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Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: County and District Superintendents

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SUBJECT: Opening of 2020-21 Cal Grant GPA Electronic Submission

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) announces the opening of the 2020-21 Electronic Grade Point Average (GPA) submission window.

GPAs for the class of 2020 can be electronically submitted beginning today **May 22, 2019**, and no later than October 1, 2019, as specified under <u>Education Code 69432.9 (c)(2)</u>, unless the student has Opted-Out per <u>Education Code 69432.9 (d)(1)(2)</u>. Please refer to <u>GOM 2019-05</u> for additional information on the Opt-Out provision.

- Verify when your WebGrants access is set to expire and renew if needed. Click <u>HERE</u> to obtain the necessary WebGrants Access Forms.
- Online webinar trainings on the GPA upload process will be available throughout the next few months. To register for a live webinar, click <u>HERE</u>.
- Students who are enrolled in summer school should not have their GPAs uploaded until <u>after</u> summer school grades have been posted, as these grades should be included in the GPA calculation.
- High schools are <u>no longer</u> able to submit GPAs with Social Security Numbers and must use the "Non-SSN GPA" method. Refer to GSA 2018-23 for more information.
- For additional GPA submission information, including GPA calculation instructions, GPA
 Opt-Out forms and GPA upload tools, please click <u>HERE</u>.

Keep in mind, high school students have a 2-year window to qualify for a High School Entitlement Cal Grant – as seniors and 1 year after graduation. Therefore, it is a best practice to also submit GPAs for your 2019 graduates, given that some students would benefit from having their GPAs recalculated using grades earned during senior year.

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