



BOARD OF ADMISSIONS AND RELATIONS WITH SCHOOLS (BOARS)

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**ROBERT HORWITZ, CHAIR
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RE: High School Transcripts

Dear Robert,

The Board of Admission and Relations with Schools (BOARS) has learned that a small yet increasing number of high schools across the country and in the state are considering use of non-traditional, narrative or ‘mastery’ transcripts for competency-based learning and assessment. While this may be an admirable framework of assessment, there is currently insufficient evidence to endorse the adoption of these alternative transcripts as indicators of academic success for UC undergraduate admission purposes. BOARS notes that California resident applicants without complete A-G coursework supported by a standard, GPA-based transcript can only be considered under Admission by Exception policy. BOARS further notes that exceptions to standard, GPA-based transcripts during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic were time-limited.

Therefore, BOARS strongly encourages high schools with UC-bound students to continue providing standard, GPA-based transcripts.

Thank you for your support,

Sincerely,

Madeleine Sorapure

BOARS Chair

cc: Members of the Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools (BOARS)
Executive Director Baxter