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School counselors meet with their students one on one (for scheduling purposes) and present to classrooms of students offering guidance lessons on the subject of graduation and post-secondary options including eligibility for University of California, California State University and Community College. Additionally, high school counselors and college and career counselors host college information nights in which parents are invited to hear about post-secondary options for their students. Events supporting financial aid application assistance for seniors as well as representatives from the University of California, California State University, private and out of state colleges and universities visit school sites during the day and for evening presentations through the college and career centers at all of the high schools throughout the school year.

The following statements are examples of what school counselors or college and career counselors might say in interactions with students and their families in regard to the Waiver for the class of 2022 and the Industry Concentration Certificate:

Students/Families eligible for the Waiver, class of 2022:

*"The opportunity to attend a four-year college or university directly from high school is dependent on a student successfully completing SRCS graduation requirement courses with grades of "C" or better in all classes that count toward eligibility. This includes all core subject courses as well as some elective courses. Your student has struggled to meet the requirements that make it possible for that to happen. Therefore, I am recommending that they consider the Waiver for the class of 2022. Your student meets the criteria and it will allow them to receive their high school diploma and graduate on time. **Many post-secondary options still exist for your student.** The work that your student has done in high school has prepared them to attend college-level courses at Santa Rosa Junior College, a community college. Support classes also exist to assist your student in meeting college-level expectations if they are in need of assistance. A community college does not have entrance requirements. The programs of study at community colleges, there are over 115 in California, are varied and affordable. Some of them are certificate programs that allow them to go straight to work after just a few courses and others are meant for long term goals like transferring to obtain a degree that is offered at a four-year college or university. If that is what your student wants they spend their Freshman and Sophomore years completing the first 60 transferable units towards their general education requirements, and then apply to a four-year college or university to finish their Junior and Senior year and receive a Bachelor degree. Other avenues exist for post-secondary routes of study including trade schools, job training programs, and apprenticeship opportunities. Accessing post-secondary training allows for your student to increase the possibility that they will find meaningful, purposeful work that aligns with their values and skills while increasing their earning potential which can*

lead to more choices in life. All of the course work your student has done in high school has been college preparatory and is intended to support them to be college and career ready. “

Students/Families Considering the Industry Concentration Certification:

*“Attending college doesn’t mean you have to go directly to a four-year college or university straight from high school. It depends on what your goals are. Santa Rosa Junior College and any community college, for that matter, is college. The courses that you are enrolled in to meet the SRCS high school graduation requirements are preparing you to be eligible to go directly to a four-year college as long as you get a grade of “C” or better in your core and certain elective classes. These are courses that would be included in an industry concentration certificate. As you progress through high school, there will be opportunities to choose classes that don’t meet the eligibility requirements to go directly to a four-year college or university and it is important that for you and your parents to understand that. This might come up if you are choosing a Math class that aligns with an industry sector you are pursuing, but it doesn’t meet the third year of math requirement for eligibility for the University of California or California State University System. **To have the most options when you graduate it makes sense to complete the courses that make you eligible to attend a four-year college or university directly from high school and that is possible, with the industry concentration certificate.** However, if you decide that you have interests in areas that are a priority for you and your family, it is perfectly alright to plan on attending a community college or another post-secondary option like a trade school, a job training program, or an apprenticeship opportunity directly from high school. The industry concentration certificate allows you to focus your courses of study on a particular area of interest that you may want to consider exploring after high school. What is important is that you pursue some training and/or a degree that will allow you to have choices around the kind of work that you do and the amount of money that you make. You can do that starting now - with the industry concentration certificate. Exploring careers and looking at what matches your values and interests can make learning feel more relevant and interesting. It can help you to set goals and go about figuring out how to achieve them. It’s important that you explore your interests and look for opportunities that can serve your love of learning.”*