



Background

CaliforniaColleges.edu is a one-stop shop for the resources students need to discover their goals for life after high school, make plans to achieve them, and launch their futures.

CaliforniaColleges.edu can also help school districts:

- ▶ Make higher education more equitable and accessible for all students.
- ▶ Ensure continuity of college planning and application processes during on-site and remote learning.
- ▶ Improve “a-g” completion rates.
- ▶ Comply with the state’s Universal FAFSA requirement (AB 469).

Free College & Career Planning Tools for California School Districts

As California’s official college and career planning platform, as well as the foundation of the state’s new Cradle-to-Career System tools, CaliforniaColleges.edu is **free** to all school districts in California.



Students will gain access to college and career planning tools, including the ability to launch and track their applications to California Community Colleges, California State Universities, and Universities of California, Free Application for Federal Student Aid and/or the California Dream Act Application directly from the platform.



Educators will gain access to easy-to-navigate lesson plans that streamline college and financial aid application processes; reporting tools that will allow them to monitor student progress and comply with state education requirements; and remotely accessible college and career planning tools that can be used within small or large group classroom settings, for distance learning, or independently by students wherever they have access to the Internet.



Districts will gain additional means through which they can provide equitable opportunities to help all students develop the knowledge and aspirations needed to pursue education or training after high school. Reporting tools enable district administrators to track progress on key college, career, and financial aid planning and application metrics. They also support the implementation of state policies and mandates, such as the A-G Completion Improvement Grant Program and Universal FAFSA/CADAA (set in place by AB 469).

Bringing CaliforniaColleges.edu to Your District

If you are interested in bringing CaliforniaColleges.edu to your school district, our team will support you every step of the way, from creating accounts, to uploading transcript data, to ensuring effective use of the platform by your staff and your students. See below for useful links to get you started.

- ▶ Hear directly from high school seniors about their experience with CaliforniaColleges.edu by watching this [two-minute video](#).
- ▶ Learn more about how to bring CaliforniaColleges.edu to your school district by contacting our Community Engagement team at CommunityEngagement@CaliforniaColleges.edu and scheduling a presentation on the tools offered by the platform and their benefits to school districts.