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TO: High School Counselors
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SUBJECT: 2025-26 GPA File Specifications

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) announces upcoming changes to the 2025-26 Grade Point Average (GPA) File Specifications for both the Non-SSN and SSN GPA record layouts. These changes will take effect with the GPA submissions for the high school graduating class of 2025, as well as any GPA submissions for Cal Grant award consideration for the 2025-26 award year.

2025-26 GPA File Specifications

The 2025-26 GPA File Specifications can be found on the [Commission's website](#). The changes to the file are identified in blue text and include among others:

- Field length changes to align with the Better FAFSA / Better CADAA.
- Elimination of fields not currently in use.

The following Excel tools are being updated, and will be available soon:

- Non-SSN GPA Excel Template
- SSN-GPA Record Layout
- Non-SSN GPA Record Layout

2025-26 Cal Grant GPA Electronic Submission Opening

The Commission anticipates opening the 2025-26 Electronic GPA submission window by mid-August. As specified under Education Code [section 69432.9 \(c\)\(2\)](#), GPAs for the class of 2025 must be submitted by October 1, 2024, unless the student has opted-out per Education Code section [69432.9 \(d\)\(1\)\(2\)](#).

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