Advancing Equitable Postsecondary Outcomes Using CaliforniaColleges.edu

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Welcome & Introductions



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Who We Are

- Manager of CaliforniaColleges.edu, the State of California's free and official college and career planning platform.
- A legislatively-authorized service provider to all California school districts (<u>California</u> <u>Education Code 60900.5</u>).
- A crucial component of California's Cradle to Career Data System

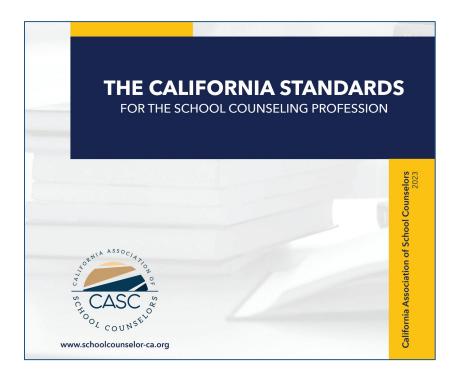
Who We Are Not

A vendor or a grant-funded program.





The California Standards

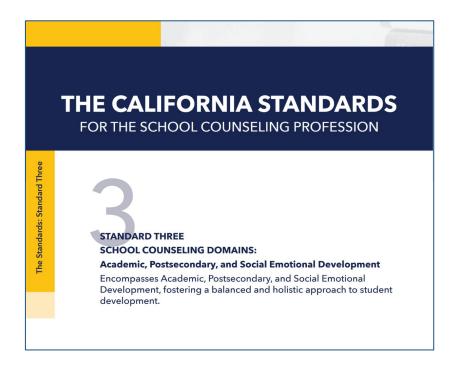


"The revised California School Counseling Standards is a powerful framework that centers the role of school counselors in advancing equity for all students."

- Tessa Carmen De Roy, president The California College Guidance Initiative



Standard 3: School Counseling Domains





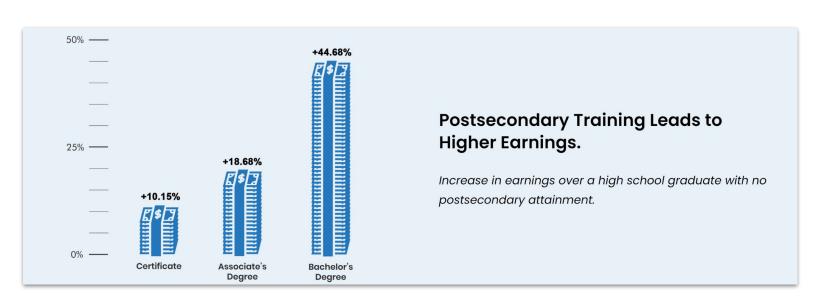
Today's Focus: Element 3B

ELEMENT 3B: POSTSECONDARY DEVELOPMENT - Effective school counselors work within a **cradle to career** support system. In a scope and sequence frame, they educate students at all grade levels and prepare students to access various **postsecondary options** and provide comprehensive information regarding **career pathways** and **financial aid** to support **informed decision making**. Additionally, they educate students and caregivers on the sequential steps needed to prepare for **admission into postsecondary** institutions and **workforce opportunities.**



The Impact of Postsecondary Education

Research shows that postsecondary education is strongly correlated to higher lifetime earning:

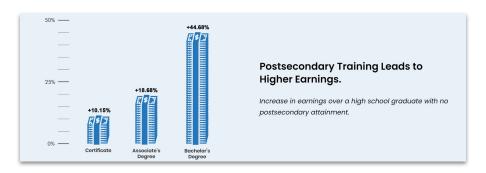




Differential Access & Outcomes

According to the <u>Higher Education and Economic Opportunity in California</u> report:

- Students from higher-income backgrounds are more than twice as likely to earn a bachelor's degree than their lower-income peers.
- ► The vast majority of low-income Latinx and African-American students never attend a 4-year college.





Discussion

How can School Counselors help to advance equitable outcomes for students in the postsecondary domain?





CCGI: Our Three Big Goals

CaliforniaColleges.edu is a 6th-12th grade college and career guidance platform and data infrastructure which can be used to close equity gaps by:

- Systematizing college and career knowledge development and access to high quality information for all 6-12th public school students.
- 2. **Streamlining the college and financial aid application process** for students and the educators supporting them.
- 3. **Providing educators with the data they need** to monitor student progress and provide targeted interventions to move the needle on college and career readiness, eligibility, and application and enrollment rates.



Accounts for All Students

All 6-12th grade public school students have accounts on CaliforniaColleges.edu.

- In 2021, with the enactment of AB 132, CaliforniaColleges.edu tools and services were made free to all California school districts serving 6-12th grade students.
- Beginning in Fall 2024, a data-sharing agreement between CCGI and the California Department of Education (CDE) leverages Calpads to create Basic Accounts so that all students have access to the baseline college, career, and financial aid knowledge development tools of CaliforniaColleges.edu.
- California Education Code 60900(f)(3) now requires that all LEAs that enroll 9-12 grade students enter into a data sharing agreement with CCGI by January 2026 in order to bring Transcript-Informed Accounts to students.



Transcript-Informed Accounts

Partner Districts have a formal data-sharing agreement (MOU) with CCGI in order to bring their high school transcript data to CaliforniaColleges.edu.

- More than 70% of California's public high school students are enrolled in a school district that has partnered with CCGI.
- Our Partner Districts include more that 300 school districts that serve more than 1.3 million 9th-12th grade students in California public schools.







Why has California Invested in a Common Platform?

Key Facts:

- ▶ 80% of K-12 students in California stay in-state for training and education after high school.
- ▶ 56% of high school seniors did not meet A-G requirements for CSU or UC admission in 2023.
- **\$493,000,000** is the estimated amount of federal Pell Grant dollars unclaimed by California graduates in 2023.
- Students have to navigate California-specific processes and therefore need California-centric tools and resources.
- Districts likewise need tools to support implementation of policies and investments aimed at increasing student success.





Implementing Equity-Focused State Policies

Districts can use the data and reporting tools on CaliforniaColleges.edu to support successful implementation of equity-focused state policies.



Developing College, Career, and Financial Aid Knowledge for All Students

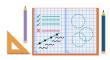




One Place for College and Career







MAP OUT YOUR FUTURE Tools to Plan, Set Goals, and Record Progress



BUILD YOUR KNOWLEDGE College, Career, and Financial Aid Lessons



INTENTIONAL EDUCATOR
INTEGRATIONS
Reporting Tools to Inform

Student Support

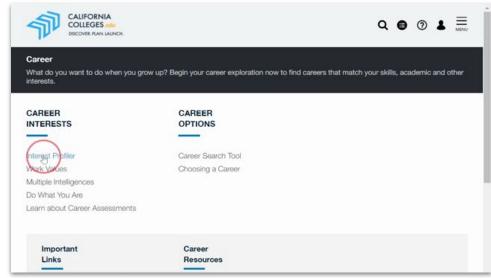


Career Assessments

Career Assessments can help students identify their values, interests, learning styles, and personalities and learn how they can connect to fulfilling careers.

Career Assessments include:

- Interest Profiler (All Students)
- Learning & Productivity (Middle School Students)
- Intelligences (High School Students)
- Personality (High School Students)
- Skills (High School Students)
- Work Values Survey (High School Students)



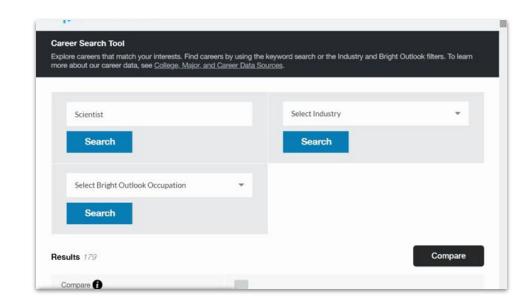


Career Exploration

The Career Search Tool helps students find the right career path by figuring out what they want to be and what it will take for them to get there.

CaliforniaColleges.edu allows students to:

- Explore careers that match their interests.
- See what kind of pay and growth potential jobs offer.
- ► Tie career assessment results to career pathways, majors, and colleges.
- Understand what education and skills they will need to pursue their career of choice.



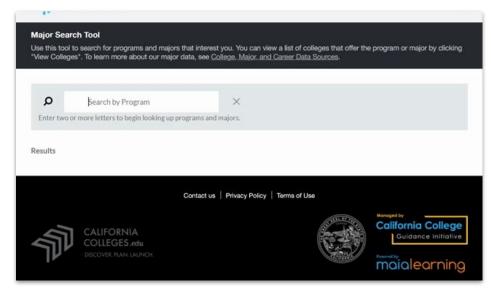


College and Major Search Tools

The College and Major Search Tools allow students to find what majors will help them achieve their career goals and what colleges best meet their needs.

The **Major Search Tool** allows students to discover programs and majors that interest them, learn more about what they involve, and find colleges that offer them.

The **College Search Tool** helps students find the best colleges in California and across the country, based on the factors that matter most to them.





Career-Major-College Exploration

Career Assessment

Students take Interest Profiler, Learning & Productivity, Work Values, Intelligences, Personality, and/or Skills assessment(s).

Career Exploration

Based on assessment results, students click on matching careers, go to corresponding fact sheets, and use Career Search.

Major Exploration

Based on career interests, students explore programs and majors that interest them & learn more about what they involve.

College Exploration

Based on major exploration and using College Search, students find colleges that match their needs.



Provide more than one opportunity to take Career Assessments (i.e. 7th, 9th & 11th)



Students favorite careers they like. Connect careers to career pathways



Connect majors to careers and courses in high school to prepare



Ensuring student's academic planners match their desired career, college and major choices



The Financial Aid Lessons

Foundational Knowledge

Lessons **help students start early** in building financial aid literacy and understanding their college-going options



California-Specific Guidance

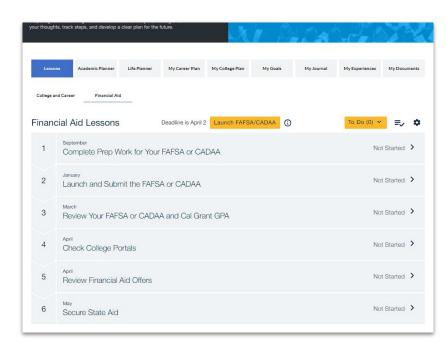
State-specific financial aid information is designed to **meet California student needs**



Aligned to State Policy

Lesson content and tracking features provide support for educators in meeting legislative requirements (AB 2015 and AB 469)







The Financial Aid Tools



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Financial Aid Application Status

What is the status of FAFSA/California Dream Act Application launched from CaliforniaColleges.edu?

Includes FAFSA and CADAA Report: What is the status of FAFSA/California Dream Act Application launched from CaliforniaColleges.edu?

Filters Selected:

Summary

The California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) provides CaliforniaColleges.edu with a FAFSA/CADAA status if the student launched their application from CaliforniaColleges.edu and their account includes SSID. CSAC last provided this information on 07/23/2024.

- Not Launched: These students have not launched their FAFSA/CADAA applications from CaliforniaColleges.edu.
- Launched: These students have launched their FAFSA/CADAA from CaliforniaColleges.edu, but submission is unverified because the student did not complete their
 application OR we have not received an update from CSAC.

Actions: Print Download PDF Download XLSX Download CSV

- Submitted: These students have launched their FAFSA/CADAA from CaliforniaColleges.edu and CSAC says the application is being processed OR may be incomplete. If incomplete, the student will receive an email from the Department of Education asking them to make corrections. Also, if incomplete, the student's Student Aid Report (SAR) will not include a Student Aid Index (SAI) and will indicate unresolved issues.
- Completed: These students have launched their FAFSA/CADAA from CaliforniaColleges.edu and CSAC confirms the application is complete. A completed application has a calculated Student Aid Index (SAI) and can be used to determine Cal Grant eligibility if the GPA is matched.

	Number of Students
Seniors who have Not Launched a FAFSA/CADAA	67
Seniors who Launched a FAFSA/CADAA	32
Seniors who Submitted a FAFSA/CADAA	0
Seniors who Completed a FAFSA/CADAA	0
Unregistered	0

Partner Tools to Drive A-G Completion and Application Completion





Partnership with CCGI

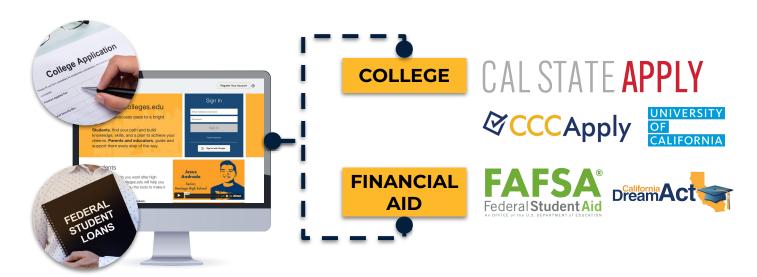
Districts/LEAs that serve high school students partner with CCGI to provide students and educators with the full suite of tools and supports available on the platform:

- ► Transcript-Informed Accounts for students, which include:
 - California Community Colleges (CCC) Tool which helps students to identify the five CCCs closest to their high school and to learn more about program options.
 - **CSU and UC Eligibility Tools** that allow students to see their progress towards meeting the minimum requirements for admission to a CSU and UC.
 - The ability to **import verified transcript data** to their Cal State Apply Application and UC Application.
- ▶ **A-G Alignment Support** for districts to ensure that students get correct A-G credit for high school courses and grades in their college applications.
- **Enhanced Educator Reporting** to support ongoing progress monitoring and intervention.



Unique Tools for California

CaliforniaColleges.edu features integrations with all three of California's public higher education systems (CCC, CSU, UC) and the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC).



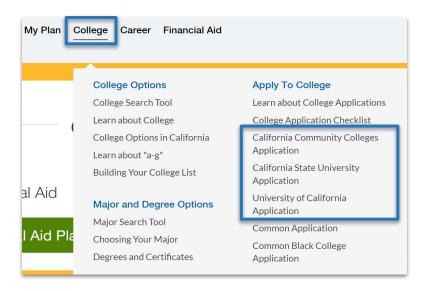


Launching Applications

Students can launch applications to California's financial aid and public higher education systems -

- ▶ 116 California Community Colleges
- 23 California State University campuses
- ▶ 9 University of California campuses
- ► FAFSA or CADAA

...all in one place.

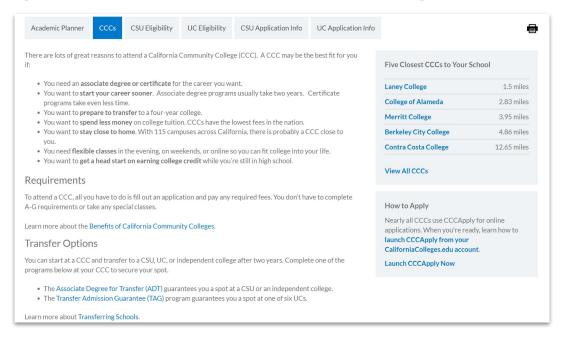




California Community Colleges

Students in Partner Districts see a list of the five CCCs closest to their school, with easy links to learn more about each campus and transfer

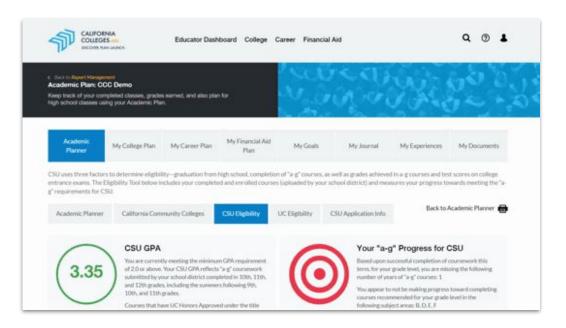
options.





CSU and **UC** Eligibility Tools for Students

Students in Partner Districts can use CSU and UC Eligibility Tools to continuously progress monitor their GPA and A-G eligibility.





A-G Alignment Support

CCGI provides technical assistance to help LEAs ensure that courses indicated as fulfilling A-G requirements match the Course Management Portal.

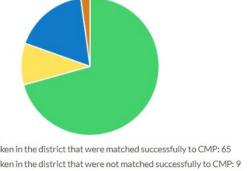
- California Education Code 60900(g) requires that LEAs maintain at least a 90% rate of alignment between A-G coursework, as listed in the local SIS, and how those courses are registered in the UC Course Management Portal A-G course list.
- CCGI has a dedicated Technical Assistance team to support districts in improving their CMP match rate.
- CaliforniaColleges.edu reporting features help educators identify and resolve issues with their CMP list that may impact eligibility for students:
 - Academic Report: Which district courses are flagged as A-G but do not match against the CMP?



CMP Mismatch

Which district courses are flagged A-G BUT do not match against CMP?

- Organized by course and number of impacted students
- **Prioritize CMP** clean-up
- Identify impacted students

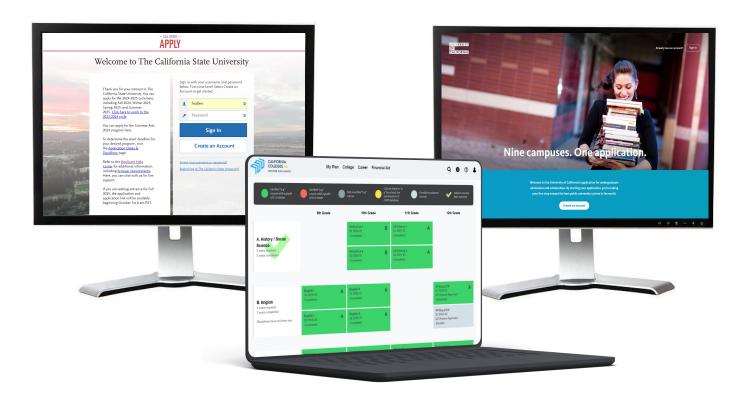


- "a-g" flagged courses taken in the district that were matched successfully to CMP: 65
- "a-g" flagged courses taken in the district that were not matched successfully to CMP: 9
- "a-g" flagged courses taken outside the district that were matched successfully to CMP: 16
- "a-g" flagged courses taken outside the district that were not matched successfully to CMP: 2

(Enrolled) District	(Enrolled) School	(Course) School	(Course) Academic Year	(Course) Subject Area	(Course) Transcript Abbreviation	(Course) Local Course ID	(Course) Number of Students Impacted
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Importing Verified Transcript Data

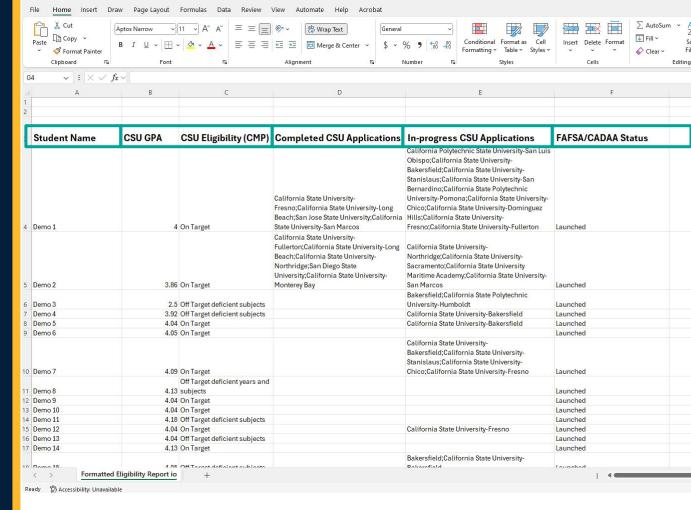




All-in-one Application Report

Download Only: Current College Eligibility and Application Statuses (CSV)

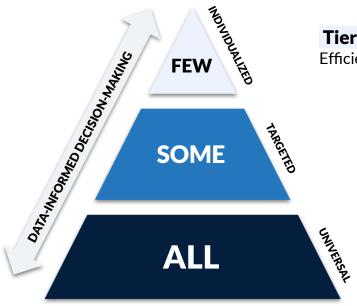
- By student
- CSU and UC Eligibility
- Status of CCC, CSU, and UC Applications
- Status of Financial Aid Applications





Within a MTSS Framework

CaliforniaColleges.edu can be leveraged to support Tier 1 learning for all students, while increasing efficiency and ability for educators to strategically intervene with those who need support at Tier 2 and 3.



Tier 3 - Intensive Interventions

Efficiencies at Tier 1 and 2, free time for educators to provide 1:1 support.

Tier 2 - Targeted Interventions

Educator tools and reports on CaliforniaColleges.edu allow for targeted interventions with individuals or groups of students.

Tier 1 - Universal Interventions

CaliforniaColleges.edu is the state's official college and career planning platform, designed for all 6th-12th grade students.



Reflection on Practice



Promising Practices Hemet Unified School District





Check Out the Resource

HetaiforniaColleges.edu Resource Hub contains on-demand resources. including step-by-step tutorials for each of our student-facing tools

Visit californiacolleges.edu/ resourcehub/resources/



About Partner Student Accounts

A Partner Student Account allows you to use all of the tools available to students on CaliforniaColleges.edu. If you're enrolled in of our Partner Districts, then you should already have a Partner Student Account created for you. You will need to register your account before you can access CaliforniaColleges.edu.



Partner Districts have established a formal data-sharing agreement with California College Guidance Initiative (CCGI), which makes it possible for your school district to securely upload your transcript data into CaliforniaColleges.edu.

Student Tools Tutorials

Our interactive tutorials give you step-by-step instructions for how to use and navigate the student tools on CaliforniaColleges.edu. To access the tutorials, simply click on the dark blue bars below for the type of resource you're looking for. This will expand each section and allow you to see the different tutorials we have available to help you explore the platform. Clicking on the "Start the Tutorial" button will launch the tutorial in a new tab/window on your browser.

Interactive Tutorials Guide	+
Managing Your Student Account	+
Career Assessments	+
Career, College, and Major Exploration Tools	+
College and Career Planning Tools	+
College Application Tools	+
Financial Aid Tools	+



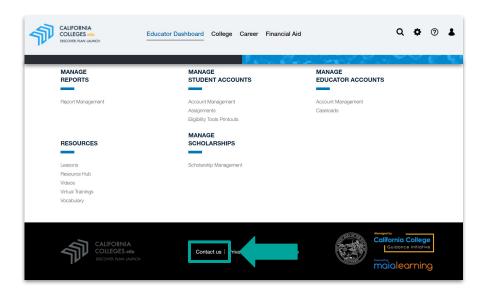
Need help? Contact Us

There are multiple ways to Contact Us when you have questions or need support:

Click the "Contact Us" link at the bottom of every page on the platform

Visit <u>californiacolleges.edu/</u>
#/contact-us or scan the QR
code:







Not Yet a Partner?

California districts/LEAs that serve 9th-12th grade students are required to enter into a data-sharing agreement with CCGI by January 2026 (per EDC § 60900).



To learn about bringing CaliforniaColleges.edu to your district, visit: californiacolleges.edu/learnmore/partnership/



Share your interest and enthusiasm about CaliforniaColleges.edu with your district leader and/or partnership decision-maker.



When your LEA is ready to explore partnership, <u>Contact Us</u> at <u>www.californiacolleges.edu/#/contact-us</u>

Questions?



Thank You!



