Introducing CaliforniaColleges.edu

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California College Guidance Initiative

Who We Are

- Manager of CaliforniaColleges.edu, the State of California's official college and career planning platform
- A **legislatively-designated**, authorized service provider to all California school districts (California Education Code 60900.5)
- A crucial component of California's
 Cradle-to-Career System, as established
 by AB 132 and funded by Proposition 98

Who We Are Not

- A vendor
- A grant-funded program





What We Do

CaliforniaColleges.edu is free to all public school districts that serve 6th-12th grade students in California.

- We provide college and career planning tools to students and educators through CaliforniaColleges.edu.
- We connect California systems, including integrations with all three public higher education systems (CCC, CSU, UC) and the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC).
- We partner with school districts to bring high school students' transcript data to CaliforniaColleges.edu.





CCGI Partner Districts

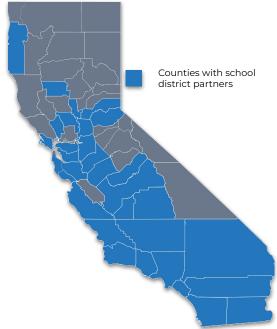
More than 50% of California's high school students are enrolled in a school district that has partnered with CCGI.

Our Partner Districts include about **200 school districts** that serve more than **1 million 9th-12th grade students** in California.

And each year, our partner list continues to grow!

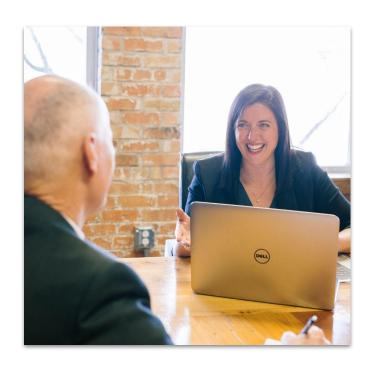
▼ See who our Partner Districts are ▼

california colleges. edu/learn more/list-of-partner-districts/





Solano County and Neighboring Districts



Partner Districts	Onboarding Districts
Pittsburg Unified School District '21	✓ Vallejo City
Oakland Unified School District '23	Unified School District
San Francisco Unified School District '23	John Swett Unified
Vacaville Unified School District '22	School District
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Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District

Overview of CaliforniaColleges.edu





What is CaliforniaColleges.edu?

We provide <u>students</u> with:



We provide <u>educators</u> with:



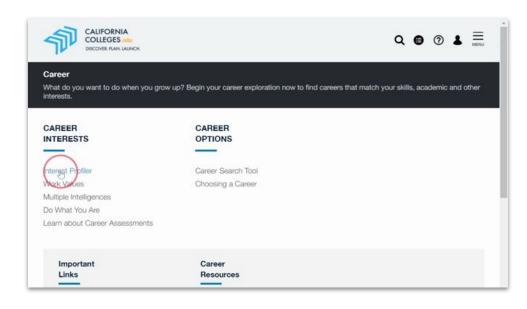


Career Assessments

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

The 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)



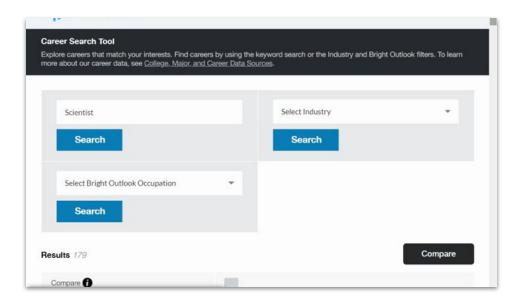


Career Search Tool

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.
- Ties career assessment results to career pathways, majors and colleges.
- Understand what education and skills they will need to pursue their career of choice.



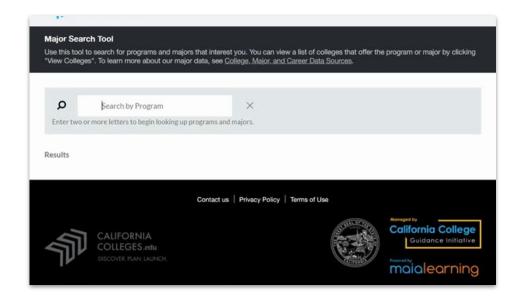


College and Major Search Tools

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.

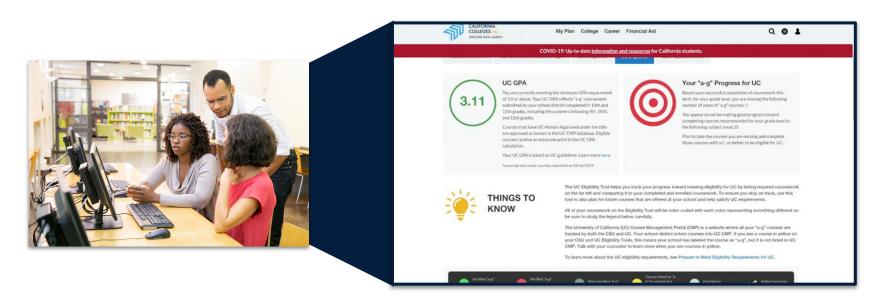
The **College Search Tool** helps students find the best colleges in California and across the country, based on the factors that matter most to them.





CSU/UC Eligibility Tools

Students in partner districts can use CSU and UC eligibility tools to quickly track their progress toward meeting "a-g" requirements.



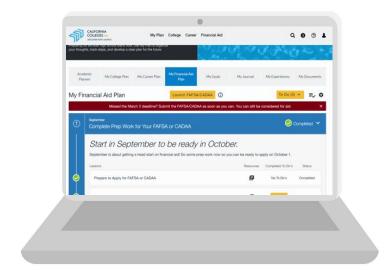


Financial Aid Tools

Through CaliforniaColleges.edu, students can access tools that will help them learn about, plan for, and apply for financial aid.

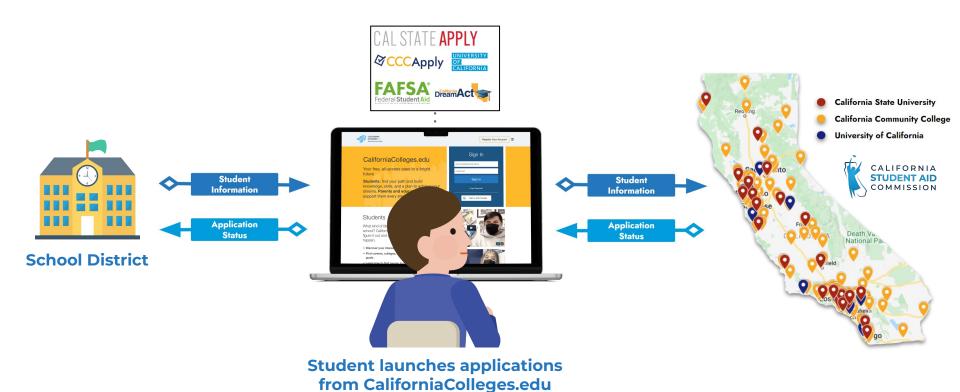
The **financial aid tools** offer a sequence of lessons that can be used with students to learn about the cost of college and how financial aid can help to pay for it.

In Grade 12, the lessons help students prepare for FAFSA/CADAA, **launch their FAFSA or CADAA application**, and walks them through the steps to secure aid.





Connecting California's Systems





Cal State Apply Course Import

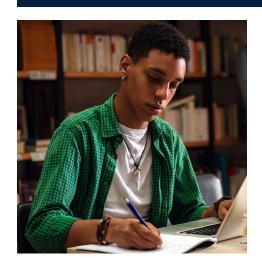




Platform Demonstration

Experience CaliforniaColleges.edu platform functionalities from the Student perspective

Demo Account



12th Grade Account

User Name: mathyalidation@demo.edu

8th Grade Account

User Name: 8a@demo.edu

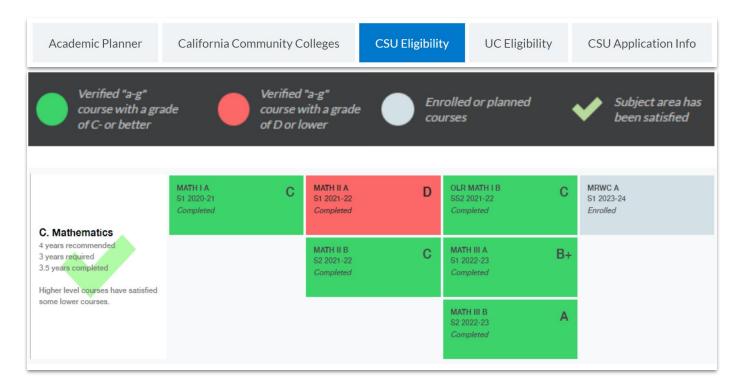
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CSU Eligibility Tool & Application Information





CMP-Verified coursework in CaliforniaColleges.edu





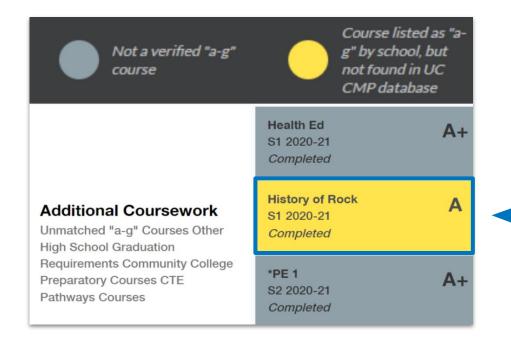
Validation for CMP-verified courses

In this example, a Grade of D in Math II A has been validated by higher level coursework





Courses that are not CMP-verified

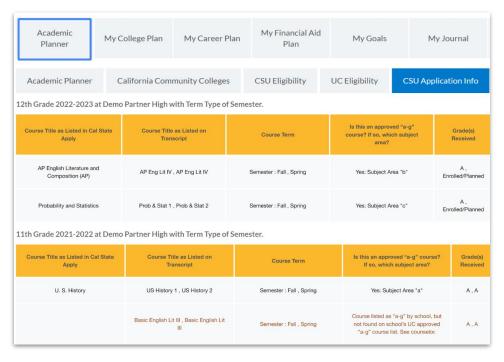


Courses in Yellow are those where the district indicates the course as meeting an a-g subject area, but this cannot be verified against the CMP



CSU Application Info

The CSU Application Info screen shows how the student's coursework data will import to Cal State Apply





Platform Demonstration

Now you will be able to experience the CaliforniaColleges.edu platform functionalities from the counselor perspective.

Demo Account



Site Admin Account

User Name: <u>Siteadmin@demo.edu</u>

Password: Pass12345



6th-12th Grade Lesson Plans

The 6th-12th grade lesson plans guide students through a series of developmentally-appropriate college and career planning activities, so students can:





Curriculum and Lesson Plans

Each grade-level activity has an associated lesson plan that educators can use during instructional time and counseling interventions.

Our lessons are:

- Trackable.
- Sequential but flexible.
- Aligned to standards.





What Do I Like?: Interest Profiler (6.2)

Goal: Students will evaluate their personal interests and explore matching career options.

Lesson Time Options

This lesson requires one 45-60 minute class period.

Student Materials

This lesson plan is part of the default Activities by Grade Level. The corresponding student My Task for this lesson is called What Do I Like? For more information, click on How do students download and upload documents to CaliforniaColleges.edu? under Assignments in Educator Help.

In This Packet

This packet includes everything you need to complete the lesson.

- Student Worksheet
- Educator Guide
- Appendix: Learning Extension

Standards

The literacy skills of Common Core can be broken down into sections – reading, writing, and speaking and listening (language skills are outside of the focus of CaliforniaColleges.edu). In the lesson, students will practice the following skills:

Common Core Skill	Practiced in this Lesson	
Reading for Information	CCR – Reading 4, 7; Reading Information – 4, 7	
Narrative Writing	CCR-Writing 3; Writing 3	

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College & Career Readiness Lessons

CaliforniaColleges.edu Lessons have been crosswalked to the Common Core Standards 2019, ACSA Mindset & Behavior Standards, CCSS College & Career Readiness benchmarks, AVID Standards, the California T-SEL competencies.



Lessons Action Plan



MTSS Mapping: Equity-Focused Questions

- What key platform activities and lessons will you implement for all students district-wide that align with district-level priorities driving college and career readiness?
- What key platform activities will you implement for all students site-wide that meet CSCP priorities and Expected Schoolwide Learning Anticipated Outcomes?
- Based on your school data summary and/or other supplemental data sources that inform annual student outcome goals, how will you prioritize and align selected Tier-1 and Tier-2 tools/curriculum to meet the needs of prioritized student groups?





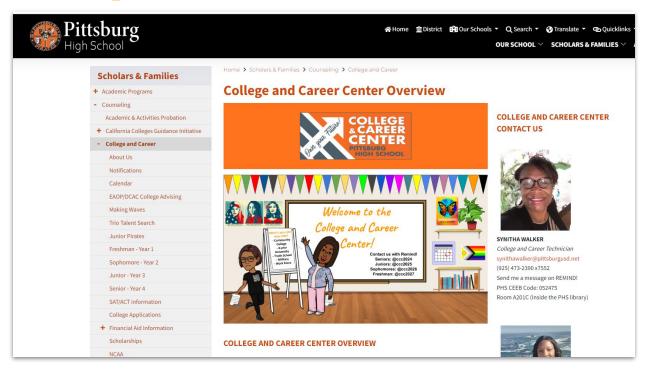
MTSS Mapping

CaliforniaColleges.edu MTSS Lesson & Activities Action Plan





Pittsburg USD Lessons



Pittsburg USD Lesson Plans



Lesson Sequence

English:

- 9-11: <u>Academic Planner</u>
- 12: Launch MVC Application
- Math:
 - o 9-12: College Research Presentation
 - 9-12: <u>College Research Worksheets</u>
- Social Science:
 - 10 <u>Multiple Intelligences</u> and <u>Worksheet</u>
 - o 11 Do What You Are and Worksheet
 - 12 Launch FAFSA (Counselors Facilitate)
- Science:
 - 9-12: <u>Career Research</u>
 - 9-12: <u>Career Research Worksheets</u>
- World Language/Business/VAPA/Other:
 - 9-12: <u>Journal Entries</u>
 - 9-12: CCGI Notes Worksheet



Julian McDaniels Assistant Principal, Vista Del Lago High School Former Social Science & AVID teacher

CCGI Launch Day

- October 1st
- All students participate in CCGI Activities
- Lesson Plans, Presentations, and Worksheets provided to teachers
- Each department covers a different topic
 - Students receive 4-5 different lessons throughout the day
 - All centered on College and Career Readiness



A School Leader's Experience

- "Hughson High School has a Portfolio Project and Senior Exit Interview that has been a part of our district graduation requirements for the last couple decades.
- In 2019-2020, HHS transitioned from a paper 'binder' portfolio format to use of CaliforniaColleges.edu.
- The initial team built out the sequence of required grade-level activities CaliforniaColleges.edu for our staff and students.
- The portfolio requirement is embedded in the history classes with lessons throughout the school year. The middle school has a counselor who presents lessons to each class instead.
- Student progress is electronically stored and maintained from middle school through graduation in CaliforniaColleges.edu."



Natalie MoringAssistant Principal, Hughson High School

HHS Graduation Requirements

English	40 units
Mathematics - Math 1 (10) Additional Math (20)	30 units
Science - Biological Science (10) Physical Science (10) Additional Science (10)	30 units
Social Science - Geography (10) World History (10) US History (10) Economics (5) Government (5)	40 units
Fine Art or Modern Language	10 units
Fine Art of Modern Language or Practical Art	10 units
PE	20 units
Electives	20 units
Portfolio Project and Senior Exit Interview	See below

PORTFOLIO PROJECT AND SENIOR EXIT INTERVIEW REQUIREMENT

All students participate in our portfolio project. Students learn and practice communication skills. problem solving, and team building skills. They measure their own personal and academic growth over time, and catalog examples of their best work. All seniors will have their portfolio assessed and will participate in a required senior exit interview. In preparation for this interview, students will develop resumes, applications, practice job seeking skills and interviewing skills in addition to preparing the four year portfolio for review and evaluation

Financial Aid Lessons & FAFSA/CADAA Applications





The Financial Aid Tools





Alignment to Financial Aid State Policies



Financial Aid Education for High School Students (EC 51225.8)

Established by AB 2015 (2018), districts are required to ensure that each student receives information about how to complete and submit FAFSA or CADAA, prior to entering Grade 12.

- ▶ **Aligns to**: CaliforniaColleges.edu Grade 11 Financial Aid Lessons for Students
- ▶ **Aligns to**: CaliforniaColleges.edu Financial Aid Lesson Completion Report for Educators



Universal FAFSA/CA Dream Act Applications (EC 51225.7)

Established by AB 469 (2021), districts are required to confirm that each 12th grade student has completed their financial aid application or has been opted out by a parent/legal guardian.

- ▶ **Aligns to**: CaliforniaColleges.edu Grade 12 Financial Aid Lessons for Students
- ▶ **Aligns to**: CaliforniaColleges.edu FAFSA/CADAA Application Integration
- ▶ **Aligns to**: CaliforniaColleges.edu FAFSA/CADAA Status report for Educators



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Steps for linking applications

In order to link accounts and create the connection that results in actionable data for students and educators, the following key steps are required:



- Student signs-in to CaliforniaColleges.edu
- While the application window is open, the student launches their FAFSA or CADAA from CaliforniaColleges.edu
- Student signs in to their FAFSA or CADAA account using a <u>personal</u> email

Steps 1 & 2 are the same for CCC, CSU, UC, FAFSA and CADAA applications At Step 3, the student signs in to their account for the respective system

Did you know....





Tools for Parents

CaliforniaColleges.edu empowers parents to take an active role in their child's college and career planning

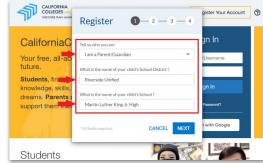


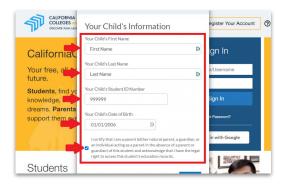


Parent Accounts for Partner Districts

Parents can VIEW their student's activity on CaliforniaColleges.edu when they register their account.

- Student must have a registered account before the parent can create one
- Many districts only create accounts for their middle and high school students, which may or may not include 6th grade.
- To register a parent account they will need to know their student's school ID number
- CaliforniaColleges.edu is translatable in multiple languages





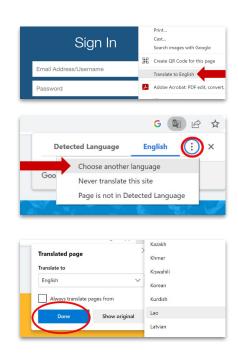


Translation features

CaliforniaColleges.edu is available in the language of the user's choice.

Use these step to use Google Translate on CaliforniaColleges.edu:

- Step 1: From any screen on CaliforniaColleges.edu, right click and select 'Translate to [...]" from the dropdown.
- Step 2: Google Translate box will open at the top of your screen. Click on the **three dots icon**, then **'Choose another language'**
- Step 3: **Select the language you want from the drop-down**, then click "**Done**":





Appendices

- About AB 132 and the Cradle-to-Career Data System learn about the role of CaliforniaColleges.edu in the State's data system
- <u>CaliforniaColleges.edu Resource Hub</u> a single site that compiles resources for students, parents and educators, including step-by-step informational guides to support use of the tools, video demonstrations, and testimonials from those who've used platform
- Virtual Training Series for Administrators and Counselors Pre-recorded, 30 minute videos demonstrating use of key areas of CaliforniaCollegese.edu that educators can access at any time.
- <u>Subscribe to our mailing list</u> get important announcements about CaliforniaColleges.edu enhancements and other updates
- <u>CCGI Newsroom</u> see where our work has been featured by local, state and national media outlets, as well as numerous studies & reports that feature our approaches and impact



Resources - Exit Survey



Questions?



