

“ A Pathway for Success At SDSU-IV”

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

BETWEEN SDSU-IMPERIAL VALLEY (SDSU-IV)

AND

CENTRAL UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (CUHSD)

(v. 03/05/2024)

1. Objective

SDSU-IV and CUHSD agree to collaborate in the design and implementation of strategies aimed at developing skills and the knowledge base among high school students that will facilitate their transition to higher education. The Pathway for Success partners agree that this memorandum represents the foundation for the guaranteed admission program for the graduating high school classes of 2025-2030 and is in concert with San Diego State University-Imperial Valley’s admission standards and deadlines.

2. Background

SDSU-Imperial Valley serves the population of southeastern California. It is accredited as an integral unit of SDSU and operates under the same governance structure and university policies. Established in 1959 by an act of the State Legislature, SDSU-IV offers its programs in Calexico and Brawley. Offering undergraduate degrees, graduate degrees, and post-baccalaureate credential programs, SDSU Imperial Valley helps matriculated students achieve their higher education goals.

Central Union High School District serves the communities of El Centro, Heber and Seely. CUHSD currently serves 4100 high school students in five high schools and over 1500 adults in their Adult School. Their roots go back to the early days of the Imperial Valley with the first school being established in 1908, our District namesake, Central Union High School. CUHSD takes responsibility for high expectations for students learning essential skills, and developing abilities, and knowledge by working collaboratively with our school community and providing a safe learning environment.

San Diego State University-Imperial Valley's Commitment

Guaranteed Admission to SDSU-IV

Students in Central Union High School District graduating classes of 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029 and 2030 shall be eligible for guaranteed to admission to an SDSU-IV undergraduate program should they:

1. Have maintained continuous enrollment in Central Union High School District (CUHSD) schools from 9th-12th grade and graduated from a CUHSD high school. Exceptions will be made for students who are graduating from a CUHSD high school and have experienced homelessness, been in foster care or are military dependents.
2. Meet minimum CSU eligibility requirements for first-time freshmen.
3. Complete all A-G coursework required by CSU admission policies.
4. Have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 at the point that their application for admission is submitted and upon graduation.
5. Submit Cal State Apply between October 1 and December 15 in their senior year of high school (approximately one-year in advance of their planned entry term to SDSU-IV), selecting an SDSU-Imperial Valley campus major.
6. Meet all post-admission deadlines, including the May 1 deadline to submit their intent to enroll at SDSU-IV.

Note: Admission is not guaranteed to any specific majors, but to the university; some academic degree programs have enrollment caps due to programmatic criteria and accreditation requirements. Students should indicate their first choice for a major on Cal State Apply, and SDSU-IV will notify students at the point of admission whether they are eligible to enroll in their major of choice. Students who meet CSU eligibility requirements and are ineligible to enroll in their first choice major will be offered the opportunity to enroll in an alternative major offered at SDSU-IV.

Recruitment:

1. SDSU-IV will develop an outreach program which includes visits to each CUHSD High School for information sessions and meetings with prospective students at least once each fall and spring, to review criteria for guaranteed admission.
2. SDSU-IV will offer campus visit opportunities for prospective students and high school classes.
3. SDSU-IV will offer opportunities for prospective students and parents to meet SDSU faculty.
4. Development of brochures and websites to promote opportunities for students to earn admission to SDSU-IV, the value of a college degree, recommendations on high school course selection, and opportunities for financial aid.
5. Offer workshops to support students with submission of Cal State Apply each fall semester.

Data Management and Assessment:

1. Monitor student achievement and continue to implement practices that encourage learning by all students.
2. Provide feedback to the District staff on rates of admission and student achievement.
3. Data on students who enter the University from the District will be shared with the District with student authorization and in accordance with CSU and SDSU data-sharing policies.

CUHSD's Commitment

The CUHSD will support the attainment of guaranteed admission benchmarks for their students with an enhanced secondary program including the following:

Academic Support:

1. A Common Core State Standards aligned mathematics curriculum for grades 6-12.
2. Summer school opportunities for basic skill preparation
3. Offering all students entering 9th grade access to A-G courses in order to increase the percentage of high school students eligible for UC/CSU admission.
4. Offering classes in Chemistry, Precalculus and Calculus for students interested in pursuing STEM majors.
5. Assessing CSU English and Mathematics proficiency through participation in the CAASPP/EAP.
6. Providing proactive college counseling so that students are aware of A-G requirements, as well as which classes will provide them the best preparation for their intended major at SDSU-IV. Students intending to major in STEM fields should be encouraged to enroll in Chemistry and mathematics courses along the Calculus track.
7. Encourage student enrollment in Advanced Placement (AP) courses and concurrent enrollment classes to begin earning college credit while in high school.

Parent/Family Communication & Education:

1. A clear statement of expectations to staff, parents, community, and students for seventh grade and each year thereafter.
2. A systematic program of parent communication and education.
3. Opportunities for students and parents to visit SDSU-IV when organized and planned as part of the District program including transportation to SDSU-IV for visits.

4. Frequent notification to students and parents of academic progress towards meeting high school graduation requirements and minimum requirements for entry to a UC/CSU campus.

Administrative Support:

1. Offer opportunities for SDSU-IV recruitment staff to visit each high school in the district at least once each fall and spring semester.
2. Notify students and parents in advance of SDSU-IV's high school visits to optimize attendance at programs.
3. For all CUHSD students offered admission to SDSU-IV, provide partial high school transcripts to SDSU-IV by no later than May 1 (displaying student coursework and grades through the fall semester of their senior year) and final transcripts by July 15 (showing proof of graduation and spring grades).

TERMS OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding has a set term of five (5) years by mutual agreement of the partners and signed on March 13, 2024.

Adela de la Torre

Adela de la Torre (Apr 30, 2024 10:15 PDT)

Dr. Adela de la Torre

President

San Diego State University



Dr. David Farkas

Superintendent

Central Union High School District