved outside district boundaries and will be disenrolled.

### **Articulation IEPs**

- Team meetings, coordinated by the 8th grade case manager, includes middle school IEP team and home high school staff.
- Placement and services for high school will be discussed at this meeting.
- Once residency and articulation are complete, students attending a school other than their home school will be changed, by district staff, to the school of attendance within the student data system.

# Start of High School Information

- Look for specific information about your high school by electronic or postal mail in August.
- Freshman orientation occurs prior to the start of school (info will be on school websites).



### **FUHSD Special Education Services**

#### Special Education Services available at all schools

- Specialized Academic Instruction (SAI)
- Speech and Language
- Academic Communication (AC)
- Individual Counseling
- Behavior Services
- Audiology
- Visually Impairment
- Orientation and Mobility
- Occupational Therapy

# **FUHSD Specialized Programs**

- Therapeutic Elective (TEC) CHS, FHS, HHS
- Therapeutic Special Day Class/Voyager LHS
- Visually impairment support CHS



# Course of Study

Has the student received and made progress in a standards-based curriculum with typical peers?

Has the student taken the Smarter Balanced assessment?

**Diploma** 

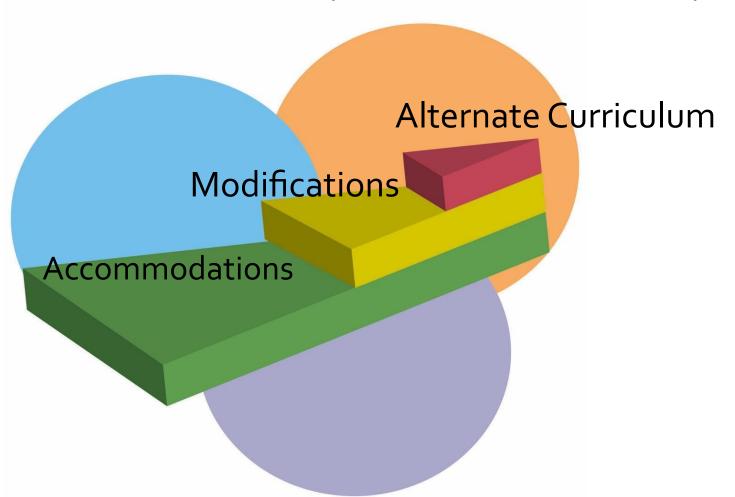
Has the student received and made progress in a modified or alternate curriculum?

Has the student taken the alternate assessment (CAA)?

Certificate

# **Continuum of Support**

As per their IEPs, students with Special Education services may receive:



### Accommodations

- Accommodations provide access for a student with a disability to participate in a course/standard/test, which DO NOT fundamentally alter or lower the standard or expectations of the course/standard/test.
- Course retains college eligibility



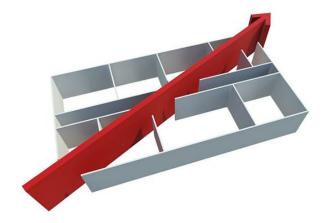
#### Accommodations

- Extra time on tests/assignments (define amount)
- Taking tests in alternate locations
- Audiobooks
- Access to computer
- Reducing the test items per page
- Environmental structuring
- Timing or scheduling



#### **Modifications**

- Modifications are changes in teaching strategies and curriculum, that fundamentally alter the expectations of the course/standard/test.
- Modifications, even in a general education class, meet the standard for high school graduation but remove the college eligibility of the course.



### **Modifications**

- Retaking/correcting tests for credit
- Word bank for tests
- Notes for tests
- Shortened or other limits to homework/classwork
- Material presented at a lower readability level
- Unlimited time



## **Graduation Requirements**

- English 4 Years/40 credits
- Science 2 Years/20 credits (Life, Physical)
- History 3 Years/30 credits (World, US, Govt/Econ)
- Math 2 Years/20 credits (min. Alg. 1, Geometry)
- Physical Education 2 Years/20 credits
- Fine Art, Applied Academics, World Language
  1 year/10 credits each of 2 of the 3
- Electives 70 credits
- TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED: 220

### Alternate Curriculum

- No matter the educational setting, if a student is completing work that is no longer based on the grade-level expectation or standards, they are completing alternate curriculum.
- Alternate curriculum leads to a Certificate of Completion (not a high school diploma) and post-secondary supports and services (specialized programs).



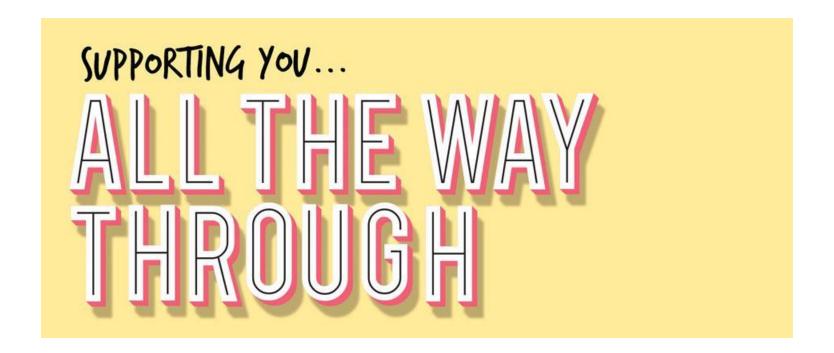
# Role of SELPA Program Specialists

- Responsibility to Specialized Programs
  - SCCOE programs and Low Incidence
    - Dianne Holcomb
  - Therapeutic Support
    - Wendy Sharp
  - Moderate to Severe /Post-Secondary Transition support
    - Jana Parker
  - Social Cognitive/Academic Communication
    - Elizabeth Rochin

# Role of SELPA Program Specialists

In the Articulation process, SELPA Program Specialists:

- 1. Facilitate placement of students in specialized programs
- 2. May facilitate program visits (district directed)
- 3. May facilitate an articulation meeting (district directed)



#### **Contacts**

- What if I have questions?
  - Contact your student's teacher/case manager
  - The teacher will coordinate IEPs and visits through the designated personnel that are coordinating articulation.
  - High school staff and Program Specialists will be available during:
    - School Information meetings
    - Articulation IEP meetings

#### Parent "To Do" List

- Spend time reviewing your student's current work, ask questions about how they are doing, discuss current accommodations/modifications
- Complete Registration & Residency Verification
- Review course selection guide with your student, discuss classes/electives that interest them
- Participate in the IEP meeting
- Enjoy your student's accomplishments and celebrate their graduation!

#### Student "To Do" List

- Consider goals for post high school
- Select courses and electives
- Participate in transition activities
- Participate in the IEP meeting
- Enjoy your accomplishments and celebrate your graduation!
- Participate in freshman orientation





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