OPERATIONS MEMO

Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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CALIFORNIA

August 29, 2018   **GOM 2018-29**

TO: High School Counselors
        High School Principals
        County and District Superintendents

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SUBJECT: **Reminder: Upcoming Deadlines and Training Events**

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) reminds district and high school administrators of the following deadlines and training events.

High School Graduation Verification

- High schools must verify the graduation of students who have not self-certified by **August 31st**.

- A student's Cal Grant Entitlement award is placed on hold until the high school graduation requirement is satisfied.

- Verification of high school graduation is done electronically via WebGrants.

   o After logging in, click on WebGrants>GPA>High School Graduate Verification.

- Please refer to GOM 2018-21 for additional details.

2019-20 GPA Submission

- GPAs for the class of 2019 must be electronically submitted no later than **October 1, 2018**, as specified under Education Code 69432.9 (c)(2), unless the student has opted out, per Education Code 69432.9 (d)(1)(2). Refer to GOM 2018-07 for additional information on the Opt-Out provision.

   o Schools are further reminded to also submit 2019-20 GPAs for 2018 graduates. High school students have a 2-year window to qualify for a High School Entitlement Cal Grant – as seniors, and the year following graduation.

- GPAs for students who are enrolled in summer school should be uploaded <u>after</u> summer school grades have been posted, as these grades should be included in the GPA calculation.

- For additional GPA submission information, including GPA calculation instructions, GPA Opt-Out forms, and GPA upload tools, please click HERE.

- Ensure your WebGrants access is current or renew, if needed. Click HERE to obtain the necessary WebGrants Access Forms.

- Online webinar trainings on the GPA upload process and GPA reports are now available. To register for a live webinar, click HERE.

2018 High School Counselor Financial Aid Workshop Registration

- Half-day financial aid workshops are taking place at different locations across California from August 31-October 19, and are FREE to counselors, advisors, student advocacy groups, and staff from California high schools. Some of this year's workshop topics include:
  - ➢ Updates on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
  - ➢ Cash for College Program
  - ➢ Cal Grant Updates
  - ➢ The California Dream Act Application (CADAA)
- Click to view the 2018 High School Counselor Calendar of Events.
- Refer to GSA 2018-19 for registration instructions.

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