



The Middle College Option



Middle College is a combined program between SUHSD and Cañada College that was established in 1999.

It is a dual enrollment program in which students attend three Middle College high school classes on the college campus every day and take a minimum of three college courses during the rest of the week. The program is open to all qualified SUHSD juniors and seniors.

In Middle College, students can...

- Earn college credits while still in high school - for FREE!
- Enjoy learning in a mature academic environment
- Gain access to college courses not available at high school
- Receive individual guidance and attention from our four academic advisors
- Get a supported transition from high school to college
- Save time and money by earning college credit while still in high school
- Have the potential to earn at least a year's worth of transferable college credit by graduation

Who Should Apply:

- Current sophomores and juniors (limited space for junior applicants)
- Students demonstrating an ability level that would suggest they can succeed in college courses based on teacher recommendations and a personal interview, rather than only by GPA
- Students who may not already be "tapped in" to special programs and services offered by their home high school (IB/AP, AVID, Academy, etc.)
- Students who may not have the additional help and resources they need to understand their college opportunities (e.g. first generation students)
- Students who may be in ICAP/AS as sophomores, but not going onto IB/AP as a junior
- Students who earned low grades during sophomore year and want to get back on track in terms of A-G/college eligibility
- Students who may be motivated by college course offerings not available at high school
- Students who can handle the freedom and responsibility of attending school on a college campus

Next steps:

- Check out our website: www.canadacollege.edu/middlecollege
- Come to an Info Meeting - all meetings are held at the SUHSD District Office on 480 James St in the Birch Room:
 - **Tuesday, 1/28 from 6:30-7:30pm**
 - **Tuesday, 2/11 from 6:30-7:30pm**
 - **Tuesday, 2/25 from 6:30-7:30pm**
 - **Wednesday, 3/5 from 6:30-7:30pm**
- Discuss Middle College with your parent/guardian
- Discuss Middle College with your guidance counselor
- Contact us directly with any questions – (650) 306-3120 or email canadamiddlecollege@smccd.edu
- Program Information: <https://www.smcore.com/khusx-the-middle-college-option>
- Apply by **March 20th, 2020 deadline**

Application Timeline and Checklist:

Information Meetings will be held in Jan-March of 2020.

Application deadline is Friday, March 20th, 2020 - application and all necessary links can be found at <https://canadacollege.edu/middlecollege/apply.php>

Intake Interviews will be conducted in April 2020 - these will be individually scheduled only after all pieces of the application have been submitted and after the March 20th deadline.

Middle College Starts on Monday, August 10, 2020

Application Checklist:

- Middle College Application
- Cañada College Application
- Writing Sample
 - Prompt: *Describe a time when you have shown resilience, persistence, maturity, and self-direction.*
 - Email your essay to Yesenia Haro at canadamiddlecollege@smccd.edu - make sure that your name is on the essay and attach it as a .pdf or other readable document format.
- Recommendations
 - 2 Teacher Recommendations from current Math and English teachers
 - 1 Guidance Counselor Recommendation

If you have any questions during the application process, please contact Yesenia Haro at canadamiddlecollege@smccd.edu or call 306-3120.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Do students earn a HS diploma?

Yes. All students must meet graduation requirements of their home high school and will receive a diploma from their home high school. However, since students are meeting some of these requirements through college coursework, they will also be earning actual college credits.

Can students still attend prom and participate in sports?

Yes, students are able to participate in their home high school activities, provided they are in good academic standing.

What kinds of kids attend Middle College?

All kinds. We have a wide variety of students who all work well together and come to know each other like a big family. Some come for academic reasons; others come to be part of a smaller social environment.

How much homework is there for college classes?

The homework load varies based on the different types of classes each student takes. In general, there is more reading required and fewer written assignments. Often a course will consist of two midterms and a final with few, if any, smaller homework assignments.

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