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Growing up as the oldest of five children, Marcela Meave wasn't sure that college was in her future. She wanted to go and her parents wanted her to go, but they didn't know where to start. "As far back as I remember, I know my parents wanted me to go to college," she said. "But in my household, they didn't know how to go about it. My parents encouraged me, but there was a lack of experience to know what steps to take." Luckily for Marcela, when she became a 7th grader in the Sweetwater District, she joined the first group of students (Class of 2006) to enlist in the Compact for Success. She and her mother went to SDSU as part of the 7th grade visit and she was hooked. "That was my first Compact event and I knew that's where I wanted to go to college," she said. In 2006, Marcela graduated from Southwest High and enrolled in San Diego State as a Compact Scholar. Thanks to the Compact, she qualified for a four-year need-based scholarship. At SDSU, she majored in psychology with a double minor in Spanish and leadership development. She took advantage of every opportunity, signing up for two Study Abroad tours that took her to Spain and South Africa. She also became a Compact Advisor, serving as a role model for students in Sweetwater schools and introducing them to the benefits of the Compact. "It makes a difference knowing that someone like you did it," she said. "It's reinforcing and motivating talking to a college student who's done the same thing you want to do." Marcela credits that kind of personal encouragement she received as part of the Compact—from her high school counselor and outreach from college students—with keeping her focused on the goal of going to college. She achieved her dream in June 2011, graduating with distinction after earning a 3.8 grade point average. She is now earning her graduate degree in counseling at the University of San Diego. "Working as a Compact Advisor made me realize this was what I am passionate about, helping students realize that it is possible to go to college," said Marcela. "I did it and they can too."

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Compact Scholar
Class of 2011



Renewing the Compact



SDSU Class of 2011



SDSU Class of 2010



SDSU Class of 2014



GENERATIONS OF COMPACT FOR SUCCESS SCHOLARS

*Sweetwater and San Diego State University
 Partnership for GUARANTEED ADMISSION...*

C ollege Prep Curriculum



The strength of the **Compact for Success** program lies in rigorous college prep courses (a-g curriculum) available to all students.

a-g Courses	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
A		World History	US History	Government
B	English 9	English 10	English 11	English 12
C	Algebra *	Geometry *	Intermediate Algebra	Recommended
D		Biology **	Chemistry/ Physics	Recommended
E	Foreign Language *	Foreign Language *	Recommended	
F	Fine Arts	One year of Fine Arts can be taken in any grade. Both semesters must be in same subject. e.g. drama, art, music etc.		
G	Elective	One year of an extra a-g course can fulfill the elective requirement.		

* Course sequence may be started in middle school
 ** Science courses may be designated to begin in the 9th grade

O pportunity



M otivational Activities



Upon completion of ALL benchmarks, students have the opportunity of guaranteed admission to SDSU, earning the status of Compact Scholars.

Compact Benchmarks	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuous enrollment in Sweetwater schools from 7th to 12th grade • Complete all a-g courses required for CSU admission 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain CSU GPA of 3.0+ in a-g courses • Pass ELM (Entry Level Math) • Pass EPT (English Placement Tests) • Take SAT and ACT exams

P reparation



Encouragement and success go hand-in-hand. Compact support and motivational activities throughout middle and high school help students to become college-ready and give them opportunities to visit SDSU multiple times.

Informational workshops, step-by-step procedures and how-to-sessions guide parents and students through every step of the college admission process. Review and monitoring of student progress begins in middle school and continues throughout high school.

A cademic Focus



To ensure students succeed in a *college preparatory curriculum* and Advanced Placement courses, Compact for Success aligns itself with AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination), a program that assists students to increase their potential by instilling academic and organizational habits, critical thinking activities, notetaking skills and tutorial support.

C areer Paths



As a nationally renowned university, SDSU offers over 80 majors with an emphasis in Accounting, Biology, Business, Finance, Chemistry, Communication, Engineering, Nutrition, Information Systems and International Business.

Please visit www.sdsu.edu to learn more about its programs.

T est Readiness



Test performance is a critical component of the college admission process and to achieve Compact Scholar status.

7th - 11th Grades	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
California Standards Test (CST) Influences course placement	PSAT Practice test for College Admission	Early Assessment Program (EAP) via CST Determines college proficiency	Entry Level Math (ELM) English Placement Test (EPT) Achieves Compact Scholar status
	CAHSEE Graduation Requirement	SAT/ACT College Admission Tests	

*Test Prep Workshops conducted in 11th grade for SAT & ACT exams.