

# High School Distance Learning Scholarship Award

## Oakland Unified School District

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- Situation:** Anecdotal evidence indicates that the number of high school students meaningfully participating in distance-learning classes significantly dropped during the ten-week period following the COVID-19 Shelter-In-Place Order. While necessary to protect the public's health, the continuation of distance-learning classes for the 2020 Fall Semester elevates the risk that an extraordinary number of high school students will become off-track or further off-track for graduation and satisfactory A-G course completion.
- Purpose:** To maximize the number of high school students who regularly participate in distance-learning classes and pass all assigned courses with a "C" grade or better by incentivizing student participation and study under Shelter-In-Place learning/living conditions.
- Target:** Every OUSD high school student enrolled at:
- Castlemont High School (2019-2020 = 819/87.5% F&RPM)
  - Coliseum College Preparatory Academy (2019-2020 = 281/94.7% F&RPM)
  - Dewey Academy (2019-2020 = 207/89.4% F&RPM)
  - Fremont High School (2019-2020 = 841/91% F&RPM)
  - Life Academy (2019-2020 = 247/91.4% F&RPM)
  - Madison Park Academy (2019-2020 = 441/93.8% F&RPM)
  - McClymonds High School (2019-2020 = 359/90.3% F&RPM)
  - MetWest High School (2019-2020 = 205/79% F&RPM)
  - Oakland High School (2019-2020 = 1,657/86.4% F&RPM)
  - Oakland International (2019-2020 = 391/90% F&RPM)
  - Oakland Technical (2019-2020 = 1,960/48.5% F&RPM)
  - Ralph J. Bunche High School (2019-2020 = 109/89.9% F&RPM)
  - Rudsdale Continuation (2019-2020 = 270/88.5% F&RPM)
  - Skyline High School (2019-2020 = 1,577/69.6% F&RPM)
  - Street Academy (2019-2020 = 97/83.5% F&RPM)
- Program:** Award a \$1,000 scholarship (or \$500 per quarter/mini-semester) to each high school student who maintains satisfactory attendance in all distance-learning classes and passes all distance-learning classes with a "C" grade or better.
- \$ Source:** Budget \$9.5 million from the federal 2020 CARES Act allocation (totaling approximately \$36 million) for 2020 Fall Semester scholarship awards.