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REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE



The California State Library's
**Career Online High
School Program**



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Report to the Legislature on the Career Online High School Program of the California State Library

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Summary

California's Career Online High School program, which is now offered in almost 780 of the state's 1,130 public libraries, complements other adult education opportunities in the state by providing an online program that can fit into the busy schedules of working and parenting adults. The program offers qualified adults ages 19 and over the chance to earn an accredited high school diploma and a career certificate.

Career Online High School has helped 2,698 California adults achieve their dream of a high school diploma. There are 887 students currently pursuing their degree through the program (as of June 30, 2022). Fifty-eight percent of students who are awarded a scholarship complete the program. Students take an average of 11 months to receive their diploma, and 76 percent of graduates surveyed indicated interest in post-secondary education.

“Finishing my high school was a goal that I had for a long time, but I wasn’t able to achieve it because of my schedule. I didn’t have time to go to school. Career Online High School gave me the opportunity to study in my free time and from home. Thanks to Career Online High School I have regained my desire to continue and finish my studies. At the moment, I am working in the hotel and restaurant industry. I hope in the future to get a job in the human resources area. My plans are to be able to start college this summer.”

— Perla, Santa Monica Public Library

For many of the 2,698 graduates, the Career Online High School program is a steppingstone that conveniently fits into their busy lives, allowing graduates to complete an important life goal and follow the path they have envisioned for themselves. For graduates in June 2022, 65 percent of graduates indicated interest in enrolling in college; 31 percent did enroll in college in areas of study like cosmetology, human resources, medical billing, business administration, criminal justice, and other programs that are likely to continue increasing a graduate's standard of living (see [Appendix D](#)).

Seventy-one of California's 185 library jurisdictions offer Career Online High School, comprising 779 individual libraries in 32 of California's 58 counties (see [Appendix A](#)).

Six large library systems were the first to implement the program: Los Angeles County Library, Los Angeles Public Library, Sacramento Public Library, San Bernardino County Library, San Diego Public Library, and San Francisco Public Library. Los Angeles Public Library has the most graduates with 733 followed by Los Angeles County Library with 521. The three newest programs are Lodi Public Library and San Benito County Free Library, which began participating in March 2022, and Mariposa County Library, starting in June 2022.

Local libraries, businesses, and nonprofits have matched the state's investment by contributing over \$3.95 million¹ in support of Career Online High School in their communities. In addition to the local cash match, libraries also commit significant staff time promoting the program, enrolling students, monitoring student progress, and organizing graduation ceremonies.

The California State Library purchased 2,740 additional scholarships in 2022 from the State's 2021-2022 fiscal year investment. A total of 3,193 scholarships are available to public libraries and their service communities.

“I finished my high school diploma to be able to pursue my career of becoming a Registered Nurse. I’m currently serving my community as a Pregnancy Educator and Medical Assistant. I plan in the near future to obtain my bachelor’s in nursing.”

— Yessica, Ventura County Library System

Every month, thousands of Californians turn to their libraries to investigate the program. Between March and June 2022, the California State Library [Career Online High School webpage](#) had 7,187 unique visitors. When adult students are ready to pursue their dreams, their public libraries stand prepared to welcome them onto the path to a high school diploma.

The Challenge

California has more adults without a high school diploma than any other state in the nation.² About 6.3 million California residents 25 or older lack a high school diploma. Although about 89 percent of adults over 25 in the U.S. now have a high school diploma, California's rate of 84 percent is among the lowest in the nation.³

Adults without high school diplomas are often excluded from opportunities in the workplace, higher education, and career pathways. High school graduates can expect to earn about \$7,436 a year more in annual income than those without a degree. Between the ages of 18 and 64 (the average age of retirement in California)⁴, a high school graduate will make about \$342,056 more in lifetime earnings than those without a diploma.⁵ For adults struggling to juggle childcare, multiple jobs, and meeting monthly expenses, a high school diploma may be a deferred or unattainable dream. But for

1 California public libraries have purchased 3,608 scholarships. 3,608 scholarships multiplied by \$1,095 is an investment of \$3,950,760 in local match by California public libraries.

2 <https://www.uscareerinstitute.edu/blog/where-are-the-highest-graduation-rates-in-the-us> viewed on 22 September 2022.

3 <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/CA> viewed 5 July 2022 viewed 5 July 2022.

4 <https://www.forbes.com/advisor/retirement/average-retirement-age/#:~:text=While%20the%20average%20U.S.%20retirement,retirement%20benefit%20is%20roughly%20%241%2C620> viewed 8 September 2022.

5 <https://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/wkyeng.pdf> viewed 5 July 2022.

A Solution

2,698 Californians, public libraries have offered a path to a high school diploma through Career Online High School.

Public libraries reach and engage adult learners and meet their needs through adult literacy centers, digital learning classes, free broadband access and computers, and career support. California's public libraries have the experience, reach, flexibility, tools, and vision to make a difference in the lives of adults who seek a high school diploma.

Career Online High School is a self-paced, online, accredited high school diploma program designed for adults ages 19 and over. Career Online High School is accredited by Cognia, a nationally recognized educational service provider that provides accreditation for primary and secondary public and private schools accepted by most post-secondary institutions. The Career Online High School program provides an affordable alternative for adults seeking a diploma but have other life responsibilities and challenges, including busy schedules, limited transportation, family responsibilities, and multiple jobs, that may limit their access to traditional high school diploma programs. For these Californians, Career Online High School is a flexible diploma pathway that expands the traditional K-12 education and adult education program models. Career Online High School is free to California adults who are awarded full scholarships by their libraries. Scholarships are valued at \$1,095 each. Students are awarded a scholarship after successfully completing a self-assessment, a preliminary coursework period, an interview, and an additional probationary coursework period.

All graduates earn a career certificate in one of ten high-demand, high-growth fields, from Childcare and Home Care Professional to Homeland Security, Commercial Driving, and Retail Customer Service, and create a resume and career portfolio to assist in the job search process after graduation.



San Diego County Library Director Migell Acosta (left) and Career Online High School Graduate Stephanie Flores (right)

“I’m currently working as a supervisor at a restaurant. I wanted to finish High School because I’d like to go to college someday. I learned a lot of things in the office management course that have helped me a lot in my current job position. I’d like to study more to escalate even higher in my job field.”

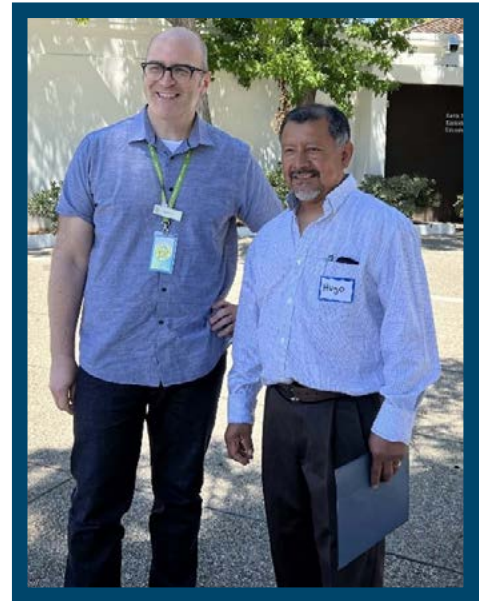
— Ana, LA County Library

Career Online High School's virtual learning environment supports independent learners. Core courses are aligned to national standards, and students have access to academic coaches. Adult students

may also get support from volunteer tutors and staff at their public libraries.

Unlike the General Education Development test (GED), students do not have to pay for exams. They also do not need a minimum number of credits to enroll, as is required in some adult education high school diploma programs. Students have 18 months to complete the Career Online High School curriculum and can transfer credits from their high school, GED, adult schools, and other educational experiences. The typical California learner takes 11 months to complete the program.

To help build confidence and success, students begin their coursework in a career path that interests them. There are a total of 10 career paths a student can choose from, such as childcare and education, commercial driving, office management, an introduction to manufacturing, and others. A student works to master only one course of study at a time, avoiding the overload of multiple courses combined with work and family responsibilities.



Santa Barbara Public Library COHS Coordinator Devon Cahill (left) and Career Online High School Graduate Hugo Miguel Perez (right)

Career Online High School in California Libraries

Seventy-one California public library jurisdictions—a total of 779 libraries—offer Career Online High School to library cardholders. Almost 2,700 adults in the state have earned diplomas through their public library via Career Online High School (as of June 30, 2022), and the number of graduates grows each month as enrollees begin to finish their year-long journey.

How the Program Works



To receive a scholarship for Career Online High School, students undergo a five-step vetting process. The following process helps ensure the program is a good fit for each student before full enrollment:

- *Self-assessment* – The self-assessment captures a potential student’s contact information, prior education, schedule, access to technology, and goals for obtaining a high school diploma.
- *Preliminary Coursework Two-Week Period (Prerequisite)* – After a Career Online High School library

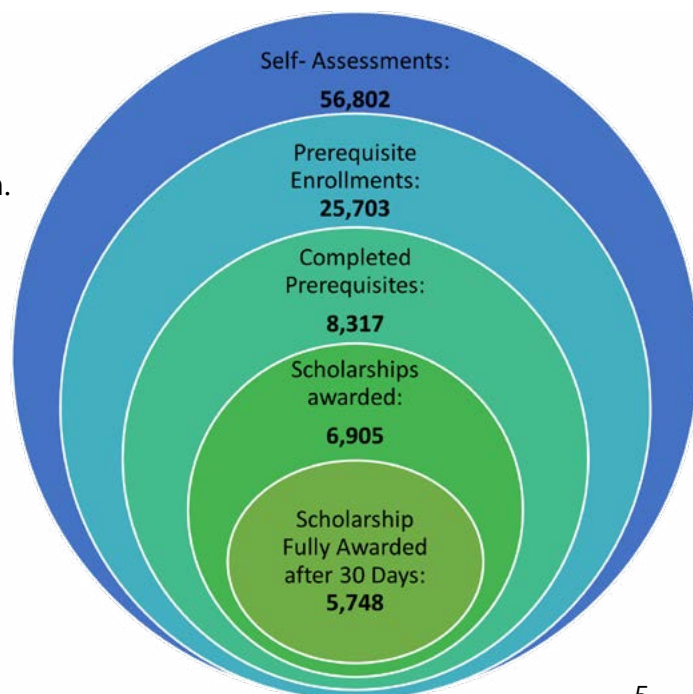
staff person reviews a potential student's self-assessment, the potential student is then provided a link to access the library's individualized Career Online High School enrollment website to enroll in the preliminary coursework period, also known as the "prerequisite course." During this stage, a student will select their career path and begin a two-week prerequisite course that provides the opportunity to experience the Career Online High School program's overall pacing and workload. The process allows the student to determine whether Career Online High School will be a good fit for them and their lifestyle. A student must successfully complete this portion with a cumulative score of 70 percent or higher within two weeks of enrollment in the course. Depending on the library, the student may have multiple opportunities to take a prerequisite course if they do not initially meet the passing requirements.

- *Interview* – When a student successfully completes the prerequisite coursework, they then schedule an interview with the library's Career Online High School staff person. During this stage, the staff person learns more about the student's goals, prior education experience, and pre-requisite experience to determine whether the student will be successful moving into the probationary coursework 30-day period.
- *Probationary Coursework 30-Day Period* – If a student has a successful interview and believes the Career Online High School program model fits their needs and lifestyle, a student is tentatively awarded a scholarship and placed in the probationary coursework 30-day period. While in this period, students have a month of full access to the Career Online High School program and can begin formal coursework toward their diploma and career certificate. During this period, the student is also matched with their academic coach and begin generating a work plan they will use for the duration of the program. If a student successfully completes their assigned work within the 30-day period, they are fully awarded a scholarship. If a student does not complete their assigned work within this period, they have the opportunity to try again in the future and the tentatively awarded scholarship is returned to the library's available scholarship supply.
- *Scholarship Award* – After a student successfully completes each of the four prior steps, they are fully awarded a scholarship to complete their high school diploma and career certificate with Career Online High School within 18 months of enrollment. The typical California adult enrollee takes 11 months to graduate.

At each step, students who do not meet the program requirements may have the opportunity to begin the enrollment process again or are directed to other library and community services that may be a better fit for them.

The chart to the right shows how many students have moved through each step of the enrollment process (self-assessment, preliminary coursework two-week period, interview, additional probationary coursework 30-day period, and scholarship award) until a student is fully awarded a scholarship after 30 days and then can continue working on their full coursework toward their high school diploma and career certificate.*

*Cumulative for all California libraries with Career Online High School as of June 30, 2022.



Program History

Inspired by outcomes at six libraries who saw that an adult high school diploma program was a natural fit for the mission of a public library and independently introduced the program, the Governor and the Legislature approved a \$1 million pilot for the library-based Career Online High School program in the 2015-2016 fiscal year. Those funds provided 873 scholarships for public libraries to award to adult learners in their communities.

“I wanted to finish my high school diploma for myself. I have always felt self-conscious about not having it, especially since I wanted to go to college. This program gave me the knowledge, the skills, and the confidence I needed to move forward with my goals. I plan to begin taking courses at a local community college and transfer to a four-year institution before continuing with graduate school. My goal is to become a Music college professor in the future.”



Ventura County Library Career Online High School Graduate Stephanie Singletary (right) and daughter Olivia (left)

— David, Los Angeles Public Library

Additional state purchases have been made over the past six years and for a total of 7,124 scholarships. As of June 30, 2022, there are currently 3,193 scholarships available to local libraries. The other 3,931 scholarships were allocated to California adults, 887 of whom are still enrolled in the program.

The scholarships the state buys must be matched by locally purchased scholarships that are supported by many sources: businesses, foundations, service clubs, city and county governments, and individual donors.

How to Participate

Libraries can apply to join the Career Online High School program or receive additional scholarships throughout the year. New libraries generally pay for three scholarships and receive three no-cost scholarships from the California State Library.

Libraries launching Career Online High School in their communities receive comprehensive initial training and ongoing support from Smart Horizons Career Online Education staff. Smart Horizons Career Online Education staff also maintains an online collection of resources for programs, including public relations and marketing materials.

“I wanted to finish my high school diploma so that I can prove to myself that I can be successful and accomplished. I knew receiving my diploma would cement my confidence in doing more for myself and my family. I gained a sense of responsibility and realization that It’s okay to ask for help. With this weight off my shoulder, I am more determined to find a better job and look into different majors. For now, I will be pursuing a job that goes with my career certification and possibly enroll in a program to further my education.”

— Nadia, LA County Library

Each month, California libraries can join an online session to share program updates and receive support from California State Library staff, fellow programs, and Smart Horizons Career Online Education staff. Smart Horizons Career Online Education and four Career Online High School California Public Libraries presented a live best practice and sharing session at the 2022 California Library Association meeting in Sacramento.

The Larger Impact

Each Career Online High School graduate is predicted to increase their median yearly earnings by an average \$7,436,⁶ which translates to approximately \$342,046 lifetime earnings over a 46-year period (between the ages of 18-64, the average age of retirement in California). Each year this increased earning power equates to \$376 in additional California state taxes, or about \$17,300 in additional taxes over a graduate’s lifetime. Because adults without a high school diploma face the greatest social, economic, and health barriers of any educational attainment category,⁷ adults who receive a high school diploma will also increase governmental and taxpayer savings by relying less on social services.

Over three-quarters of California Career Online High School graduates who responded to an exit survey indicated they plan to go on to higher education, which will further increase their social, economic, and health capital. Helping just 25 adults earn their diplomas could translate into an \$8.6 million increase in those graduates’ lifetime earnings and a \$432,500 lifetime increase in local state revenue with their high school diploma alone. If these 25 Career Online High School graduates decide to continue their education and attain a bachelor’s degree, the total increase in lifetime earnings for these 25 individuals could total \$40.4 million with a \$2.84 million increase in local state revenue.

6 High school graduates earn \$143 per week more than those without a diploma. "Median weekly earnings \$606 for high school dropouts, \$1,559 for advanced degree holders." U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, viewed 8 October 2022, <https://www.bls.gov/opub/ted/2019/median-weekly-earnings-606-for-high-school-dropouts-1559-for-advanced-degree-holders.htm>.

7 "2021 Health Disparities Report – Executive Brief." United Health Foundation, viewed 8 September 2022, <https://www.americashealthrankings.org/learn/reports/2021-disparities-report>.

“My reasons for finishing my high school diploma were to get a better paying job, please myself and family, and because I was so close to finishing my high school before I dropped out. The program gave me the confidence to tackle any job interview or application required and it refreshed my mind on important things I had forgotten. I am currently unemployed and waiting for my high school diploma so I can start submitting resumes and job applications. I plan to follow a career in the automotive industry and continue my education in the fields required for me to succeed.”

— Sergio, Los Angeles Public Library

As of June 30, 2022, California libraries with Career Online High School have delivered the following results:

- **2,698** total graduates to date in California
- **169** adult students who are likely to graduate in the next 3 months
- **887** adult students currently active in the program (including adults likely to graduate in the next three months)
- **11** months on average to complete the program
- **76** percent of graduates expressed interest in post-secondary education during their exit interview
- **99.5** percent said they would recommend this program to others

Appendix A: Participating Libraries

Total Scholarships

The following table shows how many total scholarships current participating libraries purchased and were awarded by the state, total scholarships awarded to students entering the Probationary Coursework 30-Day Period, the total scholarships executed for a student to officially enroll in Career Online High School, and total scholarships available in each library jurisdiction's supply as of June 30, 2022.

Library Jurisdiction	Total Scholarships Awarded to Library	Total Scholarships Awarded by State	Total Scholarships Awarded to Students	Total Scholarships Executed	Total Scholarships Remaining
Alameda County Library	30	15	28	21	9
Altadena Library District	6	3	1	1	5
Amador County Library	11	7	1	1	10
Azusa City Library	26	14	13	12	14
Banning Library District	6	5	2	0	6
Beaumont Library District	23	12	9	8	15
Blanchard Community Library	5	4	1	0	5
Butte County Library	10	6	2	2	8
Carlsbad City Library	48	24	34	29	19
Chula Vista Public Library	41	22	33	30	11
City of Inglewood Public Library	58	38	33	27	31
Coalinga-Huron Library District	6	3	3	3	3
Colusa County Free Library	14	11	9	9	5
Contra Costa County Library	26	12	25	24	2
Corona Public Library	35	18	31	25	10
Del Norte County Library District	6	5	0	0	6

Library Jurisdiction	Total Scholarships Awarded to Library	Total Scholarships Awarded by State	Total Scholarships Awarded to Students	Total Scholarships Executed	Total Scholarships Remaining
El Dorado County Library	31	17	28	23	8
Fresno County Public Library	24	19	13	10	14
Hayward Public Library	47	29	32	27	20
Huntington Beach Public Library	24	12	20	16	8
Imperial County Free Library	10	7	0	0	10
Kern County Library	12	10	16	12	0
Kings County Library	18	11	11	9	9
LA County Library*	1145	560	1276	1033	112
Livermore Public Library	25	20	0	0	25
Lodi Public Library	6	3	0	0	6
Long Beach Public Library	245	145	186	162	83
Los Angeles Public Library*	1847	995	2079	1674	173
Marin County Free Library	20	10	6	6	14
Mariposa County Library	3	3	0	0	3
Mendocino County Library**	6	5	0	0	6
Mission Viejo Library	15	12	4	0	15
Monterey County Free Libraries	10	5	3	1	9
Mountain View Public Library	18	12	7	6	12
Napa County Library	26	13	21	19	7
Nevada County Library	12	10	7	7	5
Newport Beach Public Library	22	11	21	17	5
Oakland Public Library**	18	10	23	19	-1

Library Jurisdiction	Total Scholarships Awarded to Library	Total Scholarships Awarded by State	Total Scholarships Awarded to Students	Total Scholarships Executed	Total Scholarships Remaining
OC Public Libraries	103	55	97	87	16
Oceanside Public Library	18	10	19	16	2
Palm Springs Public Library	38	19	29	20	18
Porterville Public Library	12	6	5	4	8
Rancho Cucamonga Public Library	5	4	0	0	5
Redwood City Public Library	36	18	38	30	6
Richmond Public Library	102	57	93	78	24
Riverside County Library System	44	31	38	31	13
Sacramento Public Library*	591	255	535	460	131
San Benito County Free Library	6	3	0	0	6
San Bernardino County Library*	437	191	460	395	42
San Diego County Library	473	250	316	279	194
San Diego Public Library*	416	155	241	208	208
San Francisco Public Library*	237	61	183	190	47
San José Public Library	362	245	256	229	133
San Leandro Public Library	9	6	4	4	5
San Mateo County Libraries	68	34	58	54	14
Santa Ana Public Library	14	9	10	10	4
Santa Barbara Public Library	20	12	16	13	7
Santa Clara City Library	11	7	8	7	4

Library Jurisdiction	Total Scholarships Awarded to Library	Total Scholarships Awarded by State	Total Scholarships Awarded to Students	Total Scholarships Executed	Total Scholarships Remaining
Santa Clara County Library District	10	5	4	4	6
Santa Cruz City Library	9	6	1	1	8
Santa Fe Springs City Library	22	11	14	11	11
Santa Monica Public Library	43	26	32	32	11
Simi Valley Public Library	5	4	2	1	4
Solano County Library	81	38	71	66	15
Sonoma County Library	56	32	34	33	23
Stockton-San Joaquin County Public Library	63	36	65	50	13
Sunnyvale Public Library	16	8	16	11	5
Tulare County Free Library	58	51	49	41	17
Tulare Public Library	32	26	27	23	9
Ventura County Library	106	70	91	78	28
Victorville City Library	10	8	7	6	4
Woodland Public Library	30	17	10	10	20
Yolo County Library	34	20	31	29	5
Grand Total	7512	3904	6838	5744	1768

*Pre-pilot libraries now participating in State project. Some local purchases predate the State Program

**Library jurisdictions no longer participating in Career Online High School program.

Appendix B: Participating Libraries Student Data

The following table shows a breakdown of student data by number of enrollments for Part 1, completion of Part 1, scholarships tentatively awarded, scholarships fully awarded after 30 days, total incomplete, and total alumni for each library jurisdiction as of June 30, 2022.

Library Jurisdiction	Part 1 Enrollments	Part 1 Completions	Scholarships Tentatively Awarded	Total Scholarships Executed	Total Incomplete	Total Alumni
Alameda County Library	102	40	28	21	6	12
Altadena Library District	2	1	1	1	0	0
Amador County Library	1	1	1	1	0	1
Azusa City Library	31	15	13	12	3	4
Banning Library District	10	3	2	0	0	0
Beaumont Library District	15	11	9	8	2	6
Blanchard Community Library	2	1	1	0	0	0
Butte County Library	8	3	2	2	0	0
Carlsbad City Library	89	35	34	29	5	21
Chula Vista Public Library	93	47	33	30	10	16
City of Inglewood Public Library	119	36	33	27	10	12
Coalinga-Huron Library District	22	8	3	3	1	2
Colusa County Free Library	32	12	9	9	1	4
Contra Costa County Library	111	30	25	24	11	7
Corona Public Library	97	34	31	25	7	16
Del Norte County Library District	1	0	0	0	0	0

Library Jurisdiction	Part 1 Enrollments	Part 1 Completions	Scholarships Tentatively Awarded	Total Scholarships Executed	Total Incomplete	Total Alumni
El Dorado County Library	55	3	28	23	17	5
Fresno County Public Library	151	47	13	10	2	7
Hayward Public Library	90	36	32	27	11	14
Huntington Beach Public Library	49	23	20	16	3	11
Imperial County Free Library	2	0	0	0	0	0
Kern County Library	75	30	16	12	7	3
Kings County Library	48	14	11	9	6	3
LA County Library*	4042	1559	1276	1033	345	521
Livermore Public Library	1	0	0	0	0	0
Lodi Public Library	0	0	0	0	0	0
Long Beach Public Library	474	214	186	162	64	79
Los Angeles Public Library*	11407	2771	2079	1674	630	733
Marin County Free Library	31	7	6	6	3	1
Mariposa County Library	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mendocino County Library**	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mission Viejo Library	5	4	4	0	0	0
Monterey County Free Libraries	6	4	3	1	0	0
Mountain View Public Library	20	7	7	6	0	3
Napa County Library	55	23	21	19	10	6
Nevada County Library	15	5	7	7	3	3

Library Jurisdiction	Part 1 Enrollments	Part 1 Completions	Scholarships Tentatively Awarded	Total Scholarships Executed	Total Incomplete	Total Alumni
Newport Beach Public Library	57	26	21	17	5	11
Oakland Public Library**	76	26	23	19	9	10
OC Public Libraries	308	124	97	87	23	45
Oceanside Public Library	48	24	19	16	2	9
Palm Springs Public Library	83	37	29	20	8	10
Porterville Public Library	15	6	5	4	2	2
Rancho Cucamonga Public Library	0	0	0	0	0	0
Redwood City Public Library	98	39	38	30	12	13
Richmond Public Library	332	101	93	78	15	58
Riverside County Library System	117	49	38	31	6	10
Sacramento Public Library*	1611	618	535	460	188	217
San Benito County Free Library	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Bernardino County Library*	1235	494	460	395	186	169
San Diego County Library	869	317	316	279	79	114
San Diego Public Library*	691	299	241	208	66	117
San Francisco Public Library*	799	208	183	190	70	67
San José Public Library	625	294	256	229	55	142
San Leandro Public Library	9	6	4	4	0	1
San Mateo County Libraries	197	65	58	54	20	23
Santa Ana Public Library	16	9	10	10	3	4

Library Jurisdiction	Part 1 Enrollments	Part 1 Completions	Scholarships Tentatively Awarded	Total Scholarships Executed	Total Incomplete	Total Alumni
Santa Barbara Public Library	33	12	16	13	3	6
Santa Clara City Library	19	10	8	7	0	6
Santa Clara County Library District	13	6	4	4	1	1
Santa Cruz City Library	21	1	1	1	1	0
Santa Fe Springs City Library	30	17	14	11	5	4
Santa Monica Public Library	56	28	32	32	4	20
Simi Valley Public Library	4	2	2	1	0	0
Solano County Library	234	82	71	66	27	23
Sonoma County Library	88	40	34	33	9	12
Stockton-San Joaquin County Public Library	183	68	65	50	16	26
Sunnyvale Public Library	58	24	16	11	5	4
Tulare County Free Library	99	50	49	41	10	21
Tulare Public Library	72	30	27	23	8	13
Ventura County Library	198	99	91	78	32	34
Victorville City Library	15	8	7	6	0	0
Woodland Public Library	28	10	10	10	6	3
Yolo County Library	105	33	31	29	12	13
Grand Total	25703	8286	6838	5744	2045	2698

*Pre-pilot libraries now participating in State project. Some local purchases predate the State Program

**Library jurisdictions no longer participating in Career Online High School program.

Appendix C: Participating Libraries Student Total Units Attempted and Completed

The chart below shows the number of units attempted and completed by Career Online High School students during the preliminary coursework period ("Part 1 Prerequisite"), 30-day probationary period ("Part 2"), and were awarded scholarship after successfully completing Part 2 ("Part 2 Qualified after 30 Days") as of June 30, 2022:

	Part 1 (Prerequisite)	Part 2	Part 2 (Qualified after 30 Days)
# of units (sections or 0.5 credit courses) attempted by students	25,703	119,482	114,407
# of units (sections or 0.5 credit courses) completed by students	8,317	98,984	98,605

Appendix D: Evidence of Learning Gains

Career Online High School is a mastery-based program, and completion of units indicates successful mastery of program contents for that unit. It does not rely on outside assessments of reading, writing, or mathematics skills.

Number of pupils who earned a diploma: 2,698 (as of June 30, 2022)

Average time to earn a diploma: 11 months

Number of graduates enrolled who subsequently enrolled in postsecondary education: Current statistics show 76 percent of students were interested in enrolling in postsecondary education. For graduates in June 2022, 65 percent were interested in enrolling in college while 31 percent of students did enroll for college in the following areas of study:

- Film and Production
- Electrical Programming
- Human Resources
- Chemistry
- Medical Billing
- Business Management
- Childcare
- Child Development
- Cosmetology
- Childcare and Education
- Business Administration
- Criminal justice

Number of graduates enrolled who subsequently gained employment or a promotion: A survey of graduates completed in 2020 showed that 53.4 percent of 73 respondents reported they received a promotion after receiving their COHS high school diploma and 31.5 percent gained a new job. In the same survey, 118 of 183 respondents, or 64.5 percent, indicated that the skills and knowledge gained from the COHS program helped in both their job and personal life.

Information on subsequent employment of graduates and changes in wages for adults who earned Career Online High School diplomas: This information is not reliably determined at graduation, although graduates responding to a survey conducted from 2020 shows that 21.4 percent of 70 respondents reported an increase in wages of \$1,000 or more per year.

Appendix E: California Career Online High School Program—Authorizing Legislation

Senate Bill No. 97 (2015)

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/15-16/bill/sen/sb_0051-0100/sb_97_bill_20150624_chaptered.pdf

Chapter 11 [Approved by Governor June 24, 2015. Filed with Secretary of State June 24, 2015.]

SEC. 83. Item 6120-213-0001 of Section 2.00 of the Budget Act of 2015 is amended to read: 5 820 000 6120-213-0001—For local assistance, California State Library, California Library Literacy and English Acquisition Services Program, pursuant to Section 18880 of the Education Code.

Schedule:

(1) 5312-Library Development Services.....5,820,000

Provisions:

This item includes \$1,000,000 provided on a one-time basis for a pilot of the Career Online High School program.

Assembly Bill No. 97 (2017)

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB97

Chapter 14 [Approved by Governor June 27, 2017. Filed with Secretary of State June 27, 2017.]

6120-218-0001—For local assistance, California State Library.....3,000,000

Schedule:

(1) 5312-Library Development Services3,000,000

Provisions:

1. The funds appropriated in this item shall be used for the Career Online High School program.
2. It is the intent of the Legislature that the State Librarian allocate funds for participation in the Career Online High School program using a method that allows for rigorous evaluation, such as through a randomized controlled trial, of the effectiveness of the program in improving educational attainment, including attainment of postsecondary educational credentials, employment, and wages.
3. (a) On or before May 1, 2018, the California State Library shall report on enrollment and outcomes for participants in the Career Online High School program.
(b) The report shall include, for each library jurisdiction, at least all of the following:
 - (1) The number of pupils enrolled in the program between December 31, 2015, and December 31, 2017, inclusive.
 - (2) The number of units attempted by the pupils.
 - (3) The number of units completed by the pupils.
 - (4) Evidence of learning gains, including in the areas of quantitative reasoning and literacy.

- (5) The number of pupils who earned a diploma.
- (6) The average time for pupils to earn a diploma.
- (7) The number of pupils who earned a diploma and subsequently enrolled in postsecondary educational institutions.
- (8) Information about subsequent employment of pupils who earned a diploma.
- (9) Information about changes in wages for pupils who earned a diploma.

Senate Bill No. 840 (2018)

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB840

An act making appropriations for the support of the government of the State of California and for several public purposes in accordance with the provisions of Section 12 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of California, relating to the state budget, to take effect immediately, budget bill.

Chapter 29 [Approved by Governor June 27, 2018. Filed with Secretary of State June 27, 2018.]

6120-218-0001—For local assistance, California State Library.....1,000,000

Schedule:

(1) 5312-Library Development Services.....1,000,000

Provisions:

1. The funds appropriated in this item shall be used for the Career Online High School program.
2. On or before May 1, 2019, the California State Library shall report on enrollment and outcomes for participants in the Career Online High School program.

Assembly Bill AB-128 (2021)

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB128

An act making appropriations for the support of the government of the State of California and for several public purposes in accordance with the provisions of Section 12 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of California, relating to the state budget, to take effect immediately, budget bill.

[Approved by Governor, June 28, 2021. Filed with Secretary of State, June 28, 2021.]

6120-218-0001—For local assistance, California State Library.....3,000,000

Schedule:

(1) 5312-Library Development Services.....3,000,000

Provisions:

1. The funds appropriated in this item shall be used for the Career Online High School program.
2. On or before May 1, 2022, the California State Library shall report on enrollment and outcomes for participants in the Career Online High School program.